

SB 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting
Salem, Oregon
February 26, 2009

Attendees:

Richard Acevedo	DHS, Director's Office
Randy Blackburn	DHS, Office of Federal Financial Policy
Sarah Blount	CTCLUSI
Sonciray Bonnell	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Jeanette Burket	DHS, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Jill Dale	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Andrea Davis	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Jim Edge	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Theresa Elisoff	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Karen Elliott	DHS, Public Health Division, Immunizations
Tom Engle	DHS, Public Health Division
Linda Hettinga	Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center
Ron Hudson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Cynthia Hylton	Office of Private Health Partnerships
Leroy Jackson, Jr.	Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Deborah Jackson-Alvarez	Indian Health Services, Warm Springs Services
Richanne Jennings	Coquille Indian Tribe
Jeremiah Johnson	Indian Health Services, Warm Springs Services
Daneka Karma	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Cassie Katchia	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Ruth Kemmy	Department of Consumer and Business Services
Allyson Lecatsas	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Kelle Little	Coquille Indian Tribe
Greg Malkasian	Department of Consumer and Business Services
May Martin	DHS, Lifespan Respite Care Program
Andrea Maude	Coquille Indian Tribe
Pegge McGuire	Oregon Housing and Community Services
Rita McMillan	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Kati Moseley	DHS, Public Health Division, ODPE/MPCDP
Debbie Mosher	DOJ, Division of Child Support
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Carey Palm	DHS, Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Elwood Patawa	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Barbara Progulske	DHS, Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Roberta Queahpama	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Martirai Ramsey	Indian Health Services, Warm Springs Services
Bridget Roemmich	DHS, Public Health Division, EHDI
Clyde Saiki	DHS, Director's Office
Sharon Stanphill	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Twila Teeman	Burns Paiute Tribe
Jolene Walters	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Diana Woods	DHS, Director's Office

Welcome & Introductions

Greg Malkasian, Deputy Director, Department of Consumer and Business Services welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DHS Overview, Clyde Saiki

A conference call was held yesterday with the tribes regarding issues with MMIS and another conference call will be scheduled in two weeks; anyone who would like to be included in that phone conference call, please let Clyde know.

Sue Nelson (DHS) discussed the Transformation Initiative. DHS is now in Phase 2, Implementation. The methodology for implementation is the LEAN program that identifies where efficiencies can be found and then to implement changes that would increase efficiency which would result in time and resource savings. DHS is implementing a Governance Structure to help provide a way for things to move through the system. DHS is also gathering data and learning how to analyze that data and use databases to the fullest. DHS is formulating a communication plan to reach out and keep people; both internal staff and external partners informed and provide methods for feedback.

Randy Blackburn (DHS) discussed the federal stimulus package. The major components are a temporary increase in the federal match for nine quarters. This does not impact the Tribes because the Tribes are already reimbursed at 100% FMAP. There is a temporary increase in funding for TANF, get more info from Randy. A 13.6% increase for food stamps, increase in discretionary funds for vocational rehabilitation, and four of the seven CMS regulations were put on hold. The Drinking Water State Improvement Fund received an increase. More information will be coming out in the next 30-90 days. Some of the funds will be competitive grants. Information will be sent out to the Tribes as soon as it becomes available.

Clyde Saiki briefly discussed the impact DHS has on communities in Oregon. DHS put together a document for the Legislature that breaks down DHS's economic impact to the counties. It is possible to revise the document to include the Tribes.

Action Item:

The DHS County Economic Impact document will be sent out to the Tribes.

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, Bridget Roemmich, Public Health

Bridget Roemmich discussed the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program. The 2000 Oregon Legislature passed a bill that mandates all hospitals with more than 200 births annual to provide testing on newborns. Children born in small hospitals (under 200 births annually) and those born at home are not prescreened at birth. The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program is working toward getting all children prescreened by the age of three months. There are only nine testing sites around Oregon with four of those sites in Portland. This makes it difficult for rural families to access the services due to the distance between testing sites. The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program is working in conjunction with Pacific University to increase the number of pediatric audiologists to perform these tests. For more information, please contact Bridget Roemmich at (971) 673-0268.

Tribal Updates

Woody Patawa, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, Umatilla Indian Reservation

- Completed the design for the new clinic and wellness center
- Preparing for annual audit
- Advertising for a chief operations officer position
- Added a new position of family practitioners for a total of four
- Planning for the annual Wellness Gathering on May 4-5 at Wildhorse Casino.
- Planning for the annual Fun Run on May 2.
- Involved with the Navigator Program through the Indian Health Board.

Theresa Elisoff, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

- The Services for Children and Families is working on child abuse and neglect cases. In 2007 a CWLA report recommended revisions and changes in the structure. Filled six staff positions throughout the organization. One goal is to have all tribal foster families be certified. Most funding is now from Title IV-E Foster Care Reimbursement through the State of Oregon.

Twila Teeman, Burns Paiute Tribe

- Received a domestic violence program grant.
- Hiring a general manager.

Judy Muschamp, Siletz Indian Tribe

- Completed 95% of the design phase for the new clinic replacement project and looking at possible groundbreaking in April.
- Reaccreditation survey is scheduled for June 14-15, 2009.
- The conversion to electronic health records is about half way completed.
- Recently replaced the radiology equipment so are now doing digital x-rays which greatly improves patient care.
- Recruiting for a full-time family physician.

Allyson Lecatsas, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

- Having some maintenance problems with the facility leaking ceiling, floors needing to be replaced, etc. which were put on hold due to the economy.
- Grant awarded to expand the dental clinic and are in the planning stages.
- Hired a family practice physician starting in March and are looking for a nurse practitioner.
- The health plan there was a change to the third party administrator which is going smoothly.

Kellie Little, Coquille Indian Tribe

- Ending the year in the black due to Medicare like-rates.
- Staffing is stable with no open positions.
- Ending 2008 with the highest patient load ever and looking at way to maximize resources.
- The HVAC system is 12 years old and hoping the funding through IHS comes through.
- Will be implementing electronic health records this year.

Ron Hudson, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

- March 20 will be the Youth Wellness Program
- March 21-22 will be the 7th Annual Round Dance
- April 16-17 will be the Tribal Oregon Indian Gang Summit
- The Legislature is proposing a bill that would allow Tribes to contract directly with OYA.

Sarah Blount, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw

- Operate a community-based outreach clinic. Trying to get as much prevention in as possible. More people accessing services. Trying to stretch every dollar.
- Informed that the dental clinic needs to be self-sustaining. Working hard to get that program to support itself.
- Received a feasibility grant to determine the possibility of a clinic in Florence.
- Working on some type of program for tribal members who live outside the reservation.

Leroy Jackson, Jr., Klamath Tribes

- Anxious to see what the stimulus package contains.
- Working toward accreditation.
- Hiring a pharmacist hopefully coming on in September.
- Looking at enhancing the alcohol and drug program.
- Planning for the diabetes walk/run program August 21.
- Hired a temporary dentist.
- Trying to hire another physician by August or September.
- Last year the Tribe received a retinopathy machine.
- Dental department is active in the “Give Kid’s a Smile” program and the Harris grant.
- The Medicaid-like rates are really helping. Savings of over \$1 million last year.
- Have two positions open for pharmacists and one for a nurse.
- Starting year three of the five year meth grant.
- Diabetes clinic is going very well with good comments from the patients.

Roberta Queapama, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Advertising for a health director.
- Exploring connectivity with OHSU and the Oregon Health Network.
- Recertification of AAAHP.
- Recruiting for two public health nurse positions.
- Experiencing an increase in tribal members looking for services due to the economy.

Debra Jackson, Indian Health Service

- Working with the state on getting the billing system up and running to get the claims paid.
- During the lottery for OHP, 1,570 people signed up, 450 were selected to apply, and 235 have been enrolled so far.
- Will be doing the re-accreditation in April.
- Working with the United Financial Management System to get that in place.

Cassie Katchia, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Recently had a meeting with IHS to create a health commission.
- On December 10 the Joint Venture program was 10 years old.
- Looking at billing issues.

Jolene Walters, Warm Springs

- New psychiatrist on board and provides services to adults and children.
- Recruiting for an MSW position.
- Another youth conference will be held this summer, hopefully in June.
- Hired a new outreach worker and someone being trained as a CABC1.
- Working with the state with technical assistance on a site review and this is a good process.
- Recently trained as an AIR (?) for A&D services.
- Primary concern is the budget cuts especially to the A&D services.
- Have two Dr. Ryans. One is a psychologist and the other is working on an after care strategy for youth.

Sharon Stanphill, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

- In the early phases of the new health and wellness building in Canyonville. Looking at a trailer to provide services sooner.
- EHR is about three years now and it is going well. Also added Vista Imaging.
- Added Joslin Vision Network (JVN) and can now do diabetic retinopathy screening.
- Expanded diabetes program in the area of providers. Combining exercise and diet to assist people in better diabetes management.
- Hired new psychiatrist and new nurses, and things are going well.
- Thanks to Medicaid-like rates were able to pay the bills.
- Diabetes prevention program in fifth year. Formed a consortium with Coquille and Klamath Tribes to help people prevent the onset of diabetes. Getting ready to share this program with other tribes in the northwest. Received the Area Director's Award from IHS for this successful program.

Andrea Davis, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

- The new community outreach representative for tribal members. Currently working on a wraparound services form to reduce duplication.

DHS Budget and Legislative Update, Bruce Goldberg, DHS

The economic outlook is not good for everyone. The state is looking at a \$3 billion budget shortfall. The Legislature over the next day or so will be passing a package for budgets along with cuts to services.

More people are coming to DHS for services due to the economy. DHS has been cutting back, freezing positions, cut stipends for post-TANF, slow downs on vocational rehabilitation and the JOBS program. The federal stimulus package will present a lot of opportunities and yet it will not be enough to do everything.

Action Item:

DHS has created a document outlining how DHS impacts each county in the state. Bruce offered to have DHS produce a document similar to the counties, but tribal specific. It would be very helpful to have the information on partnerships that deliver health and human services to tribal members around the state.

The MMIS is a big change and we are trying to make it as smooth as possible, but everyone knows there are some issues. DHS is working with the Tribes to fix those problems.

Over-representation (task force) of native children in foster care (Child Welfare) is something that must be addressed and it is a priority for DHS. The agency is working with the ICWA Advisory Committee and the Casey Foundation around this.

Action Item:

Rick Acevedo will check with Erinn Kelley-Siel to verify that reductions to tribal child welfare programs do not happen in the foreseeable future.

Oregon Housing and Community Services, Pegge McGuire

Very little of the funding for the Oregon Housing and Community Services comes from the general fund. Funding is mostly fee based. 2007-09 budget cuts did not affect the agency. 2009-11 budget is still questionable if any cuts will happen. Most of the programs are administered through community action agency partners. Tax credit assistance is available as well as a neighborhood stabilization program, which is a competitive grant. The largest program for tribal people is the weatherization program.

The Community Service Block Grant programs can help with many different services. The emergency food program anticipates increased funds from the federal stimulus package.

In conjunction with Tribal Information Day, the Oregon Housing and Community Services will be hosting an open house. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Action Item:

Do tribes have access to Community Development Block Grant money?

Answer from Mary Baker via Pegge McGuire:

Tribes receive their own direct CDBG allocation from HUD, entitled the ICDBG program. Therefore, tribes are not eligible applicant under the states non-entitlement CDBG program. State CDBG funds can be used for project that benefit tribal and non-tribal members, but state CDBG funds can only be used for the portion of the project that will benefit non-tribal members.

Federal regulations limit the state to making grants to cities and counties. So, if there is a project that involves tribal and non-tribal members, the local city or county would have to be the applicant on behalf of the project and take the responsibility for meeting all the federal CDBG requirements.

For more information, please contact Mary A. Baker, Oregon Economic & Community Development Department at mary.a.baker@state.or.us

Northwest Area Indian Health Board, Sonciray Bonnell

- Met on February 25, 2009 with tribal health directors and MMIS program people regarding MMIS issues.
- Preparing for the National Congress on American Indians in Washington DC the first week in March.
- IHS wanted the federal stimulus to increase contract health funding support and facility maintenance. However, that did not happen. Cheyenne River and Nome, Alaska received the funds for facility projects.
- The Access to American Indian Recovery grant, IHS has 16 providers in the northwest and the California Rural Indian Health Board has about 30 providers for recovery and support services for substance abuse, are finding that the providers are not using the system. Training for providers will be held on March 6, 2009 at NPAIHB.
- The quarterly board meeting will be held in Grand Ronde on April 21-23, 2009 to do the strategic plan.

Oregon Prescription Drug Program, Missy Dolan, OPDP

The Oregon Prescription Drug Program was implemented in 2005 is a purchasing pool to leverage the groups that join the program with all the uninsured and underinsured people to provide the same pricing that groups receive. The savings are about 40%. The OPDP card is free and the only requirement is being a resident of Oregon. Application can be by mail or on line. There are 640 participating pharmacies in the state. There is an identical program for Washington residents.

Tobacco Related and Other Chronic Diseases, Kati Moseley, Public Health

The Tobacco Related and Other Chronic Diseases (TROCD) program is a grant program objective that uses best practices to prevent chronic disease by focusing on early detection and management of those diseases associated with tobacco use. The Tribes were asked to volunteer one person to serve on an advisory group. For more information, contact Kati Moseley at 971-673-1002 or email kati.moseley@state.or.us

Oregon Health Plan, Jim Edge, DHS

Caseloads are increasing as the economy goes down. The caseload for OHP has not yet been hit by these increases, but we expect it to happen.

SCHIP is for children of families with income of 180% of the federal poverty level. The SCHIP program has been reauthorized until 2013 and funded with an additional federal tobacco tax of \$.62 per pack. It increases the allotment to each state and allows us to claim SCHIP match rate up to 300% of the federal poverty level. It changes the citizenship documentation requirements to be the same as the Medicaid. Tribal identification is allowed, documentation from the Social Security Administration is acceptable and also any child is born in a U.S. hospital would qualify.

The stimulus bill as it pertains to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) will increase the Medicaid match by 6.2% on the federal side and also has an extra increase for states with a high unemployment rate. The stimulus is good, but it is not enough to carry the states for the long term.

The Legislature has two major programs that are of interest to DHS. One is the Healthy Kids program (HB 2117) that would extend health care coverage to all children in Oregon and the other is an expansion of the Oregon Health Plan (HB2116). Both will be funded by provider taxes. Parts of the Healthy Kids program are included in several different bills.

Concern was expressed that in a couple of instances, minors were terminated from OHP for various reasons.

Action Item:

Rick will contact a manager from OHP eligibility to come to the next SB 770 meeting to discuss particulars of eligibility.

MMIS, Randy Canoy, DHS

The MMIS processes over 2 million claims per month, for 400,000 clients with 35,000 providers. Anytime a large system like this is implemented, there are going to be issues. What we are going through is not unique to Oregon. Four other states have implemented the same system and we are ahead of those. We are meeting with the contractors and pushing them to fix specific issues, but the system is processing claims. Not all unprocessed claims are due to system defects; there have been some coding errors or some other issue that is causing the claim to not be processed. Once those issues have been corrected, the claim is processed without further problem.

Currently there are 22,000 recipient records that have data issues. We are in the process of fixing those records eligibility history which are not accurate. The system cannot be taken down for any length of time, so we are working on how to clean up those records over the next couple of weeks to correct the problem without taking it off-line.

If any Tribe is having difficulty getting claims processed, please contact Randy Canoy at 503-945-5751 or email at randy.canoy@state.or.us

Sonciray Bonnell, Jim Roberts and Daneka Karma will be setting up another conference call in two weeks with the Tribes for updates on the progress of MMIS.

Lifespan Respite Program, May Martin, DHS

The Lifespan Respite program gives a break to caregivers of seniors or children with special needs. May is looking for a tribal member to participate on the Lifespan Respite Advisory Committee. The Lifespan Respite Summit is scheduled for May, 2009. Invitations will be sent out by email. For more information or to volunteer for the committee, please contact May Martin at 503-947-2318 or email at may.martin@state.or.us

Mental Health and Behavioral Health Integration, Bob Nikkel, DHS

DHS was tasked by the Legislature in 2007 to develop a plan on the integration of physical and behavioral health. A Core Integration team has been meeting for the past couple of years and

Bob would like to expand the Core team to include a tribal member. Interested persons should contact Bob Nikkel at 503-945-9704 or email at robert.nikkel@state.or.us

DHS Cluster Liaisons' Report

The 5th Annual Native Care Giving Conference flyer was handed out.

Rita McMillan, Addictions and Mental Health Division

Rita discussed the access to psychiatric residential treatment for youth in the native communities. Part of the issue is a lack of a continuum of care. Rita would be happy to assist with an Indian advisory committee for mental health in Oregon.

Rick will set up a meeting with George Nagel, Woody Patawa, Ron Hudson, Carolyn (Umatilla) and Joeline Walters from the Tribes along with Clyde Saiki, Rick Acevedo, Jim Edge, Richard Harris and Rita McMillan from DHS in the next week to discuss specific issues around access to mental health services for native youth.

Randy Blackburn, Federal Financial Policy Analysis

Discussion was around the federal stimulus package. Attached is a more detailed document on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and what it means specifically to Oregon.

Tom Engle, Public Health Division

The Public Health Division has a portion of their web page to post public health recruitments for counties. If the Tribes are recruiting for a health position and would like to have that announcement posted, please send the information to Tom Engle at 971-673-1232 or email at tom.r.engle@state.or.us

Debbie Mosher, Division of Child Support, Department of Justice

The Division of Child Support assists families with obtaining support and medical orders in place and helps those parents who have custody of their children collect support from the absent parent. The Division also works with the absent parent that is currently unemployed and who is supposed to provide child support and/or medical. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Mosher at 541-276-6932 ext. 225 or email at debra.mosher@state.or.us

Daneka Karma, Division of Medical Assistance Programs

Daneka will be facilitating a budget meeting directly following the SB 770 meeting at 2:30 p.m. Some of the topics include MMIS, Phase II training, submitting claims and targeted case management.

DMAP rule changes that affect dental, primary care services and vision are currently being worked on. Prior to filing with the secretary of state, there is an opportunity for comments in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to be on the list for comments, please contact Daneka Karma at 503-945-6926 or email at daneka.karma@state.or.us

Jill Dale (for Caroline Cruz), Addictions and Mental Health Division

The 6th publication of the Tribal Best Practices is almost ready.

Caroline Cruz has been giving technical assistance to Warm Springs and next week she will be going out to the Umatilla Tribe.

Next meetings

Revised date: June 22, 2009 and location will be at DHS.

August 19 at Warm Springs

November meeting is in conjunction with the Government-to-Government Summit location TBA.