

**South Dakota Department of Social Services  
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting  
Thursday, July 14, 2016  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Ramkota  
Pierre, SD**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Sarah Aker, Deputy Director, Division of Medical Services, welcomed those in attendance. Participants introduced themselves.

**II. Prayer**

John Eagle Shield led the group in prayer.

**III. Review Minutes and Updates from April 14, 2016 Meeting**

Minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting were distributed via email to the Tribal Consultation group. The minutes and related handouts are also posted on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation website at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/tribalconsultation.aspx>.

**IV. Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures**

The Quarterly Report was posted on the Department's website at [http://dss.sd.gov/docs/tribal/quarterly\\_tribal\\_report\\_2ndquarter.pdf](http://dss.sd.gov/docs/tribal/quarterly_tribal_report_2ndquarter.pdf). It was also distributed via email.

**V. State Plan Amendment Report**

Sarah Aker provided an update regarding state plan amendments (SPAs). Donna Keeler asked about the Prenatal Care for Unborn Children SPA. DSS clarified that the SPA does not add covered services; it establishes coverage from conception through birth for unborn children when the mother is not eligible for Medicaid. Percetta Red Willow asked how many additional individuals would be covered by this SPA. DSS indicated that last year there would have been approximately 200 women that fit this category. SPA information is also available on the DSS website <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/medicaidstateplan.aspx>

**VI. Criminal Justice Initiative (CJI) and Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JJRI)**

Tiffany Wolfgang, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, gave a presentation regarding the Criminal Justice Initiative (CJI) and Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JJRI). Donna Keeler asked whether any Indian

service agencies submitted a proposal during the CJI RFP process and whether there will be a new RFP. DSS indicated that they did not recall if any Indian service agencies submitted a proposal. If there is a capacity mismatch, another RFP may be considered. The RFP is available on the tribal consultation website:

<http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/tribalconsultation.aspx> Donna Keeler asked about Functional Family Therapy rates and whether funding comes from the Medicaid budget. DSS indicated that they would follow-up regarding rates and stated the program uses general funds. A copy of the rate sheet is available on the tribal consultation website:

<http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/tribalconsultation.aspx>

## **VII. Medicaid Expansion**

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Services, provided a Medicaid expansion update. She stated there would not be a special session, but the governor is committed to Medicaid expansion. DSS indicated that the Department is working on a one page document discussing how Medicaid expansion works, who it benefits, and the challenges facing expansion.

## **VIII. Access Monitoring Review Plan**

Sarah Aker gave an overview of the Access Monitoring Review Plan; DSS plans to publish the plan in August or September.

## **IX. Tribal Visit Update**

Sarah Aker provided an update regarding Tribal Visits including what tribes have been visited, upcoming visits, and visits to be scheduled. Tribes were encouraged to talk to Sarah about scheduling a visit. Robert Taken Alive discussed an assisted living pilot program. DSS spoke about the strict licensure and certification requirements as well as transportation options available.

## **X. Tribal Reports**

Marc Beaudreau brought up an instance of a recoupment lien that affected a tribal member. DSS indicated there are educational and outreach opportunities to help people understand the documents they sign.

Robert Taken Alive asked about the provider certification process. DSS indicated they could help facilitate a meeting with providers. Additionally, DSS stated they are working with tribes to help explain how to become a Medicaid provider and what Medicaid can be billed for.

Donna Keeler, Executive Director, Indian Urban Health, spoke in support of Medicaid expansion. She also discussed a waiver Arizona submitted to CMS

regarding reimbursement for traditional healing services. DSS stated this may be a topic of discussion during tribal visits. Robert Taken Alive spoke about the differences in traditional healing in Arizona and South Dakota. Donna also mentioned support for a senate bill and indicated she would send out additional information regarding the bill.

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe indicated they have a new contact person and are working on a date for the DSS tribal visit.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe stated they are working with the State of North Dakota on Medicaid issues.

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate stated they are in the process of hiring a new health director.

## **XI. Meeting Schedule**

- October 14, 2016 (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)
  - Standing Rock Sioux Tribe expressed interest in hosting this meeting. If Standing Rock Sioux Tribe does not host this meeting, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate indicated they would host the meeting.

## **XII. Adjournment**