

South Dakota Department of Social Services
Tribal Consultation Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2012
Best Western Ramkota
920 W. Sioux Avenue, Pierre SD

The meeting opened with introductions followed by a prayer.

Kim Malsam-Rysdon welcomed the group to the meeting, thanked the attendees for their participation, and reviewed minutes from the October, 13 2011 meeting. Follow up items from the October meeting included some additional detail regarding Title XIX Transportation expenditures. At the October meeting the group was provided a summary by tribe of expenditures for SFY10 and SFY11. The group asked for similar information by county to include numbers served. Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger provided a summary document of individuals that received transportation reimbursement by county.

Medicaid State Plan Amendments:

Mark Zickrick reviewed Medicaid State Plan Amendment actions since the last Tribal Consultation meeting. There were no formal comments submitted to DSS related to these amendments. Medicaid State Plan Amendment actions since the last Tribal Consultation meeting as follows:

- One State Plan Amendment has been proposed since the October meeting and submitted to the Tribes for comment: TN #11-10, pertaining to provider enrollment screening assurances and requirements, was sent to the Tribes October 12.
- State Plan Amendments still be reviewed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are: TN #11-9, Healthcare-Acquired Conditions; TN #11-11, Freestanding Birth Centers; TN #11-12, DRG Grouper Update; and TN #11-13, Outpatient Hospital Categories Clarification.
- CMS approved one State Plan Amendment since the October meeting, TN #11-8, Tobacco Cessation Counseling Coverage for Pregnant Women.

Status of IHS Increased Revenue from Medicaid:

At the October meeting, IHS provided Medicaid payment information. Kathy Gordon was asked to update the group as to how the increased revenue was utilized. Kathy indicated it varies by site and that some sites were able to add staff. Medicaid and any other third party revenue are retained by each IHS facility and are also used to support services.

Behavioral Health Workgroup:

Kim Malsam-Rysdon provided information on Governor Daugaard's FY13 recommended budget for behavioral health services. This included expansion of \$262,795 for mental health services provided to children; \$190,350 for mental health services provided to adults; \$443,635 for outpatient substance abuse services; and \$82,498 for detox services. The recommended budget supports the work of the

Behavioral Health Services Workgroup, which continues to work on identifying system changes that will result in improvements to behavioral health services in SD. In addition, three subcommittees of the Workgroup have been created to work on specific areas:

- 1) Commitment laws subcommittee – review the involuntary mental illness and substance abuse commitment statutes and make recommendations for improvements.
- 2) Prevention subcommittee – develop a statewide strategic behavioral health prevention plan
- 3) Geriatric subcommittee – review services provided to the geriatric population in both community nursing homes and the Human Services Center nursing home and make recommendations regarding the best way to meet behavioral health needs of seniors

Presentation on Crisis Services- Rapid City

Alan Solano with Behavior Management Services in Rapid City provided an overview of the Crisis Care Center. Alan explained that the Crisis Care Center was created through a collaborative effort with various community agencies to provide crisis response and assessment services to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The objectives are to reduce inappropriate admissions to the hospital, jail, and detox; to improve access to after-crisis care and follow-up behavioral health services; to improve service integration and coordination among agencies; and to improve awareness about and access to services. Contact information for the Crisis Care Center: 915 Mountain View Road, 2nd Floor; Rapid City; 605-391-4863 or 605-381-2482

Medicaid Solutions Workgroup Report

Kim Malsam-Rysdon provided an overview of the Medicaid Solutions Workgroup report and recommendations. The workgroup recommendations include implementing a “Health Home” initiative, exploring the feasibility of specific care management programs for high cost/high need patients, implementing an emergency room diversion program, establishing an annual benefit limit for adult dental services, increasing pharmacy co-payments and exploring further expansion of federal 340B programs, evaluating the Community First Choice Option and agency model domiciliary care and money follows the person initiatives, and implementing a durable medical equipment recycling program. The group suggested this be a recurring agenda item as the recommendations are being implemented. Cecelia Fire Thunder also suggested at our next meeting we discuss education for recipients regarding what Medicaid benefits are available and how to access services. In addition, the group requested more information about the number of adults and children that access Medicaid dental services.

2012 Legislative Session Update

Lynne Valenti provided an overview of the proposed DSS legislation. Lynne advised the group that the Department of Social Services submitted five bills to the legislators this year. One bill involves the division of child protection and making revisions to the statute to comply with changes in federal law. Two department bills are the result of the Governor’s Behavioral Health Workgroup - one of which makes changes in the alcohol and drug emergency commitment process and one that will made several changes to the

mental health commitment process, including changes to the Qualified Mental Health Professional statutes, permitting mental illness boards to hear petitions for co-occurring illness, and petitions to treat as well as changes to the outpatient commitment process. These changes are aimed at reducing barriers to individuals accessing care. The other two department bills are part of the Governor's Red Tape review and will repeal outdated or unnecessary statutes.

IHS Public Health Nursing Update

Dayle Knudson provided a draft billing guide. Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger indicated that DSS staff are reviewing the document and will plan to schedule via conference call some working sessions with IHS staff to finalize the document and discuss an implementation plan and an update will be provided at the April meeting.

Presentation on Medicaid Dental Services

Scott Jones with Delta Dental of South Dakota provided an overview of Delta Dental including administration of the Medicaid dental program. Delta Dental has administered the Medicaid dental benefit since 1996. The Delta Dental Philanthropic Fund is a separate foundation created to improve oral health and is known most for its Dakota Smiles Mobile Dental Program which provides a mobile dental program for low income families. Scott highlighted some of the challenges of providing adequate dental care on South Dakota reservations and shared that Delta Dental is working with CMS to get approval to access the encounter rate for services provided through the mobile clinic. Delta Dental is also applying for a CMS Health Care Innovation Grant and if funded, would provide several dental hygienists to work with IHS and tribes to provide dental care like sealants and cleanings.

Tribal Reports:

Jessie Taken Alive indicated that Standing Rock would be interested in connecting with other successful behavioral health programs.

There was discussion about the current nursing home moratorium and if there were any planned changes to this law. The group discussed the changes last legislative session regarding Pine Ridge.

The next Tribal Consultation meeting will be held April 12, 2012 in Pierre. The group discussed future meeting dates in 2012 and set those dates for April 12th, July 12th, and October 11th. The group suggested that Pierre's central location afforded more people to attend given travel distances from north and southeastern South Dakota to Rapid City. IHS and other tribal members suggested future meetings are held in Pierre. Donna Keeler requested the next meeting include an update on the Electronic Health Records Incentive Program.

Meeting was adjourned.