

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
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Ft. Pierre, SD**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ann Schwartz, 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 October 8, 2015 Meeting

Minutes from the October 8, 2015 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>.

Ann Schwartz referenced the State Plan Amendment (SPA) update document. Four SPAs have been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) since the October 8, 2015 meeting. There are no SPAs currently under review by CMS.

IV. Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

Lori Lawson, Deputy Director, Division of Medical Services, reviewed the reports of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures. Ellen Durkin requested that Lower Brule Behavioral Health be listed on its own line for future reports. There were no questions.

V. Home and Community Based Services Update

- ADLS Waiver Amendment:
Ronda Williams, manager of the ADLS Waiver within the Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitative Services, presented information about the changes they anticipate pursuing with a waiver amendment this spring. These changes include eliminating the cost share associated with the waiver, modifying how participants can locate personal care

attendants, and establishment of two state FTE that would serve as the waiver case managers to comply with the federal HCBS Settings rule requiring conflict-free case management.

- CHOICES Waiver Amendment:
Colin Hutchison, manager of the CHOICES waiver within the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, presented information about the changes they will pursue with a waiver amendment this spring. They are seeking case management organizations to enroll to provide that service to comply with the federal HCBS Settings rule requiring conflict-free case management.
- HCBS Settings Statewide Transition Plan Update
Ann Schwartz provided an update on the HCBS Settings Statewide Transition Plan (STP). South Dakota received comments from CMS in October 2015. South Dakota revised the STP and requested informal feedback from CMS to ensure the revisions fully respond to CMS' comments. South Dakota anticipates that the updated Transition Plan will be available for Public Comment for 30 days from February 15, 2016 to March 16, 2016. More information about the STP can be found at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx>.

Tribal Consultation participants can expect to receive emails seeking formal comments on both waiver amendments and the STP in the coming weeks. SPA and waiver amendment information is also available on our website

<http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/medicaidstateplan.aspx>,

VI. Review and status update regarding SD Medicaid Expansion

DSS Cabinet Secretary Lynne Valenti, Deputy Secretary Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, and Dr. Jerilyn Church of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board (GPTCHB) presented information about Governor Daugaard's proposed Medicaid expansion plan. The information included an overview of CMS' proposed policy change to expand the services provided to American Indians eligible for 100% federal match, the demographics and cost of the expansion population and the SD Health Care Solutions Coalition.

Governor Daugaard has been actively communicating with tribal leaders to explain the proposal for Medicaid Expansion and how the plan will increase access to services for American Indians and how the plan will be funded. The Governor's plan includes several conservative

assumptions to mitigate against cost overruns some expansion states experienced and does not increase general fund spending.

Information about the SD Health Care Solutions Coalition can be found at <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=145>.

DSS has prepared additional information and handouts on the expansion proposal. GTCHB is also preparing information that will be distributed to this group and the tribes for use in explaining the proposal to tribal members. Feedback from all South Dakota tribes has been supportive of the plan. Participants were encouraged to communicate their support of the plan to their legislative representatives verbally or via email.

There have been regular discussions with CMS about the expansion proposal and ability to leverage 100% federal match. CMS is coming to SD the week of January 18. GPTCHB is planning a call between CMS and tribes for Friday, January 22. Additional details will be forwarded to tribes by GPTCHB.

John Eagle Shield volunteered to participate in the coalition and next steps related to coverage of services of Community Health Representatives, which is one of the Coalition's recommendations. He voiced support for the plan for expansion and the positive impact it would have on tribal members.

Kathaleen Bad Moccasin from Indian Health Service voiced the positive impact expansion would have on increased capacity for purchased and referred care based on the experience in North Dakota.

- Follow-up: Services
Brenda recognized a need to continue the conversation about services currently being provided by the tribes and not reimbursed by Medicaid, beyond the Community Health Workers services.

DSS is going to outreach tribes and plan for individual tribal meetings to discuss the details of services and how those services are provided by each individual tribe. It would be helpful for tribal health directors to provide an overview of services being provided currently. DSS will send an email following this meeting to seek contact information for each tribe.

VII. Tribal Reports (from members present)

Several participants spoke to their support of the work of the Coalition and the expansion proposal.

VIII. 2016 Meeting Schedule

Ann Schwartz noted changes to the 2016 meeting schedule, including moving the April meeting to Chamberlain and changing the date of the fall meeting to coincide with the GPTCHB Summit (location to be determined).

- April 14, 2016 (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; Chamberlain)
- July 14, 2016 (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; Pierre)
- September 2016 in conjunction with GPTCHB Summit

IX. Adjournment