

**South Dakota Department of Social Services  
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting  
Thursday, April 14, 2016  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Cedar Shores  
Chamberlain, SD**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**II. Prayer**

Robert Taken Alive led the group in prayer.

**III. Review Minutes and Updates from January 12, 2016 Meeting**

Minutes from the January 12, 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**

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Services, reviewed the reports of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures. Tribes were interested in being able to call and request information about expenditures year to date or expenditures in a quarter. Robert Taken Alive asked about the process for communicating meeting information. DSS will outreach tribal chairman about the membership list of tribal consultation to update the list and ensure the department has the correct contact information. Eddie Johnson Jr. of Sisseton-Whapeton Oyate requested information about NEMT funds. Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger gave an overview of the NEMT benefit and that DSS could be available to visit tribes and schedule outreach regarding NEMT benefits. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has an annual health fair and requested a representative from DSS be available to explain benefits. Standing Rock also requested that DSS look into providing a worker in McLaughlin; DSS indicated they would connect Robert Taken Alive with the regional manager to plan for staffing the IHS clinic in the future. Eddie Johnson Jr. questioned the providers who received \$0.00 on the Medicaid Expenditure report. It was determined that the report contained some outdated provider numbers that are no longer in use; DSS will correct the report for the next Tribal Consultation meeting. Ellen Durkin asked if the report could be updated to also include tribal behavioral health providers.

**V. Economic Assistance Update**

Carrie Johnson provided an update about HB 1110 that created a new coverage group for prenatal care for unborn children of non-qualified residents. The coverage group will begin July 1, 2016. The bill does not impact current eligibility.

**VI. State Plan Amendment Report**

Sarah Aker gave an update about state plan amendments (SPAs). There were no SPA changes during the prior quarter. DSS anticipates that several SPAs will be submitted for tribal consultation in the next few months. SPA information is also available on our website <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/medicaidstateplan.aspx>

**VII. Home and Community Based Services Update**

Misty Black Bear provided an update on the HCBS Settings Statewide Transition Plan (STP). Public Comment was held on the revised STP for 30 days from February 29, 2016 to March 30, 2016. The revised STP was submitted to CMS on April 6, 2016. More information about the STP can be found at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx>. Misty Black Bear also gave a presentation about the upcoming renewal of the HCBS (ASA) waiver. Standing Rock questioned how tribes could establish their own programs for tribal members who help provide care to family members. DSS would like to expand service capacity in SD, especially in rural areas. DSS will be visiting tribes in the future to understand tribal infrastructure and provide technical assistance for tribes interested in enrolling as Medicaid providers.

**VIII. Access Monitoring Review Plan**

Sarah Aker gave an overview of the Access Monitoring Review Plan; DSS plans to present more details about the plan at the July meeting.

**IX. Legislative Budget Updates**

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger presented outcomes from the 2016 legislative session. Donna Keeler asked about inflation for FQHCs; DSS states that inflation for FQHCs is driven federally by the Medicare Economic Index. Donna Keeler asked for more information about the JJRI initiative and Functional Family Therapy (FFT) providers. DSS will ask the Division of Behavioral Health to present at the next meeting. Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger also gave an overview of the progress on Medicaid Expansion. The tribal member's present voiced support for Medicaid expansion. Donna Keeler commented that the change to services eligible for 100% FMAP will benefit the state economically. DSS explained that many changes necessary to leverage more spending at 100% FMAP require providers to make some changes. The incentive to enter into care coordination agreements for example for providers

is related to Medicaid Expansion; without Expansion, the state will have limited dollars available to leverage from the policy change.

**X. Tribal Visit Update**

Sarah Aker gave an update about Tribal Visits and presented a draft agenda and timeline for upcoming visits. DSS will be contacting tribal health directors to schedule meetings over the next few months.

**XI. Meeting Schedule**

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

**XII. Adjournment**