

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Thursday, October 5, 2017
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CT
The Golden Buffalo Casino & Restaurant
Banquet Room
321 Sitting Bull St
Lower Brule, SD 57548**

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Prayer

III. Review Minutes and Updates from July 13, 2017 Meeting

Minutes from the **July 13, 2017** meeting were distributed 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. It was also distributed via email.

V. LTSS HOPE Waiver Amendment

Misty Black Bear gave an overview of the HOPE waiver and the proposed amendment to the HOPE waiver. Clyde Estes asked if community transition services are available now. Sarah Aker described that services to assist individuals with transition from an institutional setting to the community are currently available through the Money Follows the Person Program. Eddie Johnson Jr. asked about the MFP process. Sarah described that anyone can make a referral to MFP. Once a referral is received, the MFP Coordinator Sara Spisak determines if the individual is eligible for MFP. Eligible individuals work with a transition coordinator agency and the Department of Human Services to make a transition plan for the individual to move out of the facility and into the community. Shirley Crane asked about what happens if an individual has a guardian. Sarah explained that when an individual has a guardian, MFP works with the guardian as part of the process. Eddie Johnson Jr. asked how to make a referral. Sarah indicated that referrals may be made by telephone to Sara Spisak at 605.367.4393 or by email at

sara.spisak@state.sd.us. A referral form is available online at:
<http://dss.sd.gov/mfp/>

Crystal Carr asked what the rate for Community Transition Services will be. Misty responded that the Department of Human Services is still in the process of developing a rate, and is looking at what other states reimburse for similar services, and other comparable services in South Dakota.

VI. Behavioral Health Updates

Tiffany Wolfgang, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, gave an overview of South Dakota's State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis. Tiffany also reviewed the strategic plan for South Dakota and noted that an RFP will be published in late October for additional opioid providers. Margaret Bad Warrior asked if there were IHS and tribal stakeholders involved. Tiffany noted that Sara DeCoteau and Jon Schuhardt were members of the work group. Eddie Johnson Jr. asked if 638 data from tribes was used or if IHS data was used. Tiffany noted that the Department of Health was responsible for data collection.

Melanie Boetel, Assistant Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, gave an update about the Division's activities related to suicide prevention. Lee Brannen asked about the process for becoming a community coalition partner and what the advantage is for being a community coalition partner. Melanie noted that community coalition partners have done a need assessment, and have opportunities to pool resources and access funding opportunities for trainings or town hall meetings. Emily Williams asked if there is a toolkit is available to perform the assessment for tribes. Melanie noted that the Division of Behavioral Health is working on revitalizing the toolkit. There are some materials available that are predominately geared towards school, but a tribe could use the same concepts.

Emily Williams noted that IHS is offering a one day Zero Suicide training workshop in Rapid City on December 12. She also noted that Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate is working on a grant with IHS related to Zero Suicide.

Margaret Bad Warrior noted that the National Crisis Text Line is also a good resource and that they have given that information to the schools in Cheyenne River. The website for the National Crisis Text Line is <https://www.crisistextline.org/> and is also available by texting 741741. The National Crisis Text Line has posted that can be adapted to a particular location. Emily Williams agreed that it is a good resource for tribes.

VII. State Plan Amendment Report

Sarah reviewed the current State Plan Amendments in review by CMS.

VIII. Medicaid Online Portal

Lori Lawson, Deputy Director for the Division of Medical Services, gave an overview of the Medicaid Online Portal and how to use the eligibility inquiry feature of the portal. Casey Carr commented that they like the portal and find it easy to use and get contact information for Medicaid patients. Casey noted that they would like to see an individual's renewal date or end date for Medicaid populated in the portal. Sarah responded that DSS is working towards making that available but is unable to support that functionality within our current eligibility system.

IX. Health Care Solutions Coalition Update

Billy Snyder, Division of Medical Services Director, gave an update about the work of the Health Care Solutions Coalition. Casey asked if the referred care only applied to specialized care. The opportunity for savings applies to any care that is directly referred by IHS. Bonnie Cromwell asked if the opportunity for savings applies to services referred by Urban Indian Health. No, CMS only granted the opportunity for savings to IHS and Tribal 638 providers. Margaret Bad Warrior asked if the governor is still looking to expand Medicaid with the savings generated. Bill noted that the governor is no longer seeking to expand Medicaid because of the administration change at the federal level and because the support is not available in the state legislature. Lee Brannen asked if the tribes can sign care coordination agreements. Sarah said that tribal 638 services may sign agreements if they are referring services. Emily Williams asked about the timeline for adding services. Sarah noted that the state is staggering implementation of the Coalition goals and plans to start with coverage of SUD services for all adults in July 2018. Shirley Crane asked about the CHR program. Sarah noted that the State Plan benefit for CHR services is still being developed, but anticipates coverage of services not available today for individuals with chronic conditions.

X. IHS Telehealth Update

Emily Williams updated the group on IHS's telehealth implementation. eEmergency is live in the Great Plains Area. IHS is working on implementing eCare and will prioritize five specialties including Behavioral Health. Lee Brannen asked about how a tribe could get technical assistance for telehealth. Sarah noted that Pine Ridge has a HRSA grant and is working with Avera on their grant.

XI. Other DSS Updates

Sarah Aker noted that DSS worked with Delta Dental and IHS to transition the billing of IHS dental claims to Delta Dental of South Dakota. DSS and IHS made the transition on September 1, 2018.

XII. Tribal Reports

Sisseton noted they are working on a Zero Suicide Grant and have also received a grant to address domestic violence against women. Sisseton offered to host the April 2018 meeting.

Beth Lee gave an update from the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board. She noted that funding for the navigator grants has ended, and GPTCHB will send educational materials, but will not be able to provide enrollment assistance.

Bonnie Cromwell noted that Donna Keeler is retiring from South Dakota Urban Indian Health and will be replaced by Done Lee.

XIII. Meeting Schedule

2018 Meetings are to be determined.

XIV. Adjournment