

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
1:00 – 3:00 PM CT
Drifters
325 Hustan Ave,
Fort Pierre, SD 57532**

Welcome and Introductions

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

Review Minutes and Updates from October 2019 Meeting

An overview of the minutes from the October 2019 meeting were provided by Sarah Aker. The minutes and related handouts are posted on the [Medicaid Tribal Consultation](#) website.

Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

The Quarterly Report was posted on the [Medicaid Tribal Consultation](#) website. The report has been updated to include information regarding 100% FMAP, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services, behavioral health, and Community Health Worker (CHW).

Healthlink Presentation with Kevin DeWald

Kevin DeWald provided a presentation about Healthlink services. Slides from the presentation can be found on the [Medicaid Tribal Consultation](#) website.

State Plan Amendment Report

Matthew Ballard provided an update on the State Plan Amendment (SPA) report. There are six SPA updates. There were two SPAs that were approved in December and four others under review. Carrie Johnson provided an update on the Census SPA which excludes temporary wages for Census work for Medicaid programs where exceptions are allowed. There was a question regarding the status of the Career Connector 1115 waiver. The waiver is still under review by CMS, DSS has not received an update from CMS.

Community Based Provider Workgroup Update

Bill Snyder and Sarah Aker provided in updated on the Community Based Provider Workgroup. The DSS budget proposal presented to the Legislature in January 2020 includes the addition of a mid-level practitioner to work under an Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (IPA) to assist with Care Coordination Agreements (CCA) and recipient referrals. There are three nurses employed under IPA to support IHS locations in this work as well. IPA nurses are located in Pine Ridge, Rosebud, and Eagle Butte.

There was a question about what other locations would need to do to be a part of this work and to get an IPA nurse located within their facility. The original request from IHS was for the first three IPA nurses. The IPA nurses are working with other providers outside of the facilities where they are located and assisting those facilities with CCA referrals as well.

Other DSS Updates

Medicaid Portal

Lisa Lee provided an update on the Medicaid Portal. The new claims submission function on the portal is working well, over 700 claims are submitted each day through the system. Recently a service limits look up tool was added to the portal allowing providers to look up service limits for certain services. Additional information about the Medicaid portal can be found on both the [Medicaid Tribal Consultation](#) website as well as in the [Medicaid Portal Manuals](#). There was a question regarding UB claims and if they would be available through the portal. Submission of UB claims is in the works, at this point the anticipated implementation date is unknown.

High Cost Prescription Drugs

Bill Snyder provided an update on high cost prescription drugs. DSS and IHS are discussing reimbursement of high cost prescription drugs at the actual acquisition cost in place of the encounter rate. DSS is looking at how this might work in relation to system updates and what it takes to get approval. There was a question about a timeline for implementation. Making a change to reimbursement of high cost prescription drugs will require DSS to go through the state plan amendment process. Tribes will be made aware of any state plan amendment through the usual notification process.

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Carrie Johnson mentioned to the group that CMS has released new federal poverty guidelines. Economic Assistance has a process in place to look at folks that have recently been denied due to financial eligible to see if they would qualify under the new guidelines.

Behavioral Health Update

Jana Spranger provided information regarding a grant announcements through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA). Grant applications for the program are due at the end of March. Tribes are eligible to submit applications. DSS is planning to submit applications for these grants but does not want to compete with Tribes and would be interested in collaboration. Additional information can be found at:

- <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-20-002>
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/pdf/fy-2020-spf-pfs-foa.pdf>

Stacy Bruels discussed the states suicide prevention plan. Information on the states suicide prevention plan can be found at sdsuicideprevention.org. Suicide prevention training is available to providers at no cost as part of the state's prevention plan, in addition Suicide Campaign materials are available to providers through DSS for no cost. There is also a grant being released by SAMHSA related to suicide prevention later in January.

Stacy also provided information regarding deemed status and the state accreditation process. Deemed status allows DSS to recognize national accreditation or IHS accreditation for behavior health providers. Deemed status will allow providers to enroll as a Medicaid provider. There was a question if there were any Tribal 638 programs that have Deemed status. Currently Rosebud is the only tribe with Deemed status. Sisseton has accreditation through DSS. Native Healing in Rapid City is working on their deemed status. DSS is available to provide technical assistance in the area of accreditation.

Department of Health Update

Maternal Child Health

Linda Ahrendt provided a update on the Maternal Child Health program. Maternal Child Health has been working on completing a needs assessment and strategic plan, Linda will present the results of the needs assessment and the strategic plan at the Tribal Consultation meeting in July. Material Child Health is going to start doing an infant death review, they will be looking at

sleep related deaths. Linda shared with the group information about the cribs for kids' program to help provide education as well as sleeps sacks and pack and plays for families that cannot get these items. Pine Ridge and Eagle Butte currently partner with DOH on this project. There was a questions about some of the data DOH has for infant death review and if they are about to get detailed age information and if the data includes anything about meth use in the home. There was also a request to send the most recent list of infant/child items that have been recalled. Providers interested in collaborating with Maternal and Child Health can contact Linda at Linda.Ahrendt@state.sd.us.

DOH Funding Opportunities

Laura Streich provided information regarding upcoming DOH funding opportunities. DOH is. Looking for three to four communities who would like to implement the communities who care framework. Applications will be open until the end of February. DOH would like to see applications from high risk counties, tribes in these counties are eligible to apply. High risk counties were determined utilizing a vulnerability assessment which includes overdose rates, treatment access, and socio-economic status. Questions regarding these grants can be directed to Laura at laura.streich@state.sd.us

There are two tobacco grants that will be accepting applications this quarter. The tobacco disparities grant opens Jan 31. This grant is for community organizations who are interested in looking at prevention, cessation, and secondhand smoke. The community school partnership grant will be coming out March 4. The grant is meant for communities and schools who are interested in implementing tobacco policies. There was a questions about vaping and if it was included in the two different grants. Both grants can be used to address vaping. Additional questions about the tobacco grants can be directed to Jacob.parsons@state.sd.us.

Tribal Reports

Pine Ridge shared information regarding their tele health program which is being implemented in five of six schools. The program was implemented as part of a grant that ends in June. They are also interested in pursuing CHW services but there are questions about billing.

Native Healing shared that they are working on the implementation of their innovation grant including working on their Community Health Worker enrollment. They have also purchased a building to provide inpatient SUD treatment.

Lower Brule is working on their CHW enrollment.

Cheyenne River reported that Medicine Village was recently awarded a grant for tele health.

Oyate shared that they ae working on their Medicaid provider application. They are working on increasing their primary care services.

There were a few questions about CHW services. Samantha Hynes is available to provide technical assistance regarding CHW services via phone or in person. Sam can be reached at Samantha.hynes@state.sd.us

Next Meeting

Lower Brule volunteered to host the Tribal Consultation meeting in April. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28th from 1:00-3:00 CT.