Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Tribal Consultation Action Items

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Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

- Tammy Ritter presented on Managed Care Expansion.
    - Tribal Governments indicated interest in having a focus group.
      The Tribal Governments asked if there is greater access to care through FFS or the MCOs. DHCFP will review the request.
    - DHCFP is researching this and how they can strengthen the current contract to facilitate the access. The Federal Government recently passed a rule for access to care evaluations.
    - The Tribal Governments stated they have applied to become part of the HPN network and have been denied several times. How will this affect them if they are not able to join the network and they go to managed care? HPN liaison to follow up with Yerington

- Presentation on Community Paramedicine
    - Sheri Eggleston presented on Community Paramedicine, Indian Health would bill this service as an allowable encounter.
    - The Tribal Governments asked if it would be an option to hire an EMT or Paramedic to provide the services through the health clinic if they do not have their own Paramedicine service.
        - DHCFP policy would require EMT or Paramedic to be enrolled with an EMS agency. The EMS agency obtains an endorsement as well as the individual who will be working under the EMS agency.
    - The Tribal Governments asked if it would be possible for a tribe without an EMS department to contract with an EMS agency to expand our scope of services. DHCFP will research and provide an answer
    - Tribal Governments believe this is an opportunity to expand services.

- Presentation on MTM Transportation Vendor – Nick LoPiccolo and Melissa Workman
    - Nick and Melissa presented on MTM Transportation.
    - The Tribal Governments extended an invitation for networking and to have them come out to the different locations to possibly recruit volunteer drivers.
    - An invitation was extended to the Tribal Governments to go and speak with the MTM Call Center.

- Discussion of CMS Ruling on 100% FMAP for American Indians and Alaska Natives – Shannon Sprout
    - Shannon Sprout presented on the new interpretation of under the direction of for "Received Through" with Indian Health Services or Tribal Facility when services are furnished to a Medicaid eligible AI/AN. DHCFP has sent in two rounds of questions to CMS. At this time, an official response has not been received.

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- The Tribal Governments stated asked if they pay above the Medicaid rate will they be able to get reimbursed. The guidance states whether it is the non-IHS or the IHS Tribal provider, the "Received Through" service must be paid at the state plan rate. This is one of the questions DHCFP has given to CMS. DHCFP can request technical assistance.

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) – Sherry Haar

- Update provided on the status of applications pending, processing time frames, and call center.
  - Tribal Governments had no questions or comments.

Silver State Health Exchange (SSHIX)

- Matt presented an update for SSHIX. SSHIX will be participating in the health fairs in both Yerington and Walker River. They are working on getting Certified Application Counselors set up in facilities to allow for onsite enrollment and determination. The updates to the website have begun. They are looking into the all or none clause regarding Tribal sponsorship. SSHIX will be attending the Region IX Consultation.
  - The Tribal Governments encourage SSHIX to move forward with regularly scheduled Tribal Consultations.
  - SSHIX will remain on the agenda until their process is complete.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

- Approval of minutes from January and October's consultation meeting.
  - Motion: Loren Elleri, IHS Second: Dawna Brown, Pyramid Lake Health Clinic Director
- VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System Presentation

Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)

- Attended NICWA Annual Conference 4/4 – 4/8 in St. Paul, Minnesota
  - Theme was "Protecting our Children"
  - Attended workshop in ICWA, Court proceedings, & Positive Indian Parenting
- Anyone can access NICWA resources at www.nicwa.org
- ICW sub-committee meetings held bi-monthly at the Western BIA office here in Carson City. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 9:00 am. Sub-

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committee of the Children's Justice Act. Discuss topics surrounding Indian Child Welfare including status of MOU's between Nevada Tribes and the state. All are welcome to attend in person or via teleconference. Contact Fran to be on the email list.

- Attending the HHS Regional Tribal Consultation in Arizona this Friday, April 15, 2016. Topic is focused on Tribal Youth.
- Continue to meet with the Nevada Tribes in assisting with DCFS MOU's and announce trainings when available.

Division of Public and Behavior Health (DPBH)

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC): Stakeholder engagement information to be released in early May.
- In need of tribal representative for the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities and the Maternal and Child Health Committee.

Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)

- Autism Treatment Assistance Program presentation

Public Comment

- Reverend Augustine commented substance abuse coverage must mirror mental health coverage.
    - Shannon responded the DHCFP has received the new ruling from CMS and they are evaluating the parity ruling. With the ACA expansion, DHCFP aligned a majority of services. In the behavioral health policy, as of January 2015, IHS/Tribal facilities can bill for any state plan approved service for those health care professionals. There was a section in the policy that only allowed for SAPTA funded programs to perform the services. There is a State Plan Amendment in process that removes this limitation. As long as the IHS/Tribal facility meets the provider qualifications as identified in the Nevada Medicaid State Plan, behavior health services are a billable encounter.
- Susan Mears stated in MSM 2500 it outlines the providers who can provide TCM and it is written to include only juvenile probation counties, CPS counties and the state.
    - Shannon responded targeted case management is open to recipients meeting the criteria. As DHCFP evaluates the mental health parity ruling, the request will be evaluated.

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