

Department of Human Services & Oregon Health Authority



SB 770 Quarterly Health Services

Cluster

May 28, 2014

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Meeting Summary

Attending

Adam Becenti, Sonciray Bonnell, Marina Cassandra, Janice Clements, Caroline Cruz, Martha Decker-Hall, Dennis Eberhardt, Vicki Faciane, Linda Fanning, Sabrina Freeman, Roberta Frost, Melva Fye, Bruce Goldberg, Jefferson Greene, Lisa Griggs, Hank Hickman, Faye Hurtado, Deborah Jackson, Kevin Jeffries, Jeremiah Johnson, Nadja Jones, Jan Kaplan, Cassie Katchia, Kelle Little, Mike Marcotte, Tresa Mercier, Iliana Montiel, Peggy Ollgaard, Sandra Sampson, Susan Sheoships, Deanna Simon, Earlynne Squiemphen, Sharon Stanphill, Jordan Stewart, Valerie Switzler, Twila Teeman, Arturo Torres, Lesli Uebel, Minnie Wallulatum, Tammy Wilson, Jason Yarmer

By Phone

Jeff Lorenz, Judy Mohr Peterson, Suzanne Hoffman, Trudy Simpson, Allison Lecatsas, Jennifer Lewis, Holly (Grand Rhonde), Michelle ?

Welcome and Introductions

Carolyn Cruz called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with a Tribal Blessing and song. Jason Yarmer also welcomed attendees and thanked Warm Springs for their hospitality. Introductions were made around the table and on the phones.

DMAP Director's Update- Judy Mohr Peterson

Update points were:

- Oregon Health Plan- 950,000 members with full coverage, 50,000 with partial benefits. Now five months into expansion;
- Revisioning Cover Oregon to the federal exchange. What this means to the OHP and Medicaid plan is if a person comes through the federal exchange, we will get information from that exchange to get this person on OHP. There will be a way to transition, for eligible members, to a qualified health plan. There is a major effort to move towards a November 15, 2014 open enrollment period with January 1, 2015 as a start date of coverage;
- Tina Edlund will be working out of the Governor's Office for 2015 open enrollment. A person is needed to head up the Medicaid side of this. Judy

will take this role and will be working out of the Cover Oregon office for a few months. She will continue to be the State Medicaid Director with Rhonda Busek stepping up to manage the day-to-day OHP work. By the next SB 770 or Tribal Consultation Meetings, Judy will not be available in that capacity. It is possible that Don Ross will be filling in.

Early Learning Council- Lisa Harnisch

Jason Yarmer informed group that Early Learning had asked for an invite to SB 770. This group could not attend due to the legislative session. Lisa Harnisch will be available for the August 20 770 meeting.

DHS Tribal Affairs Update- Nadja Jones

Recently the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program had an audit and the State of Oregon was found to be out of compliance. Several findings were reported, one of them being issues with cash benefits and the Oregon's interpretation of Indian Country. Nadja shared a letter and a map that helps to explain where Oregon fell short and the plan of action to bring it back into compliance. Some Tribal members may be eligible for a 5 year cutoff if they reside in a Tribal area/district. Tribal consultation input is being sought. Attendees of today's meeting are encouraged to pass the letter along. Also, a sign-up sheet was passed around for those who were interested in further activity on this issue.

CCO Contracting and Payor of Last Resort- Dennis Eberhardt

CCO Contracting-

- Auto enrollment of Native Americans into CCOs has occurred in error. DMAP/OHA is working to correct this and find out what has caused this to happen. New staff has been hired to assist in this process. The HNA designator in the MMIS system may have been fixed. Of note, this problem was not a Warm Springs only issue. One solution is to have folks, who are aware of the issues, come in to explain what is happening and how to fix it. Dennis asked if a video conference would be better. A fair amount of attendees agreed;
- If Tribal Member is a member of a CCO, they can still be seen by your Tribal Health and reimbursement is still available.

Payor of Last Resort-

- Kevin Jeffries was introduced to the group. His duties include representing Tribal to the Insurance Commission;
- The issue of Payor of Last Resort is based on whether Tribal pays before Medicaid or not. This needs to get worked out. The State may be out of compliance. The goal is to make Medicaid primary payor. Presently, we

are waiting for guidance from CMS. If guidelines can be defined, it will be easier to see what fits and what doesn't.

Other contracting issues discussed were:

- Deb Alvarez was thanked for her efforts;
- Tribes used to have access to social security numbers. Can Tribal get this back? The answer is yes but it is a lower priority at this time;
- Tribal members in eastern Oregon received a letter from the state saying they have to choose a CCO. There are member cards by Moda that are inactive. EOCCO was asked to send copy to Sonciray. Also, there are issues with providers not accepting open card;
- Another plan is experiencing same issues. It was asked if there is anything from the state on who is accepting what. At this time there is not but it is an excellent idea. This is being worked on. It was noted that this is a common problem with private insurance as well;
- There were some concerns about capacity, in which there is not much that can be done;
- Billing is an issue with no simple answers;
- Need to deal with Tribes on a 1:1 basis as they are sovereign nations. Rural Tribes may have different needs/processes;
- State laws are developed in response to federal laws;
- When beginning the health care transformation, Tribal was not considered as much as they should have been;
- There are still regulations that have to be answered to. The desire is to avoid unintended consequences.

Other- Jason Yarmer discussed the need to get back to Tribal training do address lack of understanding by those outside of Tribes. Tribal leaders need to be in on those meetings for input and guidance.

Uncompensated Care Program Update- Linda Fanning

Background- Approved by CMS in 2013, the Uncompensated Care Program (UCCP) will provide payment for services that are below the funded line for services provided by Tribal Clinics, beginning 11/1/13-12/31/14. For tribal members, these claims will be paid at 100% of the encounter rate. For non-tribal members, these claims will be paid at the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate with the local match coverage through a "Certified Tribal Government Expenditure". We are working to operationalize this within the MMIS so we can begin paying these claims.

Tribal Honor of Dr. Bruce Goldberg

The Tribes collectively wanted to honor Dr. Goldberg for his work in support of the Tribes. There was an around the room expression of thank you and Dr. Goldberg was presented with a Tribal Ceremonial blanket. As a song was sung, attendees of this meeting were able to walk past and personally thank Dr. Goldberg.

Tribal Updates

Klamath-

- Expansion of behavioral health. Hired a psychologist;
- Recruiting for a new dentist;
- Diabetes Walk coming up;
- Discussed alcohol and treatment;
- 20% increase in securing health insurance and numbers up in dental care.

Yellow Hawk-

- Open Access model has been shown to be a big improvement;
- In finals of the CCO contracts;
- Started Medicare Part B;

CTCLUSI-

- Thank you to Warm Springs for hosting;
- Recruiting for a dentist;
- Mental Health Investment Funds received;
- Will host ICQWA conference in Florence.

Cow Creek-

- Compact Covenants- looking for efficiencies;
- IPC 5(Improved Physical Care)- formed three medical home teams and are looking for a fourth team;
- In a network with a CCO and will contract with Atrio;
- Prevention Program- Years spent on Diabetes. Now have a Transformation Café.

Coquille-

- Contract Health Services- enroll dental patients;
- 28% of CHO members were on OHP. Now this number is 49%;
- Have a Head Start program;
- Had a recent review (fifth) with no findings;

- Working with WOAHA on contracts;
- Received Healthy Communities Integration Grant;
- Implemented a Meetings/Events policy;
- “Rethink your Drink” campaign;
- Continuing diabetes prevention.

Cedar Bough-

- Tribal best practices integrating with mental health best practices;
- Desire is to become a resource;
- “Healing through Culture/Tradition” - want to strengthen ties;
- Want to recruit 4 native dental care staff;
- Discussed who they (Coquille) serve.

Warm Springs-

- Finance- Tribe went through new leadership;
- New audit firm-Tribe passed audit;
- Work program for youth with an education component. Looking at healthy relationships and use of Myers-Briggs assessment tool. Hoping to place 100 High School and 10 college students;
- A Mobile unit is now scheduled;
- Mental Health initiative- put into family preservation, parenting classes, and jail diversions;
- Annual health report looking better every year;
 - Suicide prevention conference with a pharmacology update, feedback from community. Working with Suicide Prevention;
- Opening new K-8 school September 2014. There is space reserved for Tribal services;
- Looking at blood alcohol compliance and no smoking. E-cigarettes are a problem now. Will have to redo some work;
- Revamping justice system, and looking at electronic tracking;
- Discussed PRC (Purchase and Referred Care);
- Medicaid expansion- Hope to have certain services back that used to be in place but are gone now;
 - Received notification that Warm Springs is recognized as a Tier 3 PCPCH (Patient Centered Primary Care Home).

OHA Interim Director Update- Suzanne Hoffman

Suzanne joined the meeting by phone and announced that she was just bought

into the role of Interim Director. She provided background information of where she has come from. In this time of transition, Linda Hammond will be the COO, and Leslie Clement will be Chief of Policy, replacing Tina Edlund. Clive Hamstreet is involved in the Cover Oregon transition. The governor asked Tina Edlund to lead the transition project. In regard to the Cover Oregon transition, it is hopeful that much of the technology built could be reused. Another firm is assessing that possibility. So far, the eligibility rules engineer works well and will come back. The desire is to be in testing by August 2014 and ready by November 15, 2014. Progress reports will be posted and updated regularly.

State Agency Liaison Updates

Leslie Uebel- Public Health:

- Oregon Contraceptive Care Program (C Care) to expire December 30, 2014. A notice has been sent. Instead of another application for the waiver, this will be a much easier process with more time available. This will allow expansion of services such as STD's, screening treatments, exams, follow-ups, and cancer screening. Input is welcome, not only on applications, but also wanted often in the clinics on C Care. Will bring more information to the August meeting. Please note that C Care is another revenue source.

Nadja Jones- DHS:

- Nadja discussed the Independent Living program. There will be a Leadership Wellness camp. The cost/registration is paid for by ILP.

Sonciray Bonnell- Cover Oregon:

- Cover Oregon leadership May 19th meeting was well attended by the Tribes. Technology is being transitioned for future use. It is business as usual for open enrollment. Cover Oregon will remain a state base exchange. At present Cover Oregon is dealing with carriers and legislators. Encountering terminology issues.

Kevin Jeffries- DCBS:

- Kevin introduced himself again. He is involved in as a Consumer Liaison/Tribal Liaison and represents Tribal to the Insurance Commission. He gave information on what they do. The purpose is to educate people on anything insurance related. He will be looking at the Plans again in 2016.

Sabrina Freeman- Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention:

- Sabrina shared a letter from the Center for Tobacco Products with an invite to attend a Webinar to discuss the FDA’s proposed rule titled “Deeming Tobacco Products To Be Subject to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as Amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; Regulations on the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products and Required Warning Statements for Tobacco Products.” Attention is being given to such products like E-cigarettes and Hookahs. Also shared, was several funding opportunities that are open to the Tribes.

Jan Kaplan- Office of Community Liaison:

- Currently working on updating a “State Health Improvement Plan”;
- Discussed the meetings they hold;

Attendees of SB 770 agree to add this discussion to the SB 770 agenda.

OHA Community Outreach:

- Does statewide outreach;
- Seeks community engagement;
- Has collaboratives in each county;
- Sponsors refresher training and provides technical support.

Other

- Updates are being done to the meeting contacts list;
- AMH will be hiring a Tribal Liaison position. Input is requested from the Tribes on what they want to see in that position;
- Looking for a host for the November SB 770 meeting. CTCLUSI stepped forward to host in Coos Bay

Materials

- Agenda
- Letter from Nadja Jones to Tribes regarding TANF
- DHS Service Delivery Area Map
- FDA letter to the Tribes
- FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcements
- Public Health Division: State Health Improvement Plan Discussions invitation
- Tribal Meetings 2014 schedule

Next Meeting: August 20, 2014 Location TBD in Salem

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