

BOARD UPDATES AUGUST 2013

Introduction

In an effort to ensure that the communities Feather River Tribal Health (FRTH) serves are kept informed, we will provide a monthly update on activities of the organization. This update will be posted on our website for easy access.

Minutes

Minutes from meetings are sent out electronically to each of the 3 sponsoring Tribes following Board approval.

Finance Report

- Finance report for the month of June was presented showing YTD profit of \$1,161,587
- Discussed the upgrade of the accounting package – Great Plains
- Noted that one reason for the large YTD profit is because of unspent IHS funds for special projects
- Discussed preparation for the upcoming fiscal year 13/14 budget

Grants Status

- Discussed DHCS quarterly webinar re Medi-Cal
- SPA 013-008 would provide re-instatement of Medi-Cal mental health services for adults

CHS

- Information on the current level of spending was provided

Miscellaneous

- Discussed the possibility of refinancing the current bank loan with Tri-Counties Bank in order to lower the current interest rate
- Discussed CRIHB Care/CRIHB Options – a short term program that allows for billing Medi-Cal for adult dental, BHS, podiatry and acupuncture services and authorized signature of the agreement for eligibility to bill
- Approved payment of invoices to CSUC – Nutrition program in the amount of \$11,836 for 3 months of service to provide nutrition counseling
- Approved an invoice in the amount of \$4,688.75 for accounting services from Dennis Diver, CPA
- Verified that non-Indian patients with Medicare as a resource are required to pay their co-pays at the time of service or billed following the visit
- Reviewed information from American Pension regarding a letter received by them from the IRS

Committee Reports

The Board reviewed reports from the following committees:

QI Committee

- Reviewed minutes of the QI Committee meeting held 7/17/13
- Reviewed monthly update for community newsletters
- Information related to supervisor meetings was provided

Butte County Health Collaborative

- FRTH will host the meeting in August

ITTF

- Notes from the 8/14/13 meeting were provided
- Next meeting is to be held 9/11/13 at Feather Falls Casino for a cultural competency training hosted by FRTH

Technology

- Minutes of 7/25/13 were provided

Minutes

- Approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting held 7/15/13

Strategic Plan – Status

- Received information on the status of the Yuba City facility
- Noted that the cultural competency training to be provided by ITCC is scheduled for 9/11/13 at Feather Falls Casino
- The in-house pharmacy opened to Directs on 9/3/13
- An RFQ for the special IHS project related to the HVAC system is being prepared to submit to outside bidders
- Reviewed bids from 3 outside vendors for the refinishing of the exterior logs for the Oroville facility and selected DaSilva Painting with a bid of \$22,000

Contract Support Costs

- Board received an update on the status of recouping past CSC

Tribal Consultation

- Reviewed STAC Report provided by Stacy Dixon – CA STAC Rep
- Provided a copy of the STAC agenda for the upcoming meeting 9/17 – 9/18/13 in Washington, DC
- Provided a copy of the white paper prepared by Geoff Strommer regarding Medicare-like rates
- Reviewed the data sharing agreement with the CA Epi-Center
- Reviewed notes from the 7/22/13 meeting with CRIHB
- Provided information from Jim Crouch regarding the recent TTAG meeting

Compacting

- Provided information regarding the compact negotiations meeting held 8/20/13

Open House/Health Fair

- Provided information on the preparations for the 20th anniversary of the agency and upcoming health fair scheduled for 10/10/13

Staff Reports

- Presented staff reports for the month of August