

BOARD UPDATES NOVEMBER 2013

Introduction

In an effort to ensure that the communities Feather River Tribal Health (FRTH) serves are kept informed, we 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

- Reviewed the Finance Report for month ending 9/30/13, which is also the year end for the agency
- Discussed additional revisions to the chart of accounts used in the Great Plains program

Grants Status

- Reviewed an amendment to the compact in the amount of \$49,017
- Received information about the IHS California Area Office budget formulation committee for fiscal year 14/15
- Discussed a request from IHS regarding the FCC Healthcare Connect Fund and approved participation in the program
- Discussed the status of CRIHB Care/CRIHB Options
- Reviewed the status of the CHAT grant
- Reviewed the status of the FOCIS grant
- Reviewed the status of the EPSDT grant with Butte County

CHS

- Information on the current level of spending was provided
- Adopted a definition of a catastrophic illness for the purposes of CHS care and treatment
- Reviewed and approved the CHS annual report for fiscal year ending 12/13

Miscellaneous

- Reviewed bids for worker's compensation coverage and approved the use of Tribal First as the worker's compensation carrier for FRTH and payment of the 1st invoice for coverage for fiscal year 13/14
- Reviewed bids for the replacement of old agency computers using programs that are becoming obsolete and approved the purchase of 80 computers to replace the computers over an 8 month period of time – cost to be \$4,416 per 10 computers
- Approved a PO from Oracle, which is the IHS agency that provides medications for the pharmacy in the amount of \$66,704.67
- Approved the renewal of the Google annual maintenance agreement for Intranet and e-mail in the amount of \$3,500
- Approved a PO in the amount of \$3,630 for payment of services provided by R. B. Demaray regarding the contract support cost claims being filed by FRTH

- Approved making revisions to the current audit per recommendations made by Mr. Demaray in order to establish the contract support cost rates for fiscal year 12/13
- Reviewed and approved a proposal from REDW for preparation of the indirect cost report for fiscal years 13/14 and 14/15 in the amount of \$4,500 per year
- Reviewed the property tax bills for the Oroville and Yuba City properties
- Discussed the possibility of merging the 2 Oroville properties into one lot in order to allow for easier development of the vacant lot in the future
- Discussed the possibility of purchasing the vacant ¼ acre which the Oroville property already surrounds
- Reviewed the status of the refinancing of the Tri Counties loan for the remodel of the Oroville property
- Reviewed and approved the annual health insurance renewal package for FRTH employees through FEHB
- Reviewed a proposal from Sac Valley Medshare outlining a required buy-in by FRTH if they are to participate in the Sacramento Valley Medshare program for local the health information exchange – total cost of the program is \$17,560, which will be paid in 2 separate installments
- Discussed the status of the adjudication of billing medical claims

Committee Reports

The Board reviewed reports from the following committees:

QI Committee

- Reviewed monthly update for community newsletters
- Reappointed Dr. Samuel Sanders to the FRTH staff per the credentialing process
- Noted that the DS3 line has finally been installed and is now operating

CIMC

- Was provided with a the new list of CIMC Board of Directors
- Reviewed the minutes of the 8/24/13 meeting and membership list for CIMC

Minutes

- Approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting held 10/21/13

Election of Corporate Officers

- Elected corporate officers, which elections are held every 2 years:
 - Barbara Bird, Chair
 - Glenda Nelson, Vice Chair
 - Patricia Reece, Secretary
 - Leatha Chase, Treasurer

Strategic Plan - Status

- Reviewed progress on projects
- Discussed the status of the warranty for the Yuba City facility, which expires in January 2014
- Approved applying for a grant through the CA Catalyst program for future strategic plan follow-up

- VA-MOU – received a copy of the MOU between FRTH and VA
- Approved Resolution No. 013-13 – Urging Congress to Provide Advance Appropriations to the Indian Health Service
- Received a copy of the notes from the training provided by Tribal Net regarding a variety of technical aspects of health care – HIPAA, meaningful use, and EHR

Tribal Consultation

- Discussed the status of tribal consultation with various agencies
- Received a copy of SPA 13-018, which would restore adult dental services as an optional benefit for Medi-Cal in May 2014
- Reviewed a 1915 Waiver related to assisted living facilities
- Discussed the recent court decision related to the levels of benefits provided by FQHCs
- Reviewed the status of the implementation of the ACA – it was noted that FRTH is making presentations to the 3 sponsoring Tribes for issues related to the ACA and managed care
- Providing information from IHS regarding the status of trying to resolve claims related to the contract support cost issues that are currently pending

Maximus

- Reviewed a request from Maximus requesting a Space Use Agreement with the Yuba City facility

Opus Health Solutions

- Reviewed a proposal from Opus Health Solutions regarding the provision of diabetic supplies at government rates

Staff Reports

- Presented staff reports for the month of November

Informational

- Reviewed plans for the staff's upcoming Christmas party
- IHS Eligibility letter for ACA
- IHS Meaningful Use newsletter
- IHS CATAC summary
- White House announcement regarding National Native American Heritage Month
- NIHB Weekly Health Policy Recap
- CRIHB announcement regarding appointment of Dr. LeBeau as Director

