

## **BOARD UPDATES DECEMBER 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 changes made to the 2013/14 budget
- Discussed the status of the indirect cost report being prepared by REDW
- Discussed the status of the audit

### **Grants Status**

- Discussed changes made to the EPSDT and CHAT grants
- Discussed the status of the extension of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians grant, which is currently before Congress noting that the current grant is due to expire 9/30/14
- Discussed the status of the FOCIS grant

### **CHS**

- Information on the current level of spending was provided

### **Miscellaneous**

- Reviewed and approved an audit proposal from Mann, Urrutia and Nelson for the auditing of the agency's 401k retirement plan for employees in the amount of \$11,500 for 2013 and \$8,500 for 2014
- Discussed the possibility of entering into an agreement with VA to provide space for a tele-psychiatry program for VA patients
- Approved the 2014 mileage rate of 56 cents per mile established by IRS
- Approved the purchase of a new vending machine for the Oroville facility to replace the broken one in the amount of \$2,450
- Reviewed the status of the refinancing of the Tri-Counties bank loan
- Approved the following purchase orders:
  - CRIHB in the amount of \$19,998 representing billing for 404 claims through CRIHB Care/CRIHB Options
  - Approved a PO in the amount of \$2,951.60 for the staff Christmas party at Gold Country Casino

### **Committee Reports**

The Board reviewed reports from the following committees:

#### **QI Committee**

- Reviewed monthly update for community newsletters
- Heard a report on the status of e-prescribing

- Reviewed an incident report on the recent cut of fiber optics which rendered the electronic health records system inoperable for almost a full day and discussed strategies on how to address such an event in the future
- Approved the reappointment Dr. Richard Mejia as a dental provider

#### **ITTF**

- Discussed the recent meeting held at Enterprise Rancheria and received the agenda and minutes of the 12/11/13 meeting

#### **BCHC**

- Discussed moving forward with the health information exchange project that is being undertaken by participating members

#### **Minutes**

- Approved the minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular Board meeting – 11/18/13
  - Special Board meeting – 11/21/13
  - Special Board meeting – 12/9/13
  - Special Board meeting – 12/10/13

#### **Strategic Plan - Status**

- Reviewed progress on projects

#### **Tribal Consultation**

- Discussed letters sent to legislators regarding the request for advance appropriations for Indian Health Service
- Received an update on the status of the IHS budget formulation for fiscal year 2016

#### **Contract Support Costs**

- Discussed the possibility of contracting with an outside attorney to discuss the potential settlement of claims related to contract support cost claims for FRTH

#### **Property Purchase**

- Approved pursuing the purchase of property adjacent to the current FRTH property in Oroville and to utilize the simplest means possible to reduce the cost of acquiring the property

#### **Annual Policies Review**

- Reviewed and reaffirmed the policies and procedure manuals of each of the departments of FRTH
- Reviewed the Board Action List for 2013 and status of various items

#### **Staff Reports**

- Reviewed staff reports for the month of December

#### **Informational Items**

- Received the IHS winter newsletter

- Received the IHB Weekly Report

**Closed Session**

- Heard an appeal of a CHS denial
- Discussed pending personnel issues