

BOARD UPDATES JANUARY 2014

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.

New Tribal Representative

Mooretown Rancheria presented a resolution announcing that Melvin Jackson had stepped down from the Health Board and that Guy Taylor would take his place. Crystal DeBoer was appointed alternate for Mooretown Rancheria.

Minutes

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

Finance Report

- Reviewed financial statement for the period ending 10/31/13
- Discussed the status of Code 18 for reimbursement of Medi-Cal visits under managed care
- Discussed new payment limit for FQHCs for Medicare – set at \$129.02 for 2014

Grants Status

- Drawdown for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians for FY 2013 has been completed
- Yearend reports for CHAT, FOCIS, SDPI, and EPSDT are being prepared
- Approved the budget for FY 2014-2015 for EPSDT
- Announced the extension of the CRIHB Care/Options program through 12/31/14

CHS

- Information on the current level of spending was provided

Miscellaneous

- Approved payment of a purchase order to Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service for medications for pharmacy
- Approved payment to CRIHB for claims related to the CRIHB Care/Options program for period 10/1 – 10/31/13

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 the Yuba City building warranty
- Heard a report on the vandalism of the fence in Oroville
- Reviewed the minutes of the QI Committee meeting held 1/15/14
- Discussed the status of the pain management program

ITTF

- Reviewed the minutes of the ITTF meeting 12/11/13 and the agenda of the 1/8/14 meeting

BCHC

- Discussed the status of the SacValley Medshare HIE program

Minutes

- Approved the minutes of the following meeting:
 - Regular Board meeting 12/16/13
 - Special Board meeting – 12/18/13
 - Special Board meeting – 1/13/14

Strategic Plan - Status

- Reviewed progress on projects noting that medical providers and nursing staff will be paired in order to improve patient care and flow
- Discussed the status of implementation of changes to staffing
- Discussed the status of the potential acquisition of property located next to Oroville's current facility – the property owner has decided against the sale

Tribal Consultation

- Discussed upcoming meetings being held by several agencies including
 - Department of Health Care Services – related to Medi-Cal – 2/26
 - HHS Tribal consultation – 4/9 – 4/10
 - Budget hearings in Washington, DC – 3/6 – 3/7
 - Garamendi Townhall meeting 3/18
 - IHS Tribal Leaders meeting – 3/11 – 3/13
 - Self-Governance Annual meeting – 5/4 – 5/8
- Discussed the status of Medi-Cal expansion for adult psychology services effective 1/1/14
- Discussed the recent meeting in Woodland related to pending issues of Tribal Health Programs (THPs)
- Discussed the status of Medicare-like rates being pursued by THPs

Staff Reports

- Reviewed staff reports for the month of January

Informational Items

- Reviewed a memo from IHS regarding CHS for fiscal year 2013
- Received a memo from IHS introducing the new environmental health officer

Closed Session

- Heard an appeal of a CHS denial
- Discussed potential pending litigation