

BOARD UPDATES APRIL 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. 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 1/31/14
- Reviewed the status of the Great Plains conversion
- Reviewed the status of the new chart of accounts
- Discussed the status of contract support costs
- Reviewed the status of the Code 18 reimbursement rate for Medi-Cal and IHS
- Discussed status of Code 2 Crossovers with State of CA for reimbursement of Medicare/Medi-Cal claims
- Reviewed letter of intent for grant program with CA Dept of Social Services related to the Cal Works program and the welfare to work program for Native Americans
- Noted that the CHAT grant's semi-annual progress report is due 4/30/14 – report has been prepared and is ready for submission
- Noted that the FOCIS semi-annual progress report is due 4/30/14. Report has been prepared and is ready for submission.
- Site visit has been set for the FOCIS grant for second week of May
- Congress has approved 1 year extension of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians through 9/30/15
- Reviewed the status of the EPSDT program with Butte County

CHS

- Information on the current level of spending was provided for the month of March

Miscellaneous

- Presented with notice from agency's attorney noting increase in the hourly rate for services – 1st increase in 7 years
- Noted that an unusual bank charge had been noted in the agency checking account; matter was reported to the bank and police; funds were refunded to FRTH

Committee Reports

The Board reviewed reports from the following committees:

QI Committee

- Reviewed monthly update for community newsletter for March 2014
- Reviewed the QI Committee minutes for 2/24/14
- Reviewed the Technology Committee meeting minutes for 2/20/14 and 4/1/14
- Approved application for renewal of privileges for 5 providers
- Received an update on the status of preparation for accreditation

BCHC/Sac Valley Medshare

- Reviewed the minutes for the 4/16/14 BCHC meeting and notes from the Sac Valley Medshare meeting held 3/24/14 and 4/3/14

Minutes

- Approved the minutes of the following meeting:
 - Regular Board meeting 3/24/14

Strategic Plan - Status

- Reviewed information on the delay of the implementation of ICD10 until October 2015
- Reviewed OSHPD statistical data for fiscal year 2013
- Reviewed pending issues for upcoming strategic plan

Tribal Consultation

Received updates on the following:

- CA DDHS consultation invitation to meet with Secretary Dooley – meeting set for 5/21/14 in Sacramento
- Reviewed tribal consultation policy for the State of Nevada
- Reviewed support letter sent by FRTH to CA Assembly on AB2264 regarding licensure of tribal health programs
- Reviewed information regarding the resignation of Secretary Sebelius, HHS Secretary
- Reviewed notes from the HHS meeting held 4/9-4/10/14 with Region IX
- Discussion regarding the ACA and coverage under qualified health plans – no co-pays or deductibles for Native Americans from federally recognized Tribes

New Business

- Approved the addition of physical therapy to scope of work at FRTH
- Approved having the agency's attorney review proposed changes to FRTH personnel policy
- Reviewed CHS items that required clarification of coverage
- Approved discontinuing Wednesday evening hours for summer months starting back up in mid August

Staff Reports

- Reviewed staff reports for the month of April

Informational Items

- Received a copy of the staff newsletter for April 2014
- Received a copy of the IHS newsletter for Spring 2014

Closed Session

- Heard the status of proposed acquisition of real property