

BOARD UPDATES DECEMBER 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 the annual audit of the 401 retirement plan sponsored by FRTH
- Discussed the status of the Fiscal Department restructure
- Discussed the status of the Code 2 reimbursement
- Discussed the status of the revisions to the Fiscal policies & procedures of the agency and approved a policy regarding submission of department money collections in a timely manner
- Reviewed the status of revisions to the fee schedules of the agency
- Discussed the status of the sliding fee scale policy for the agency
- Discussed the status of the preparation of the indirect cost proposal for the agency
- Discussed the status of grants – FOCIS, CHAT, EPSDT
- Provided clarification on PRC policy – If a PRC eligible patient gets a DNQ from the county for Medi-Cal, patient is then required to apply for all other possible resources that might be available to the patient at no cost, including ACA
- Approved payment for the fee to AAAHC for the upcoming accreditation survey
- Provided information that the sale of the janitorial services used by FRTH did not go through and would remain the same

P/RC/CHS

- Reviewed the level of spending for November 2014 and year-to-date expenditures

Committee Reports

The Board reviewed reports from the following committees:

QI Committee

- Reviewed monthly update for community newsletter for November 2014
- Received the official notification of retirement from Melody Barbara effective 1/29/15 and the resignation of Susan Such, ASW effective 12/31/14
- Provided information regarding the emergency planning meeting related to the weather event 12/11/14 and FRTH's opportunity to test its emergency plan

ITTF

- Provided information regarding the recent ITTF meeting held 12/10/14

Minutes

- Approved the minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Board meeting 11/17/14
 - Special Board meeting 12/15/14
 - Special Board meeting 12/17/14 – as corrected

Tribal Consultation

- Premium Payment Waiver Process notification from DHCS
- Information on SPA 14-033 – Alternate Benefits Plan expanding mental health services for kids
- 12/17/14 Agenda for the Rural Expansion meeting with DHCS
- Information from Tribal Self Governance on the upcoming annual conference scheduled for 4/26 – 4/30/15 in Reno, NV
- Information from Tribal Self Governance regarding the IHS OTSG database
- Information on the Affordable Care Act implementation from Tribal Self Governance

Strategic Plan

- Board provided a copy of the recorded grant deed for the recently purchased vacant lot next to FRTH in Oroville
- Reviewed and re-authorized the policy and procedure manuals of each of the departments which outline operations of each of the departments of FRTH as submitted
- Discussed a request by the Dental Department regarding an RDA
- Authorized the executive director to look into the possibility of merging properties owned by FRTH in Oroville
- Reviewed the Board Action List for items listed through December 2014
- Reviewed and approved a revision to the organizational chart of the Fiscal Department and for FRTH overall
- Authorized the executive to director to move forward in potentially merging the FRTH properties in Oroville
- Discussed an issue related to patient registration and accepting new patients

New Business

- Heard a request from Dental to elevate a Dental Asst position to the level of RDA

Staff Reports

- Reviewed staff reports for the month of December 2014

Informational Items

Reviewed information on the following items:

- Information regarding Congress' recent failure to enact the Federal Terrorism requirements for businesses and its impact