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**TRIBAL CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Date and Time of Meeting:</b>	Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 9:00am
<b>Name of Organization:</b>	The State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
<b>Place of Meeting:</b>	Legislative Counsel Bureau 401 South Carson Street, Room 2135 Carson City, Nevada 89701
<b>Place of Video-Conference:</b>	Legislative Counsel Bureau 555 East Washington Ave, Room 4412E Las Vegas, NV 89101
<b>Teleconference Number:</b>	(866) 390-1828
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**Agenda**

1. Briza Virgen opened the meeting at 9:00am and a cultural opening was given by a Tribal Health Director.
2. **Introductions**
  - ❖ **Chairperson** – No representation present
  - ❖ **Vice-Chairperson** – No representation present
  - ❖ **ITCN Representation** – No representation present
  - ❖ **IHS Representation** – Loren Ellery

- ❖ **Tribal Clinic Directors** – Angie Wilson, Anthony Marshall, Jon Pishion, Dawna Brown, Brenda O’Neil, Andrea Harper
- ❖ **Division State – Tribal Liaisons**  
 Briza Virgen – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)  
 Jodi Patton – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)  
 Delaney Mercer – Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), Directors Office  
 Evette Cullen – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)  
 Ryan Studebaker – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)  
 Judy DuMonte Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
 Tiffany Davis – Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (SSHIE)
- ❖ **Nevada Indian Commission Representation** – Stacey Montooth

3. **Public Comment** – No public comments

4. **Consultation**

- ❖ **Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)**
  - **Behavioral Health Policy Updates** – Sarah Dearborn, Behavioral Health Unit Supervisor
    - Alexis Tucey, previous Behavioral Health Unit Chief, is no longer with Medicaid.
    - The Behavioral Health Unit currently has three State Plan Amendments (SPA) with CMS awaiting approval:
      1. Moving Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) into the Rehab section of the SPA as well as outlining these services more in depth;
      2. Removing the requirement of medical supervision from the Behavioral Health Community Network groups, Provider Type 14;
      3. Moving Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) services and rate methodology into State Plan from the Demonstration Grant of Section 223 (a)(2)(F) of Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA).
    - Two Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) policy listening sessions with providers in both Las Vegas and Reno were completed. They are looking at the provider feedback from the sessions to be able to implement MAT policy within Medicaid Services Manual.
    - There is a public workshop for the 1915(i) - Home and Community Based Services Specialized Foster Care Application on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Nevada Legislative Building Room 2135. The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and the DHCFP have been collaboratively working to develop a 1915(i) SPA to support the needs of specialized foster care.
    - DHHS was awarded the CMS Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) grant demonstration to increase substance use provider capacity.
  - **SUPPORT Act SPA-** Holly Long, Pharmacy Unit Supervisor
    - In September 2019, DHCFP provided a letter to the tribal council providing notification of a SPA that the DHCFP would be submitting to CMS for approval regarding the (SUPPORT) Act.
    - The provisions include measures to combat the opioid crisis by reducing opioid abuse and misuse by advancing treatment and recovery initiatives, improving prevention, protecting communities and bolstering efforts to fight deadly illicit synthetic drugs.

- The provisions within the SUPPORT Act were required to be implemented by October 1, 2019 and a SPA reflecting compliance of the provisions is required to be submitted to CMS by December 31, 2019.
- The SUPPORT Act adds a new section to the Social Security Act (SSA) which requires all State Medicaid programs and contracted Managed Care Organizations to implement several drug review and utilization requirements. These include:
  1. Safety edits for subsequent fills for opioids and an automated claims review process that indicates when a Medicaid enrollee is prescribed a subsequent fill;
  2. Safety edits on the maximum daily morphine equivalent that can be prescribed to a Medicaid enrollee for treatment of chronic pain and an automated claims review process that indicates when an individual is prescribed in excess of that limitation;
  3. An automated claims review process that identifies when a Medicaid enrollee is concurrently prescribed opioids and benzodiazepines or antipsychotics;
  4. A program to monitor and manage the appropriate use of antipsychotic medications by Medicaid-enrolled children under age 18 and “children in foster care specifically”;
  5. A process to identify potential fraud or abuse of controlled substances by Medicaid enrollees, health care providers prescribing drugs to Medicaid enrollees, and pharmacies dispensing drugs to Medicaid enrollees;
  6. Drug Utilization Review (DUR) edits are not applicable to an individual receiving hospice or palliative care, treatment of cancer, or is a resident of a long-term care facility or another facility for which frequently abused drugs are dispensed for residents through a contract with a single pharmacy, or individuals for which the State elects to treat as exempted from such requirements.
- **Tribal Notifications** – Briza Virgen
  - Reviewed upcoming DHCFP Public Workshops and Public Hearings. For updated listing please visit, [DHCFP Public Notices](#).
- **Tribal FQHC Updates** – Briza Virgen
  - Reviewed draft Tribal FQHC policy language. Tribes in attendance indicated they do not want to go to a second public workshop.
- **Tribal Medicaid Administrative Claiming Updates** – Briza Virgen
  - Reviewed the next steps and ongoing tasks for Tribal Health Clinics interested in participating in the Tribal Medicaid Administrative Claiming.

#### ❖ **Division of Welfare and Supportive Services**

- **Outreach updates** – Evette Cullen
  - There were no outreach updates at this time. All Tribal Health Clinics that have expressed an interest in having a community outreach worker to accept and process eligibility applications in the clinic, physically or virtually, has been met. Evette continues to work with Anthony Marshall in Duck Valley at the Owyhee Health Clinic to place an eligibility worker in this area.
- **Policy updates** – Ryan Studebaker
  - Medicaid SUPPORT Act suspension was explained. Incarcerated individuals will no longer have their Medicaid benefits terminated, but rather suspended until release.
  - **Action item:** Ryan will look into the number of incarcerated AI/AN in Nevada, the number of AI/AN for housing effected, if AI/AN can be waived from the Medicaid suspension and keeping benefits while incarcerated as asked by Angie Wilson, Washoe Health Director. Ryan will provide update at the Tribal Health Director’s Meeting.

#### ❖ **Silver State Health Insurance Exchange**

- **Open enrollment** – Tiffany Davis and Jamie Sawyer

- Tiffany and Jamie will work within their agency to see if a 90-day open enrollment period can be made for tribal members in the future going forward as requested.

## 5. BREAK

### ❖ Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

- DHHS Tribal Liaison, Delaney Mercer, spoke about the department wide Tribal Health Clinic tour the DHHS Tribal Liaisons have been participating in. DHHS Tribal Liaisons at this time have visited eleven out of fourteen planned clinic visits. Once the Tribal Health Clinic Tour is completed by the end of November, Delaney Mercer plans to write a report of their visit which is estimated to be complete in the early new year.

### ❖ Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)

- **Indian Child Welfare Act updates**
  - No updates provided at this time as DCFS Tribal Liaison, Fran Maldonado, was unable to attend Consultation.

### ❖ Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

- **State Epidemiology Updates**
  - Judy DuMonte will provide updates on data sharing agreements and IRB (?) process protections as requested by the Tribes present.
- **Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)/Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Application**
  - Tracy Palmer mentioned that Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP) and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) submitted the combined Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant (SAMHBG) application at the end of August 2019. They have been working collaboratively with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on developing new initiatives for Nevada and implementing new evidence-based practices into their block grant subawards.

### ❖ Aging and Disability Services (ADSD)

- **Senior Disability Prescription Program (SRx/DRx Programs)**
  - Adrienne Navarro and Shannon Sprout explained the two program benefits:
    1. Coverage of the cost of prescription medication while a member is in the Medicare Part D Coverage gap.
    2. A Monthly subsidy of up to \$27.08 is available for a member's Medicare Part D monthly premium, if the member is enrolled with a participating plan.
  - Adrienne and Shannon reviewed the 2020 SRx/DRx Program Changes:
    1. Increase monthly subsidy for Part D Premium from up to \$27.08 to \$37.00
    2. No longer covers prescription costs while member is in the gap
    3. Encouraging members to work with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to identify a plan that may reduce out of pocket costs and best fit their individual healthcare needs
  - **Action Item:** Angie Wilson, Washoe Health Director, asked for tribal sponsorship for Part D in the future. ADSD will reach out to her with more information.

## 2. Public Comment Regarding any Other Issue

- **Action Item:** Dawna Brown, Pyramid Lake Health Director, spoke about issues with the Washoe County Coroner's Office and death certificates. DPBH will have program staff follow up and connect with her to help assist in resolving the issue.
- **Action Item:** Health Director's would like to have a separate meeting with DHHS regarding Title III & Title VI at a Health Director' monthly meeting. The meeting was scheduled and completed in the

November Tribal Health Director's meeting.

3. **Cultural Closing** – provided by Angie Wilson, Washoe Health Director.
4. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned by Delaney Mercer.