

DASA Jan 7, 2008

Welcome Roger & Doug

Invocation - Helen Feinrich

Introductions

Carlos Arroyo – Skokomish
Deb Norberg – Cowlitz
Ben Descoteaux – Colville
Dave Hagan – Quinault
June O'Brien – Squaxin Island
Rebecca Perk – Samish
Jennifer LaPointe – Puyallup
Colleen Cawston- IPSS
Ed reser – Stillaguamish - phone
Roger
Pam
Thuy
Sandra

Overview –

Options were shared-

Letter sent to the Tribal Leaders options

Question regarding status of Tom Ashley request for a letter assuring no back payments from tribes. Thuy will obtain letter of assurance from Robin Arnold Williams

Stopgap plan to be reexamined w/i is until June (Spring) 2009- or until an alternate plan/process is developed.

Sept 1 Admin budgets go to Gov.

Gov required to get budget data out by the 3rd wk of Dec.

Update response by June 1 2009. Resolution discussion on June 9, 2009

IS there interest on the tribal accounts and will the interest go back to the tribe?

Tribal Presentation

Tribes agree with Stillaguamish recommendations as an interim solution.

- Require that transactions be electronic by the tribe to the state to the tribe from the state.
- Second the money is kept in a special acct by the state for this transfer.
- The money is held no longer than 5 days by the state before being returned to the tribe.

Incorporate encounter rate match \$ request in the monthly HRSA wkgrp mtg

Set up conference calls -

Tribes are pretty much in agreement with Stillaguamish proposal as an interim solution.

Tribes wish to support the state in a budget proposal.

Discussion

Request for two data sets

- Amount the state would have paid if they were reimbursed for services to non-native at the county FFS / negotiated rate.
- Amount of the actual costs
- Wants the data for the Feb mtg to begin strategizing for a budget request,
- Help state understand the impact to the community and services if the tribe was not serving those non-natives

State needs to understand there are 3 win-wins for the state and tribes

- Tribes are serving clients that might not get services
- Tribes are in the same fiscal situation as the state- tribes budgets are allocated already
- Tribes get a better reimbursement than they would from the county.

Next Steps

Need to get tribal finance people at the table soon

Thuy - would get the needs of OFM identified and send to the tribes and fiscal staff- Will host a conference call after to respond to question

DASA will send out

- Medicaid rates –
- Outpatient vendor rate study

Will develop a group to conference call to develop data report;
Going around table – obtain individual tribal decisions;

Thuy will go back to Treasurer's office

Ed Reser – Stillaguamish – phone

- Require that transactions be electronic by the tribe to the state to the tribe from the state. For those tribes
- Second the money is kept in a special acct by the state for this transfer. Each tribe would have a separate account
- The money is held no longer than 5 days by the state before being returned to the tribe. This is an audit issue for the tribes. 5 days is the max the Still tribe feels comfortable with the state holding the meeting. Thuy needs to research with state the shortest turnaround time in order to guarantee. May not be able to meet a 5 day turnaround if paper claims are used.
- In agreement of Monthly basis of billing.

Deb Norberg – Cowlitz

In agreement w/ Option 1. Was in agreement of up to 3 weeks

Carlos Arroyo – Skokomish

In concurrence with Cowlitz.

Ben Descoteaux – Colville

Greatest concern from tribe that services need to be able to be served to the entire family in a holistic way. Passed out point of concern from Colville. In concurrence with Caucus.

Dave Hagan – Quinault

Needs to go back to the tribe.

June O'Brien – Squaxin Island

Concur with Opt 1

? of whether there will be a request for capital improvements funding...Capital needs report. Doug – DASA needs to find an alternative request stream for inpatient facilities.

Rebecca Perk – Samish

In concurrence

Needs to restste - This needs to have a formal resolution from the state

Jennifer LaPointe – Puyallup

Puyallup concurs and is willing to work with Thuy to develop a package ? Financial group- no matter what the discussion. Set up a finance meeting Set up a finance mtg- after the 15th.

Helen Feinrich- Tulalip

Concurs with option 1 with inclusion of concerns. comments

Follow – up by State

Letter to tribes