

## South Dakota Health Care Solutions Coalition Conference Call

Meeting Notes 6/30/2016

**Attendees:** Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Lynne Valenti, Tony Venhuizen, Terry Dosch, Dr. Mary Carpenter, Scott Duke & Gil Johnson, Mark Quasney, Steve Emery, Janet Jessup, Nick Kotzea, Monica Huber, Mark East, Jennifer Stalley, Deb Fischer-Clemens

Kim Malsam-Rysdon opened the call and introduced the participants.

Tony Venhuizen walked the Coalition members through the Governor's recent decision not to call a special session due to legislators indicating a need for more time to understand the funding plan to support expansion without costs to the state. The next opportunity to get legislative support for expansion will be in the regular 2017 legislative session.

While we are not pursuing a special legislative session this summer, work continues to fine-tune elements of the funding plan. Conversations with IHS and CMS/HHS are ongoing and the federal commitment remains strong. The implementation teams are continuing to work; the group discussed updates in several areas:

### *Policy Operations*

The group continues discussing broad aspects that affect all of the implementation teams, including medical records sharing, payment processes and the draft provider agreement. They have focused on the patient identification process in order to give providers new tools to access the information. The group's goal is to conclude their work on July 15.

### *Telehealth*

This group will begin work once IHS makes the selection for the telehealth services contract. The RFP was published in May of 2016 with proposals due July 7<sup>th</sup> and then IHS will work through the selection process. The telehealth implementation team will be organized to work through implementation processes.

### *Behavioral Health*

This group is focusing work on recommendations from the Behavioral Health subcommittee with emphasis on behavioral health health homes and community mental health centers. The group has been discussing technical assistance opportunities for IHS and Tribal programs. There is a Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board meeting on July 21 to discuss possibilities to get more community mental health centers accredited, specifically in Rosebud and Rapid City Indian Health Services. . The group will meet again July 28<sup>th</sup>.

### *Alternative Services Delivery Model (IHS Satellite Clinic)*

The group developed a draft proposal and shared it with the Department of Health and Human Services. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) are being considered with possible pilot sites at Urban Indian Health centers in Sioux Falls and Pierre, and FQHC sites in Mission and Rapid City. This requires a facility use agreement in place between IHS and the site in order to fund the clinic, and IHS provided a short sample use agreement. The group meets again July 14<sup>th</sup> to further discuss details. The group also needs to determine how services will be billed. The group has a plan to implement additional sites in future years.

### *Hospital Care Coordination*

This group focuses on situations where patients are eligible for services through IHS but may or may not start at IHS. The group is working through how patients access care today, how referrals from IHS are handled today, and how to make sure we have adequate, streamlined processes in the future for situations where 100 percent federal funding can be captured. This also impacts medical records sharing. The group meets again July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Discussion

Sec. Steve Emery noted that the tribes remain supportive and want to take a more active role in supporting the work of the Coalition and the potential for Medicaid expansion.

There are ongoing efforts to provide information points relative to expansion. If any members are hearing questions or comments, please share them with Kim.

Other states are also working to implement the federal policy change (ND, MT) and have reached out to learn from SD. The care coordination agreements are intended to work in all states.

Another update conference call will be scheduled in September.