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Dine Local Collaborative #15

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Medicaid Cost Containment

- Medicaid is an important funding stream for I.H.S. and 638 tribal behavioral health programs, particularly for McKinley County, where the Native population at 62,153 (77.9% of county population), and where the medium income is $19,769, and where children under the age of 21 who live at or below the poverty line is 43% of the population.

- Medicaid is also an important funding for the off reservation Title V (urban health programs) but also for Native Americans (who live on and off reservation) who utilize non-I.H.S. / 638 health services.

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- Invitation was sent out via email to Region Six to develop and ad hoc “Indian Country Medicaid workgroup”, to give an opportunity for open dialogue, problem identification, impacts and possible solutions. We had two meetings so far.

- A draft policy brief was sent out on the LC 15 list serves (3 google groups) for input. The draft is still open for discussion and revision. A second draft was sent out to the workgroup in addition to a NM Native American fact sheet that also had some ARRA and CHIPRA considerations. To date, there have been no responses or input.

Native H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Endure) Native American Youth training Sept. 28 to Oct. 1:

- 129 Native American Youth trained to identify the risk factors for suicide and to refer to community resources (Navajo Area I.H.S.); also trained to address substance abuse, domestic violence, bullying,

- Crownpoint High School is located in “McKinley County” Eastern Navajo Agency (see data on county above)

- Crownpoint Youth identified their strengths and threats, and put together a youth driven vision for their own community. Top two health priorities identified by Crownpoint Youth:

  ✓ Substance Abuse
  ✓ Teen Pregnancy

- This is also training for community. It is a community assets and capacity training for all community programs, consumers, families, tribal and federal.

- Our participants: Total Community Approach LC 15, Chair and three consumers, Family Harmony Project (Domestic Violence), Office of Dine Youth and the Boys and Girls Clubs, Project Northland (TCA), Crownpoint Teen Court (TCA); Coalition for Healthy and Resilient Youth (TCA); one Vista worker from CHRY; Navajo DBHS Preventionist (1) and (2) counselors; Navajo Area I.H.S. Coordinated School Health; Navajo Area I.H.S. mental health services (New Horizon); Crownpoint High School counselor; Navajo Nation Courts: Probation and Parole Services;

- Action Plan: Youth in Action with the TCA project will be working with Youth at the Crownpoint High School to develop a Youth Advisory Group to address the barriers identified in their training and to inform policy makers at the local, state and tribal levels about their needs.

- Funding provided through the NM Department of Health Office of School Adolescent Health

Total Community Approach-LC 15:

- Optum Health is the “project manager”

- Project Northland and Crownpoint Teen Court remain unfunded (July-Oct 2009) 4 months

- TCA Coordinator is “supervised” by Optum Health

- PMS – CHRY is currently providing community based prevention and facilitation services

- Navajo DBHS YTCC (Treatment): unknown. State/Optum Health won’t share data or information with me.