

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
Annual Conference 2014, Pendleton, OR
September 22-23, 2014 2014

DISCUSSION

1. Washington State University is investigating the possibility of a community-based medical school on the WSU Spokane campus – hoping it will lead to more Natives graduating from health professions.
2. Dental Health Aid Therapist (DHAT) – Rep. Sherry Appleton introduced a ‘tribal only’ bill in the House. She needs the tribes to weigh in on this; tribes have to do this themselves; not tribal organizations. This will support Sen. McCoy’s bill.
3. Contract Support Costs – Dr. Roubideaux held a CSC on September 21, 2014 and it was stated that the \$45 million that was needed for CSC claims is now reduced to \$25 million; this money will probably come from Headquarters.
4. ACA – Training was held in Seattle about a month ago and it was well attended by tribes. Tribes are seeing CHS savings. The Portland Area Health Board is available to do site visits to do trainings. The Health Board hopes to have another similar training in the future.
5. Washington State Mental Health Updates: Tribal Evaluation and Treatment Facility and Tribal-centric – Washington State has a Washington State Behavioral Task Force with only one seat for tribal representation. There are funds set aside in the State budget for the tribal evaluation and treatment facility. A resolution will be brought to the floor asking that all 3 states to appoint representation on Legislative Governor Appointed Committees
6. South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency received a 6-month grant from Washington State Accountable Communities of Health; it was stated that the Washington State Health Care Authority and Accountable Communities of Health have not had tribal consultation with Washington tribes. A letter, referencing the centennial accord, jointly with AIHC, Portland Area Health Board and ATNI will be sent with a path of how to work on this with tribes; a sample letter to tribes to send their own letter.

ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution Title: Recommend OMB Request and Congress Provide Additional CSC Funding in Continuing Resolution and FY2016 Budget

Minutes/Report submitted by: _____
Committee Chair