

**2008 ANNUAL SELF-GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE**  
*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tribal Self-Governance: Celebrating Excellence*  
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**BREAKOUT SESSION 6:**  
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY – FISCAL YEAR 2010 INFORMATION**  
**TECHNOLOGY PACKAGES**

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Presentations:

T. Cullen- Update on IT

OIT Service Packages – New Proposals for considerations during 2010 Negotiations (Power Point Presentation)

- Work in Progress – some things are closer to completion than others
  - OIT knows that costs are an important issue and is doing everything they can to address these issues.
  - Available to help answer questions.
  
  - No proposed changes for FY 2008/2009
  - Why Modernize OIT Packages?
    - Interdependency, Equity, Efficiency
  - Rapidly Changing Technology Climate
    - Rapid Technology, Variety of Customer Needs, Adapting Packages to Change
  - Existing Support Packages – Review
  - 3 New Packages- match the IHS investments in IT. Coordinates with IHS Budget submissions
  - National Data Warehouse System –
  - IOAT – Security maintenance on WAN
    - This investment is going to be called Enterprise Security and Technical Support by 2010. Same costs and same shares and will include IOAT Functions
  - RPMS – become one support package. Now includes system support packages
  - Cost of Existing Support Packages vs. Cost of new Support Packages
    - Old packages did not accurately reflect actual costs.
    - New Packages reflect actual costs; OIT service cost is low compared to the private sector provision of the same services.
- HSPD-12 Overview (Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12)
- Mandates a Government-wide standard for identification
  - IHS is interpreting this legislation and this is today's understanding.

- Personal Identification Cards for access to facilities and systems
  - Typically these systems require a user name and passwords, i.e. HHS Mail
  - Tribal employees submitting data to NDW do not log on, do not have access
- Tribal Impact of HSPD-12
  - PIV case are given if T.E. in Federal facilities and T.E. who accesses Federal System for prolonged (weekly)
- PIV- requires background investigation
- Federal employees are getting cards; goal is FY 08

Kathleen Federico -

#### Update on Interconnect Security Agreements

- IHS is working on interpreting FISMA
- T/U own data and are not operating on behalf of the Feds for purposes of meeting FISMA requirements.
  - Tribes do not need Certification and accreditation
    - Except where a federally-controlled RPMS server is located on a T/U site, then do need to meet FISMA requirements.
- T/U with a direct connection to comply with ISA
  - Must be implemented within 12 months (currently fall 2008)
- MOU and ISA = implementation
- MOU is a management agreement – defines roles and responsibilities.
- ISA is a technical document – has specific requirements
- OIT is developing consistent agreements. Currently, there are 3 templates to cover the typical connections in I/T/U
- DTL letter sent out in November 2007. Policy is now going under final IHS review.

Question: (Greg Anderson) Feels that the templates are beyond the government-government relationship. Specifics should require negotiations. Suggests that the Tribes might stop negotiations.

Answer: Dr. Cullen, the Information Security Advisory Council.(ISAC) includes specific data connections. Maybe we could pull the templates if this is some concern.

#### Chuck Walt - Evolution of Technology – Are we progressing or regressing – A Tribal Perspective

- Transforming Health Care- Federal initiative, IHS mandated but how do we pay for this?
- ISAC - assures flexible information infrastructure.
- ISAC Priorities - future initiatives including billing/revenue Generation Cost avoidance, electronic health record and Master Person Index.
- IHS spends 2% of budget for OIT
- \$28 per patient currently; ½ of that for government mandates and security then \$14.00 is available for patient care.

- What does Self-Governance Allow Tribes to Do – identifying the problem (2% spending) and take action to correct the problem.

Q: Are IHS Health Clinics in N. California required to do an ISA?

A: Are you a tribally operated/Tribally owned system? A: yes

A: If you own your server then you will need some kind of agreement but it will be very basic.

Q: When will that be? A: a year from when the policy is signed which we hope is

Q: What is the progress of acquiring off-the shelf patient management.

A: OIT has core competencies . Recognize that the packages don't meet T/U needs. Asked for input for requirements. Sent to GSA for a contract for alternative analysis. This analysis will tell us what is available in the private and public sector. At GSA, 3 weeks to go out. 3 months we will get a report that will tell us what vendor is the best to provide us with our requirements. As soon as the analysis is in, we will start writing an interface for the chosen vendor. This is important for sites that have high private insurance billing. The prototype for this process is the IHS dental package. Hopefully ready in Calendar Year

Q: Will Tribal sites get line item funding for improving IT patient systems?

A: There is no current line item on what we do on these applications now. Each cost cannot be pulled out.

Follow up question: Is there funding for expanding and improving other systems used other than RPMS. Currently RPMS is not useful for 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing. Site needs other technology and would like to do expansion on their own.

A: If a self-governance Tribe can retain shares they contract for and put towards some other 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing or practice management systems.

Q: During Tribal Caucus there was discussion regarding Real I.D. is that an IT issue.

A: No

Note to Group: Other federal agencies are also dealing with FISMA and HSPD-12. Tribes may have to deal with this issue in other arenas.