

Session 6: Multi Agency Collaboration on Behavioral Health

RPMS pulls together data from lots of programs

Behavioral Health System v4.0

RPMS EHR

Integrate specific programs suicide prevention, meth prevention etc with primary care, primary screening

Improved use of data increase funding because it shows hard data with programs working and outcomes

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Came back to Millie Lacs, tribal liaison to self gov council between IHS and self gov tribes.

Work with IHS, SAMHSA, other tribes and tribal entities

Indian Health SYSTEM: Tribal, Urban, IHS

Long term behavioral health (BH)

OMB has put great pressure on investigating whether programs are effective, what are the outcomes

We have greater authority to use money, we need to collect much more comprehensive data.

3 Questions for behavior health service providers: see slideshow

How many people do we help?

How are clients better off, what are outcomes

Increased accountability from OMB under threat of losing funding. How to measure successes and outcomes

Many programs include screening related activities.

Challenges to Committee: develop a BH performance measurement that truly reflects needs of IHS system.

Possibility: SAMHSA already has really good reporting mechanism, perhaps we can look at their reporting style. Make sure we are on the same page, standardize info collection standards, report back on same type of information.

Tribal/Urban/IHS (T/U/I) stakeholders , reduce redundant reporting demands , collaborate with other larger partner organizations, narrow down what performance measures will be, how reports are given.

Which performance metrics should the IHS use.

Make sure they are OMB and HHS approved.

Advisory committee needs more input and involvement – please get involved!

Comments:

- look at cultural understanding and context for programs

- when I go to primary care outside IHS I get screening questions: are you depressed, do you use alcohol etc etc... does IHS do this?

- young people need to learn cultural values of health and wellness. Bottom line of problems: parents not imparting cultural values to younger generation, parents need to take an active role in language, values promotion.

- some of our traditional medicine people do not speak English

- sometimes when students come back to Indian Country with degrees, people in tribe tell them they need to come back to tribe – "decolonize" their brain forget white ideas, and learn cultural,

- we bailed out of RPMS because it was very difficult to use, we got very proficient at using it but when we had a problem we had to call Albuquerque and they wouldn't get back to us for days and days and they would say we don't know.

- we have a huge mistrust of government because government has misused our information. we do not participate in information collection because we have a very small tribe of 55 people if you report information – unless its very heavily aggregated you can trace it back to who it is. We know our community, we can identify who needs help, we need money to help fund programs. We see historical trauma becoming generational trauma and we would prefer to spend more money on behavioral health than prisons .

- concerns on over prescriptions of pain management pills, very easy to become addicted. Look at ways of preventing injuries, preventing chronic pain instead of just prescribing pain pills that do not fix the root problem. Pain pill addiction creates gateway to other harder drugs. This is a national problem!

Ron Lessard: comments: we need to involve youth in meth prevention efforts, so often it is older tribal members saying this is what we need to do. We want young people involved in every taskforce. Comment from youth: Elders youth and families need to reconnect, strengthen community, generational bonds. Sometimes youth have too much time on their hands so they said lets create afterschool programs. Another program is foster grandparent program, grandparents receiving stipend to take care of several grandchildren. We want to expand opportunities for tribal youth so they have things to do, things to learn ways to be part of community. Hoopa Valley tribe has a really great youth disaster response training program, give them something to be part of. Work with tribal colleges, one tribal college: students designed and built own solar panel, support for AmeriCorps funding for projects to get community involved in service and volunteering.

www.nationalservice.gov new website up

- Audience comment - We need more chances to show gov agencies that tribal projects do work, please make sure that national grant programs have tribal set aside it is very hard for us to compete nationally but if there is a smaller pool where just tribes compete it gives us better odds.

- Ron Comment – the more we have apply, the larger possibility for tribal set aside or large appropriations. We need to tell our stories and talk about successes.