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Tribal Leaders & Self-Governance Coordinators:

Please share the following information with your Tribal Leaders and all interested parties in your area. Thank you.



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OPM Establishes Tribal/Federal Technical Work Group

Friday, July 29, 2011 the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) sent a request for tribal leaders to nominate members of their Indian Health Service region to serve on a Tribal/Federal Technical Work Group. This work group will assist with technical and operational details related to implementation of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) enrollment and premium collection systems.

Nominees "should have sufficient knowledge about existing tribal health care enrollment and payroll systems to provide input as to the technical capabilities of their tribe, and other region." Nominated individuals do not have to be elected or appointed tribal leaders, but must be nominated by a tribal official. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, August 19, 2011 and should be submitted to tribalprograms@opm.gov.

Click [here](#) to see OPM's announcement.

State Health Insurance Exchanges Status Report

Participating in the development of State Health Insurance Exchanges is important for tribal communities and the work is moving quickly. The Medicare and Medicaid Policy Committee (MMPC) released a status report on planning for health insurance exchanges to help tribal leaders and technical experts better understand the work needed over the next three years. The status report reviews current and anticipated regulation development activities under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), on-going workgroup, state, and consultation activities. If you are interested in participating on the committee contact [Tyra Baer](#) at the National Indian Health Board.

Click [here](#) to read the status report.

IHS Provides Update on IHCIA Behavioral Health Provisions

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), released two documents required under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) on Friday, July 29, 2011. Section 127 of IHCIA required IHS to develop a behavioral health hiring plan. The plan includes four phases – national analysis, tribal consultation, and recruitment that IHS will implement over the course of a year in addition to the ongoing program execution and management. Additionally, section 702 of IHCIA required IHS to conduct an inpatient needs assessment within one year of passage of the law. IHS completed the assessment by the statutory deadline and includes a general assessment and discussion of psychiatric inpatient needs, the availability and cost of existing psychiatric inpatient services, what existing medical/surgical beds, if any, might be available for conversion, and gives an array of possible actions to address inpatient psychiatric needs.

Click [here](#) to find IHS' Behavioral Health Hiring Plan and [here](#) for the Behavioral Health Inpatient Needs Assessment.

Behavioral Health Resource Materials Now Available

On Monday, August 1, 2011, three documents were released at the IHS/BIA/BIE/SAMHSA 2011 Action Summit for Suicide Prevention in Scottsdale, AZ – the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) National Behavioral Health Strategic Plan, the AI/AN National Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan, and the AI/AN Behavioral Health Briefing Book.

AI/AN National Behavioral Health Strategic Plan

The AI/AN National Behavioral Health Strategic Plan was prepared collaboratively between IHS Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), the IHS National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health (NTAC), and the IHS National Behavioral Health Work Group (BHWG). This strategic plan is intended to inform the individual and collective efforts of substance abuse, mental health, and social work providers working in the IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health programs. This strategic plan responds to the growing evidence about how behavior and lifestyle affect health conditions.

Click [here](#) to read the National Behavioral Health Strategic Plan.

AI/AN National Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan

The AI/AN National Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan is a comprehensive and integrated approach to reducing the loss and suffering from suicide and suicidal behaviors. It brings together multiple disciplines, perspectives, and resources to create an integrated system where services can be accessed across multiple settings. According to the plan, IHS, DBH, NTAC, BHWG and the Suicide Prevention Committee will work collaboratively over the next three years to put this strategic plan into place.

Click [here](#) to read the National Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan.

AI/AN Behavioral Health Briefing Book

The AI/AN Behavioral Health Briefing Book is intended to provide context for the AI/AN National Strategic Plans on Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention, both finalized in 2011. The plans identify priorities, goals, and strategic action steps to further develop this system of care, and to better address behavioral health concerns in Indian Country. It is intended to inform the individual and collective efforts of substance abuse, mental health, and social work providers working in IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health programs.

Click [here](#) to read the Behavioral Health Briefing Book.

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