Indian Health Service Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Updates

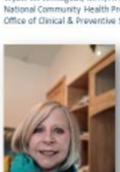
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Update Items

- •Workgroups for NSP (DHA, BHA, CHA SME's)
- NCB Charter
- Standards and Procedures
- Project Timeline additional detail regarding the SORN and NSP steps



National CHAP Workgroups

- -Tasked with working National Standards and Procedures
- Looking for members from each area to each specialty workgroup
- -Each group has it's own workgroup and Federal Lead
 - -CHA Dion Reid
 - -BHA Bobby Jo Peltier
 - -DHA Dr. Cheryl Sikiller



NCB Charter Update & Discussion

- NCB Charter & DTLL finalized consultation version with legal recommendation for privilege preservation.
- Purpose: Ensure transparency & inclusivity, shared with CHAP TAG/Tribal consultation, redline edits for discussion.
- Alignment: Suggestions underwent review to meet regulatory & policy requirements.
- •CHAP Team: Facilitate process, distribute consultation version.
- •Importance of CHAP TAG: Provide insights, shape final version through feedback.
- Collaborative Approach: Engage stakeholders & experts for comprehensive NCB Charter.
- Next Steps: Share version with CHAP TAG for constructive discussions & refinement.
- •Goal: Meet regulatory requirements, serve all parties' interests.

Area Certification Boards

- Each Area will have final say on the makeup of their certification board
- Area Certification Boards will set standards and procedures that meet or exceed NSP
- ACB will have an Academic review component
- This is the body that will certify CHAs, BHAs, and DHAs in their respective Areas



System of Records Update

•SORN draft package submitted to OPM and Congress, expecting it back October 18th.

•Next steps:

- Publish in the Federal Register for 30 day comment period
- All comments reviewed
- Changes made if appropriate
- o If changes are substantial, the SORN is republished for an additional 30 days
- If no changes are made, the SORN goes into effect
- National CHAP Application Form will go for approval with OPM while the SORN is posted on the Federal Register.

National Standards and Procedures

- •The review of the NSP were agreed upon to be done through the workgroups within the CHAP TAG in preparation for consultation.
- •This approach is intended to streamline preparing for Tribal consultation. The intended steps were:
 - CHAP TAG appoints workgroup members
 - CHAP HQ Leads will meet at least once a month with the workgroups
 - CHAP HQ Leads will update the CHAP TAG at each monthly meeting on behalf of each workgroup of the developments
 - O Pending finalization of initial review, CHAP HQ Leads and workgroup will present their recommendations to the CHAP TAG
 - IHS will issue Tribal consultation including all the CHAP TAG recommendations born out of the workgroups

CMS and State Plan Amendments

- Oregon was able to get SPA in place relatively easily
- Washington SPA was not granted and Washington Health Authority and Swinomish Tribe petitioned the 9th Circuit Court overturning the CMS decision
- Idaho is in the process of putting a SPA in place



Looking Forward

Next CHAP TAG Meeting (Tentative):

December in Alaska pending Alaska Area approvals.

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Resources

- •IHS CHAP Site
- •IHS Community Education
- Alaska CHAP Site
- CHAP Policy
- •CHAP TAG Charter
- Northwest Portland Area CHAP



