

## **PROGRAM DIRECTORS FOLLOW-UP CALL NOTES**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

**2:00pm-3:00pm (PT)**

### Updates on Needs of California Tribal Healthcare Programs

- Consolidated Tribal Health Project, Inc. (CTHP):
  - o Utilizing local mental health professional for support
  - o Thanked Lake County Tribal Health Consortium who also offered mental health services
  - o Received filters and have some stationed in clinic
  - o Communicated with Sonoma County Indian Health Project over the weekend and offered to expand hours/services if there is a need for their clients to come up there, but they haven't heard back
- Sonoma County Indian Health Project (SCIHP):
  - o Reopened clinic yesterday, 10/16 after shutting down all last week.
  - o Distributed face masks and toiletries to their Tribal members
  - o Filled 647 prescriptions (new record for clinic), but are concerned with air quality inside Tribal members' homes
  - o Utilizing filters from Karuk and the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB), and attempting to order 600 more filters from CRIHB
  - o CRIHB Pharmacist on-site yesterday, but they are fully staffed for pharmacy
  - o CRIHB Medical Director, Public Health Nurse, and Behavioral Health Physician are also on-site and will stay thru Thursday to assist with 200+ medically fragile patients
  - o Most of the staff are back at the clinic, and they may not need volunteers
  - o Collecting data on how many people have been evacuated, etc. (to justify emergency funds)
- Lake County Tribal Health Consortium:
  - o Clinic is open and operating a regular schedule
  - o Reached out to CTHP and offered an LCSW, and will extend the same offer to SCIHP
  - o Elem Tribal members were able to return home after being evacuated
  - o Currently can't spare any primary care providers, but have a public health nurse ready for deployment

### Update on Distribution of Masks & HEPA Filters:

- HEPA Filters have been donated from Karuk and distributed to SCIHP, CTHP, and LCTHC
- Eight more small units available if SCIHP needs more

### Volunteers:

- Feather River Tribal Health volunteered trailer to house staff at CTHP, but no utility hook-ups are available
- Several programs offered telemedicine services

### Liability Concerns:

- The Indian Health Manual has methodology for disasters. If an emergency is declared, the CEO of the program may grant disaster privileges and accept providers with a license to practice and

a photo identification. In summary, tort coverage is not an issue if the provider is coming from another Tribal or urban Indian healthcare program.

Additional Resources:

- The IHS TRANSAM Project has the ability to request equipment from GSA. They are currently looking for mobile housing units for IHS.
- Other resources will be distributed following this call.

Wrap-up:

- A number of CTHP's Tribal members do not live on rancherias, and they are seeking a resource to identify AI/AN who lost their homes. Southern suggested reaching out to the Red Cross and the county. IHS suggested contacting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who provides individual assistance, including those that don't have insurance. Some of the Tribes have been in contact with their membership, but that's up to each Tribal office. SCIHP said most of their Tribal members live off the reservation.
- SCIHP asked if IHS has any discretionary funds, and Ms. Miller agreed to work with them on requesting the IHS Director's Emergency Funds if they compile a list of needs.
- SCIHP requested flyer on steps to improve air quality in homes, as Tribal members are concerned with the changing weather. IHS sent out information to healthcare program directors, and will forward it to Silver Galletto.
- IHS suggested utilizing air conditioning in homes and reaching out to Home Depot for filters, but many of the Tribal homes don't have air conditioning and the demand for filters from Home Depot is high in the Santa Rosa Area. CRIHB is attempting to procure filters directly from the manufacturer. CRIHB asked if the U.S. General Services Administration could assist with this, but IHS thinks the issue is locating the filters (possibly from out-of-state). IHS reached out to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) for emergency supplies and is waiting to hear back.
- IHS will distribute additional filters to SCIHP.
- Southern Indian Health Council suggested stocking up on inhalers for elders and youth.
- No additional conference calls will be scheduled. The IHS will speak with SCIHP and CTHP directly.