

Program Directors Call

October 13, 2017

11:00am-12:00pm (PT)

- I. Reports from California Tribal Healthcare Programs
 - a. Sonoma County Indian Health Project (SCIHP)
 - Currently closed
 - Air quality in clinic is bad
 - Plan on reopening Monday, October 16
 - Distributed 1000+ masks to Tribal members
 - Issues with medications (only have 2 pharmacies for refills, patients evacuated to Sacramento and other areas cannot get medications)
 - Many in community with no power, no internet
 - Need portable HEPA filters
 - Need staff (doctors, nurses, MAs, behavioral health staff)
 - CRIHB offered to send a physician and nurse to SCIHP
 - b. Consolidated Tribal Health Project, Inc. (CTHP)
 - Open all week (first two days as drop-in center, kept schedule for remainder of week)
 - Lost about 6 homes on the reservation
 - Potter and Sherwood areas were evacuated
 - Hopland Tribe offered their facilities as shelters
 - Distributed 1000+ masks
 - Provided dental supplies to those evacuated in Hopland
 - Air quality in clinic is bad
 - Need portable HEPA filters
 - Need staff (behavioral health staff to go to reservation)
 - c. Lake County Tribal Health Consortium, Inc. (LCTHC)
 - Open all week and expanding hours at satellite clinics
 - Providing personnel for evacuation center/shelter
 - Offered to see CTHP's patients (attempting to expedite new patient registration process)
 - Mandatory evacuations for one of their Rancherias
 - Access issues with road closures
 - Distributed masks
 - No needs at this time
- II. Discussion Items
 - a. Air Quality
 - To mitigate smoke:
 - Install HEPA filters in A/C (IHS/CAO is looking to provide mobile air filters)
 - Recycle air on air conditioning system (don't bring outside air in)
 - New industrial systems may be able to adjust levels of outside air coming in
 - For more information regarding air quality issues, contact Tim.Shelhamer@ihs.gov, Sandra.Mastandrea@ihs.gov, and Paul.Frazier@ihs.gov

- Karuk offered several pallets full of filters
 - IHS/CAO agreed to transport them from Yreka. Karuk will e-mail Beverly Miller with details
- SCIHP is working with CRIHB to provide portable air filters for patients with respiratory issues
- b. Mental Health Professionals
 - SCIHP and CTHP need at least one counselor for both adults and children for an estimated two weeks (but unsure of timeframe since fire is unpredictable)
 - Housing is an issue for volunteer behavioral health staff
 - Feather River Tribal Health (FRTH) offered their portable trailer for housing behavioral health staff
 - FRTH has telepsychiatry for kids and can send two psychotherapists for a couple of days
 - SCIHP and CTHP clarified that supplies are not needed, just staff
 - To volunteer mental health professionals, contact Beverly.Miller@ihs.gov
- c. Pharmacy Issues
 - SCIHP needs a pharmacist to assist during this emergency
 - CRIHB said they may be able to send someone and will reach out to SCIHP
 - CTHP has no pharmacy issues/needs at this time
 - For more information regarding pharmacy issues, contact Charles.Magruder@ihs.gov and Sonal.Goyal@ihs.gov
- d. Billing for Patients
 - DHCS reported that Medi-Cal is allowing inter-county transfers during this emergency. They will expedite the process to move patients from one managed care plan to another so they are covered.
 - DHCS is meeting with SAMHSA later today to discuss additional resources available.
 - For more information regarding billing issues, contact Toni.Johnson@ihs.gov
- III. Wrap-up
 - IHS/CAO will e-mail all California healthcare programs to request volunteer healthcare professionals for SCIHP and CTHP
 - IHS/IHS/CAO will reimburse the volunteers' travel expenses
 - **Follow-up call scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 2:00PM (PT)**
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