

**Great Plains Area  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee  
FY2019 1st Quarter Report  
Aug – Sep 2019**

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**Goal 1: To ensure that comprehensive, culturally appropriate personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people**

- The Belcourt Hospital worked in collaboration with the Rolette County Veterans Services Office for an upcoming VA conference where the Hospital will have a booth promoting healthcare.
- The Belcourt Hospital renewed their Baby & Me-Tobacco Free grant through the North Dakota Department of Health.
- Fort Thompson Health Center staff attended the first learning session for emerging behavioral health leaders and will participate in a yearlong program.
- Fort Thompson Health Center staff attended the 2019 National Clinical and Community Based Services Conference held in Portland, Oregon. They completed the train the trainer for opioid overdose reversal with naloxone.
- Fort Thompson Health Center staff attended the 2019 Diabetes in Indian Country Conference in Oklahoma City, OK.
- In partnership with BIA Office of Justice Services and the Indian Police Academy, IHS hosted and participated in a community outreach event for Opioid/Heroin Awareness with information presented on trends and the impact to tribal communities on August 22, 2019.
- Fort Thompson Health Center Public Health Nursing worked in partnership with RAI Head Start and Thrivent to host a children’s safety awareness event on August 21, 2019.
- Fort Thompson Health Center conducted a Youth Mental Health First Aid training for Chamberlain Schools and the RAI Head Start program.
- The Sisseton Health Center filled ten (10) staffing positions including a Pharmacy Resident who will be working at the Health Center for one year.
- The Sisseton Health Center finalized an agreement on Naloxone with Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe and their Tribal Police department. The IHS pharmacy staff provided training to the Tribal Police on properly maintaining and administrating Naloxone.
- The Sisseton Health Center Radiology Department was remodeled for mammography and ultrasound services. An open-house is scheduled for October 8 to coincide with the first in-house IHS performed mammography services.
- Wagner Health Center Staff attended multiple Flood Response Meetings on the Yankton Sioux Reservation.
- The Wagner Health Center and the Yankton Sioux Tribe provided training on Narcan (an opioid antidote) to local law enforcement, three school nurses, treatment center staff and housing security officers on June 11, 2019.
- The Rapid City Health Center continued to transition alongside the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board’s newly established Oyate Health Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. Both programs are working through challenges to ensure Health Care is accessible to the beneficiaries in the Rapid City area.
- The Kyle Health Center on the Pine Ridge Reservation opened operations within a new building expansion offering expanded Dental and Healthcare services.

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**Goal 2: To promote excellence and quality through innovation of the Indian health system into an optimally performing organization**

- Belcourt Hospital maintained their Joint Commission Hospital & Lab Accreditation.
- Belcourt Hospital became a Diabetes Education Accreditation Program.
- Belcourt Hospital enrolled as a North Dakota Medicaid as Transportation Provider and can now bill for mileage when transferring patients to appointments.
- Fort Thompson Health Center participated in an Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) in September and anticipates the designation as Patient Centered Medical Home.
- Fort Thompson Health Center Staff worked on a telehealth project through the science of improvement.
- Fort Thompson Health Center developed a dashboard for the HIM department to standardize a measurement guiding the work.
- The Fort Thompson Health Center partnered with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe for a 4 Directions walk to promote healthy living, and participated in the tribe's annual parade.
- The Fort Thompson Health Center met with South Dakota State University to address critical areas of need with early intervention for pre-school aged children. In partnership working with the local RAI Head Start and SDSU graduate students.
- The Fort Thompson Health Center met with Better Choices/Better Health (BC/BH), a program aimed at a multi-faceted approach to chronic disease management and diabetic management, to address a training plan for staff. The overall goal is to optimize more staff to be able to provide in-home services to improve the overall management of chronic disease.
- The Sisseton Health Center completed the tri-annual accreditation survey from The Joint Commission (TJC) on August 8 & 9. During the TJC survey, the service unit applied for Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) certification. The surveyors said once TJC receives and accepts the POA, the service unit will be PCMH certified.
- The Sisseton Health Center has achieved 25/26 GPRA measures.
- Wagner Health Center Nursing staff attended the AMI Training in Rapid City and are actively participating in the AMI Charter for GPA Nursing Workforce.
- The Wagner Health Center is developing a policy to provide medication assisted treatment to patients suffering from opioid addiction.
- Wagner Health Center Public Health Nursing and Diabetes hosted two diabetes prevention day camps that included kayaking, fishing, archery, physical activity and nutrition education. There were 56 youth that attended. The program included a partnership with the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks.
- The Rosebud Hospital opened a new 19 Unit Apartment Complex with single bedroom apartments offering both short and long term rental units.

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- The Wagner Health Center Diabetes Program hosted an Annual Diabetes Conference. Presentations were presented on Diabetes Program activities, managing hypoglycemia, gestational diabetes, WIC program, container gardening, CHO counting, exercise, behavioral health, laboratory services, and mindfulness. 110 participants registered over the 2 day period.
- Wagner Health Center medical providers can now send E-scripts (non-controlled meds) to any pharmacy in the State of South Dakota. It is anticipated E-prescribing of controlled substances will be happening before FY 2020 begins.

**Goal 3: To strengthen IHS program management and operations**

- 12 INMED Students (INMED MCAT Prep Group) were onsite at the Belcourt Hospital during the month of June, 2019 as part of a Shadowing Program.
- Belcourt Hospital Contracted Ultrasound Technician services to ensure quality of care and timely services.
- Belcourt Hospital staff attended a HIV-STD-TB Viral Hepatitis Symposium hosted by North Dakota Department of Health to participate in.
- Belcourt Hospital coordinated a Just Culture Supervisory Training September 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Belcourt Hospital required New supervisors to attend Basic Supervisory Training provided by the Great Plains Area Office.
- All supervisors at the Belcourt Hospital were required to attend and complete an HHS Supervisory training.
- Belcourt Hospital with the assistance of the PATH team developed a reporting system with a built in feedback process (Culture of Safety Survey AHRQ).
- Fort Thompson Health Center staff attended supervisory training in Aberdeen, SD.
- Fort Thompson Health Center staff completed pharmacy informatics training in early August 2019.
- Fort Thompson staff attended governing body training on August 1, 2019.
- The Sisseton Health Center maintains a balanced budget utilizing HYPERION.
- Wagner Health Center conducted a Mock Credentialing accreditation review for the Fort Thompson Health Center, in preparation for their AAAHC survey.
- The Eagle Butte Health Center Housekeeping staff provided some training and services to the Rosebud Hospital staff.