

Bemidji Area
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
3rd **Quarterly Report**

Instructions: Highlight activities that support DST and the IHS priorities February - April 2018.

Area Tribal Representatives:

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1. People

- WESU Dental selected 4 externs to participate in IHS Summer externship program.
- WESU CDR Mork was recommended for a commendation award regarding his work in Early Childhood Caries Initiative.
- CLSU budgeted for 214 Positions with 170 filled and 44 vacancies.
- CLSU the addition of an HR Specialist to the facility is decreasing the number of vacancies.

2. Partnerships

- CLSU and LLBO are collaborating on future plans to design and construct the Phase 2.1 Expansion Project for the healthcare facility using 638 Construction Contracts.
- CLSU construction projects are planned to begin in 2018 totaling approximately \$6M.
- WESU outreach program provided service to 57 patients, visited an area school and Head Start.
- WESU MOU in place with Tribal Nursing to apply fluoride varnish in the schools.
- WESU attended MN Zero Suicide Academy and trained staff in QPR Suicide Prevention 3/28/18.
- RLSU collaborated with MNDHS to establish an MN Medicaid office to reduce MCO enrollment.
- RLSU and RLBO educated MNDHS staff on major benefits and privileges afforded to AI/AN's

3. Quality

- WESU submitted paperwork to Contracting for purchase of Cavitrons, direct digital radiographic sensors, and dental curing lights to replace aging/non-serviceable equipment using NEF funds.
- WESU Radiology Department installed a new GE Pristina 2D/3D Unit.
- WESU continues to hold monthly mammography clinics.
- CLSU has a task order in place for The Joint Commission site visit for TA for improvements before seeking Joint Commission accreditation.
- RLSU collaboration with RLBO and MN DHS will increase the range of services available at RLSU

4. Resources

- CLSU year to date collections and patient visits are below the same period for last year.
- CLSU added two nurse practitioners to the outpatient clinic to increase patient visits and revenue.
- WESU began the non-property tagging campaign, and installed WASP Inventory System.
- WESU met 100% daily room sanitization log for performance and quality improvement.
- WESU currently meeting the radiology turnaround goal of = or < 15 minutes 100% of the time.
- RLSU efforts on establishing a MN tribal Medicaid office will reduce the numbers of tribal members being incorrectly enrolled in MCO and increase all inclusive rate reimbursement.