

Oklahoma City Area
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
3rd **Quarterly Report**

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

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1. People

The Lawton Indian Hospital Emergency Department welcomes Dr. Gearhart as the medical director. He has taken an active role in a wide range of ED and system wide improvements. One of the goals has been to recruit top quality providers while reducing contractors. Dr. Gearhart is active in recruiting ER residents. In March, a new PD was developed to allow direct hiring of ER residents. Dr. Sarah Hartnett of the Clinton Service Unit formed a multidisciplinary "Health Literacy" team to raise awareness for health literacy and to identify ways to document patient's needs in a way that facilitates communication. Dr. Dustin Little, PCP at Claremore Indian Hospital had research published in the Journal of Clinical Diagnostic Research. This was written during his residency.

2. Partnerships

The Anadarko Indian Health Clinic - Behavioral Health Department in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Education and local tribal programs (Kiowa, Wichita) has strived to ensure provision of high level clinical and prevention services to a large at risk youth population in the Anadarko area. The Clinton Service Unit along with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes provided a Cervical Cancer Awareness Art and Chocolate Festival. This event focused not only on Cervical Cancer but also on women's health as a whole. This event provided an open forum to talk to women about a variety of women's health issues such as pap smears, mammograms and other services. Claremore Indian Hospital's Dental Sealant Team completed sealants for 142 children at local Sequoyah Schools.

3. Quality

The Pawnee Radiology Department passed the Mammography Quality Control review and received a compliment from the Lead Radiologist, Jeremy Fullingim, D.O. "one of our best locations doing mammography." The review of the mammography program was completed in February and follows the department having a successful American College of Radiology Mammography accreditation report in December. As a part of The Zero Suicide Initiative, LIH will be implementing new procedures, including universal suicide risk screenings of all patients and follow up care and contacts for patients who are identified as being at high risk for suicide. Haskell received Patient Centered Medical Home certification from the Joint Commission and was successfully reaccredited.

4. Resources

The Lawton Indian Hospital (LIH) has began screening eligible enrollees for the New Eyes program, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization to improve the vision for those individuals that qualify under established financial guidelines. The LIH successfully requested/received 58 pairs of prescription eye glasses for eligible enrollees. With this successful initiative, services have been expanded to include the Anadarko and Carnegie Indian Health Service satellite clinics. In addition, other Indian Health Service facilities have been in contact to research and create similar screening processes to identify patients in need of eyeglasses who may otherwise not be able to afford them.