



REPORT

Maternal & Child Health Title V Tribal Consultation Meeting

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Introduction/Background

The Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Program was enacted by Congress in 1935 as part of the Social Security Act and for over 75 years the Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health program has provided a foundation for ensuring the health of the Nation's mothers, children and youth including children with special health care needs and their families. Every five years the states are required to assess the needs of the women and children in their state. From information obtained through this process the states determine their priorities for the next five years going forward.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) conducted various community listening sessions in 2014 with the purpose of identifying the needs and strengths of the communities. A Native American Listening Session was held on December 3, 2014 in the ADHS 150 N. 18th Avenue Building from 2 – 4pm. The participants of all the Listening Sessions including the Native American session were told that upon compiling and analyzing information from the Listening Sessions, regional meetings would be held to present the findings back to the communities. The communities would then be asked to help ADHS identify Maternal and Child Health priorities for the next five years.

This March 30, 2015 Tribal Consultation Meeting was organized to report back to the Arizona American Indian Tribes the findings and analysis from the December 3, 2014 Native American Listening Session and the findings and analysis of the statewide community listening sessions.

Tribal Consultation Meeting

Twenty-two participants attended the meeting. Five of the attendees represented three Tribes which were the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and the Tohono O'odham Nation. One attendee represented the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., (ITCA). Four attendees represented three Urban Indian programs. Three attendees represented non-tribal agencies. Nine of the attendees represented ADHS. See attachment A and B for a copy of the meeting agenda and a listing of attendees.

The meeting started with a Welcome by Michael Allison, Native American Liaison for ADHS. A meeting blessing was offered by Jasper Kinsley Jr. of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Next each meeting participant introduced themselves and the tribe/organization they represented. Mary Ellen Cunningham, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Women's and Children's Health (BWCH), ADHS provided an overview of the Maternal & Child Health Program. Specific data presentations and discussions were held on the following six Maternal & Child Health Domains.

1. Women and Maternity:

ADHS Data Presentation/Comments: Epidemiology data was presented by Sarah Henry, Epidemiologist, BWCH, ADHS.

Tribal Input/Comments: A question was asked about the cultural relevancy of the data collected. Obesity and late enrollment of Native American women in prenatal care are issues needing to be addressed. There is a lack of data and a need for data sharing among state, federal and tribal agencies.

2. Perinatal and Infants

ADHS Data Presentation/Comments: Sarah Henry provided an overview of the data collected and analyzed. Mary Ellen Cunningham commented that ADHS had Home Visiting Program working relationships with the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Gila River Indian Community and the Hopi Tribe.

Tribal Input/Comments: Home visiting programs should be blended with the Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authorities work. Tribes want to know about the Child Review Boards work. Substance abuse is a significant issue. Tribal Father's programs and other tribal programs are available for state Maternal and Child Programs to blend into.

3. Children (0 – 17 Years of Age)

ADHS Data Presentation/Comments: Sarah Henry presented data information and Mary Ellen Cunningham commented on existing ADHS programs in this area.

Tribal Input/Comments: There is a need for data to assist in program planning. The reading level of American Indian children is a concern. There is a need for Domestic Violence training. The new Tribal Law and Order Act should assist in addressing prosecution of domestic violence perpetrators.

4. Children with Special Health Care Needs

ADHS Data Presentation/Comments: Sarah Henry provided a data presentation. Katherine Perez, Epidemiology Specialist, ADHS commented on ADHS existing program activities.

Tribal Input/Comments: There is a need for outreach and awareness of ADHS programs in tribal communities. Services are not available on the Navajo Nation. Tribal Case Managers are understaffed. AHCCCS eligibility is lacking due to Gaming Tribes per capita distributions. There is a need for advocacy for affordable health care.

5. Adolescents

ADHS Data Presentation/Comments: Sarah Henry provided a data presentation. Toni Means, Office Chief, Office of Women's Health, BWCH, ADHS commented on ADHS existing program activities.

Tribal Input/Comments: Native American Connections, Inc. has a Robert Woods Johnson grant to work with American Indian adolescent young men. Data is different between rural and urban communities. There is a need for tribal specific data. Students returning back to reservation communities from off reservation schools are mistreated by reservation youth.

6. Cross Cutting

ADHS Data Presentation/Comments: Sarah Henry and Toni Means provided a data presentation. Mary Ellen Cunningham commented on ADHS existing program activities.

Tribal Input/Comments: There is a need for more Maternal & Child Health and Behavioral Health services. There is a need for tribal food policies support and access to healthy foods. Breast feeding needs to be supported. There is a need for Native American care providers as non-Native Americans workers tend to stay for short duration. There is a need for on-going dialogue between tribal, federal and state agencies.

Summary

The Tribal Consultation meeting provided an opportunity for tribal, ITCA and urban Indian program attendees to make comments and provide input on the ADHS Maternal & Child Health Program. Comments and input were based on presentations made by ADHS personnel on Arizona American Indian Maternal & Child Health statistics, and a summary of ADHS Maternal & Child Health program activities. Tribal input and comments included:

1. Need for cultural relevancy in data collection.
2. Concern for obesity and late prenatal care for American Indian women.
3. Need for data sharing and tribal specific data.
4. Need to blend Home visiting programs with existing tribal programs such as Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authorities and tribal Father's programs.
5. Need for information on Child Review Boards work activities.
6. Concern about the reading level of American Indian children.
7. Need for Domestic Violence training for tribal communities.
8. New Congressional Tribal Law & Order Act will assist in prosecution of on-reservation domestic violence perpetrators.
9. Need for outreach and awareness of ADHS Maternal & Child Health programs to tribal communities.
10. Concern for understaffed Tribal Case Managers.
11. Concern of AHCCCS ineligibility due to gaming tribes per capita distributions.
12. Need for affordable health care advocacy.
13. Differences in rural and urban Indian data.
14. Concern about students returning home from off-reservation schools being mistreated by reservation youth.
15. Need for more Maternal & Child Health and Behavioral Health Services.
16. Need to support tribal food policies and access to healthy foods.

17. Need to support breast feeding.
18. Need for Native American care providers.
19. Need for on-going dialogue between tribal, state and federal agencies.

ADHS expresses appreciation to all meeting participants.

AGENDA

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)
Bureau of Women's and Children's Health (BWCH)
Maternal & Child Health Title V Tribal Consultation Meeting

March 30, 2015
2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
State Lab Conference Room (IGLOO)
Arizona Department of Health Services
250 North 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Call in Number 1-877-820-7831, Pass Code 249827

- 2:00 p.m. Welcome, Blessing, and Introductions
Michael Allison, Native American Liaison, ADHS
- 2:10 p.m. Maternal & Child Health Title V Data Presentation
Mary Ellen Cunningham, Chief, BWCH, ADHS
Sarah Henry, Epidemiologist, BWCH, ADHS
- Maternal & Child Health Title V Population Health Domains
1. Women and Maternity
 2. Perinatal and Infants
 3. Children
 4. Adolescents
 5. Children with Special Health Care Needs
 6. Cross Cutting
- 3:55 p.m. Closing Comments/Adjournment

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Name	Title	Tribe/Organization
Jessica Begay	Early Childhood Education Director	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Melinda Hansen	Early Childhood Education Coordinator	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Adrianna Valencia	Systems of Care Manager	Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Mildred Manuel	Senior Management Analyst	Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Jasper Kinsley, Jr.	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program Manager	Tohono O'odham Nation
Mindy Jossefides	WIC Director	Inter Tribal Council of AZ, Inc.
Caroline McDonald	Project Evaluator – Circle of Care	Native Americans for Community Action, Inc.
Steve Honeyestewa	Home Visiting Program Coordinator	Native Health
Evelina Maho	Health Promotion Disease Prevention Director	Native Health
Diana Kramer	SAMHSA Project Director	Native American Connections, Inc.
Vicky Rozich	Family Support Specialist	Raising Special Kids
Annette Lammon-Belcher	Healthcare Service Manager	DDD Health Care Services
Carrie Adams	Director of Marketing	Cronkite News
Michael Allison	Native American Liaison	Arizona Department of Health Services
Mary Ellen Cunningham	Bureau Chief	Arizona Department of Health Services
Toni Means	Office Chief	Arizona Department of Health Services
Teresa Manygoats	Office Chief	Arizona Department of Health Services
Gerilene Tsosie	Native American Community Coordinator	Arizona Department of Health Services
Sarah Henry	Epidemiologist	Arizona Department of Health Services
Jennifer Dudek	Epidemiology Specialist	Arizona Department of Health Services
Pooja Rangan	Contractor	Arizona Department of Health Services
Katheryne Perez	Epidemiology Specialist II	Arizona Department of Health Services