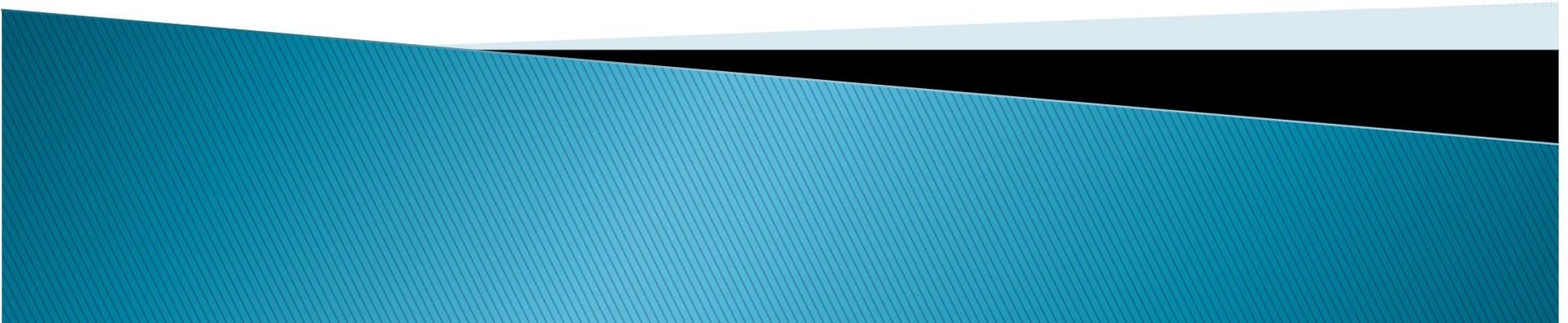


Statewide Arizona American Indian Behavioral Health Forum II

“Policy and Service Delivery in a
Changing Environment”



Forum II Objectives

Forum II builds on the first statewide Forum by;

- ▶ Providing an opportunity to offer input on how issues have been addressed and on any outstanding concerns;
- ▶ Providing information on current state and federal policy issues effecting service delivery;
- ▶ An opportunity for T/RBHA, IHS, Tribal (638) and Urban Indian behavioral health programs to address their concerns for enhancing service delivery in American Indian communities.



AHCCCS Budget & Economic Overview –

- ▶ Relate major fiscal or policy changes expected in the upcoming state fiscal year that may impact the AHCCCS program and the beneficiaries served.
- ▶ Review significant accomplishments and unresolved issues that pertain to the current Section 1115 Demonstration, including the IHS/638 Waiver Exemption proposal, State Plan Amendment revisions to the IHS/638 payment methodology for outpatient clinical and behavioral health services.
- ▶ Describe other anticipated changes that will impact AHCCCS eligible beneficiaries.

RBHA Panel Presentation

- ▶ Provide an overview of the role of the Tribal Liaisons in the RBHA system, a description of the RBHA structure, including unique aspects of each RBHA in terms of Tribes served in the geographic service area and highlight major accomplishments and plans to enhance service delivery among the American Indian population.



TRBHA Panel Presentation

- ▶ Provide an overview of the TRBHA structure, including unique aspects of each TRBHA, a description of the service population, plus accomplishments and plans that enhance service delivery.
- ▶ Describe any barriers to system improvements effecting the American Indian population to be served.



Tribal/Urban Panel Presentation

- ▶ Describe the structure of tribal operated P.L. 93-638 and urban behavioral health programs, some of the unique differences compared to TRBHAs, give a description of the service population, accomplishments & plans that enhance service delivery and any barriers to system improvements effecting the American Indian population to be served.



Implementation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)

- ▶ Provide background on the IHCIA, its importance and relevance to the Indian health system, describing new behavioral health authorities, status of implementation and funding to enhance mental health and substance abuse programs at IHS, tribal and urban Indian health facilities.



Status of State Behavioral Health Services and Health Integration

- ▶ Share information and obtain input on major fiscal or policy changes to be expected in the upcoming state fiscal year, significant accomplishments & new planning efforts of the agency, including the status of the health integration pilot and working with the Tribes and urban Indian health programs in their efforts to effectively serve their communities.



Integrated Health Panel

- ▶ Provide information on how ADHS/BHS and other health care systems integrate physical health care with behavioral health; discuss the implications of expanding health integration program requirements across the IHS, tribal and urban Indian behavioral health programs; and evaluate unique issues involved in health care integration across the Indian health care system.



Telemedicine in Behavioral Health

- ▶ Describe telemedicine program efforts, accomplishments and plans, including efforts to resolve barriers to utilization and make needed improvements so that tele-psychiatry and training services may be expanded to American Indian communities.

