

NCACH Executive Director Report for July, 2017

Our country has just celebrated another birthday. On the evening of July 4th, I watched with my Mom and husband, the PBS special documentation of the celebration occurring at our nation's capital. Seeing all those faces in the crowd, faces of all different colors -- waving the American flag and singing, brought tears to my eyes. How lucky we are as Americans, to have had remarkable leadership by our forefathers and how lucky we are to continue to have the freedoms that men and woman have fought for.

I hope you all enjoyed another Independence Day!

Following is a brief summary of the Month of June...

NCACH Governing Board Retreat #2

A half day board retreat was held on June 9th at the North Central ESD office beginning at 9 AM and ending at 1 PM. All board members were present with the exception of Nancy Nash-Mendez, Dr. Doug Wilson and Kat Latet.

We received our first update from John Doyle who is representing our region on the Medicaid Value-Based Payment (MVP) Action team. He will continue to update the board.

There was also a review by the board, excluding Barry who left the room at that time, of the CHDH/ NCACH administrative hosting service agreement. The NCACH board will review the revised hosting agreement at the July 10th board meeting following a final review by the attorneys for CHDH and NCACH.

Other items on the retreat agenda included Coalition for Health Improvement (CHI) guidance, project proposals, ending with a governing board discussion.

Teresa will send out a doodle poll for a future half day retreat in September just to get a date on the calendar. By then Certification Phase II will have been submitted (deadline-August 14th) and we will be preparing for the project template deadline of November 16, 2017.

June Outreach and Meetings:

- Dr. Michael Marchand, Chair and Mel Tonasket, Vice Chair, Colville Confederated Tribes authorized Molly Morris to be a partner and NCACH Board member. They also gave authorization for the Colville Confederated Tribes to recognize us as an ACH...this result was a success.
- Thanks to help from Paul Ward, Manager Yakama Nation Fisheries-whom I have worked with for years, I was connected by email with several of the Yakama tribal members who deal with human services. I learned that Grant county is not part of North Central ACH catchment area and this is why they are working with Greater Columbia ACH. I will continue to be available if needed.
- Made a presentation with John to the Cascade Hospital Board members.
- Attended Okanogan CHI and OPIOID meeting.
- Continued Department of Revenue discussion regarding B and O taxes due on monies that the NCACH spends - no clarity yet.
- Attended opioid stakeholder meeting Chelan/Douglas/Grant counties represented—followed by smaller meeting with Drs. Freed, Butler, pharmacist, Glenn Adams and intern, Matthew Graham.
- Conference call regarding P-TCPI work
- Meeting with Alan Walker and Charity Bergman, United Way
- Conference call with Kay Sparks
- Met at BHO with Tim Anderson, Merit Disability
- Attended BHO Advisory Committee
- Met separately with the 3 apparently successful bidders for FIMC as an introductory meeting.
- Barry, John, Christal, Peter, Linda and Andrea attended the ACH Convening meeting held in Chelan on June 28 and 29. We had the opportunity to meet Jac Davies, Executive Director, Northwest Rural Health Network and Tonya Kreis, Yakima Nations, representative to Greater Columbia ACH.

Communication:

- On panel at the Washington State Hospital Rural Hospital Association 41st Chelan Conference.

Following is a link to the most recent (July 5) Healthier Washington Medicaid Transformation through Accountable Communities of Health: Initiative 1 “Frequently Asked Questions.”

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/mtd-i1-faq.pdf>

Thank you for all of your support!

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