

RMTLC Health Sub-Committee



October 20-21, 2021

RMTLC Health Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Present:

Day 1, Wednesday, October 20, 2021	Day 2, Thursday, October 21, 2021
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dorothy Dupree, Facilitator 2. William F. Snell, Executive Director RMTLC 3. Dominic Messerly, Chair, Tribal Health Subcommittee. Council, Ft. Belknap Indian Community Council 4. Molly Wendland, Little Shell Tribal Health 5. David Meyers, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Health 6. Tessie LaMere, Rocky Boy Clinic 7. Joel Rosette, Rocky Boy Clinic 8. Johnathan Owens, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Health 9. Todd Wilson, Helena Indian Alliance 10. Byron Larson, Ft. Belknap 11. Alvin "Jim" Kennedy, Ft. Belknap 12. Carole Lankford, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes 13. Charmel Gillin, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Health 14. Joe Durglo, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes 15. Johnathon Owens, CSKT Tribal Health Director 16. Ada Bends 17. Susan Anthony, HRSA 18. Minette Galindo, IHS/HQ 19. Susan Swanz 20. David Porter 21. Pharah Morgan 22. Deidhra Hill 23. Helen Tesfai 24. Lauren Big Hair 25. Michelle Begay 26. Dyani Bingham, Notes 27. Cinda Ironmaker, Notes 28. Melissa Hubbard 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dorothy Dupree, Facilitator 2. Dominic Messerly, Chair, Tribal Health Subcommittee. Council, Ft. Belknap Indian Community Council 3. Susan Swanz 4. Molly Wendland, Little Shell Tribal Health 5. Todd Wilson, Helena Indian Alliance 6. Joel Rosette, Rocky Boy Clinic 7. Johnathan Owens, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Health 8. Ada Bends 9. Deidhra Hill 10. Helen Tesfai 11. Byron Larson 12. Pharah Morgan 13. Dyani Bingham, Notes

OPENING

- ✚ Virtual Meeting Started around 8:48 am MST via TEAMS on Day 1 AND 8:51 am MST via TEAMS on Day 2.
- ✚ Opening Prayer by Ada Bends, RMTLC and Closing Prayer by Joel Rosette

WELCOME REMARKS AND SUBCOMMITTEE VISION & CHARTER:**Dominic Messerly, River District, Gros-Ventre, Ft. Belknap Indian Community Council**

- ✚ Welcome
- ✚ Vision of bonding and supporting each other as tribes.
- ✚ Challenges: Access to data, credentialing.
- ✚ Vision of support, pass on policy change and legislation. Address long standing issues.
- ✚ Collectively as Tribes, learn about specific programs and projects.
- ✚ Health delivery system.
- ✚ Appoint committed individuals to help make the subcommittee work.
- ✚ Open for specific questions.

TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCTIONS

You are requested to mention 2 – 3 tribal health priorities/projects/programs that you are working on.

Carole Lankford, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes:

- ✚ Carol will be absent from tomorrow's meeting. She will be attending a service.
- ✚ Charmel Gillin, Joe Durglo, Jonathon Owens, are alternates.
- ✚ CSKT will be having a groundbreaking for a new clinic on 10/21/2021.
- ✚ One of the challenges is rehiring for clinic Doctors and retention.

Johnathon Owens, CSKT Tribal Health

- ✚ They are working on inpatient care and expand and enhance outpatient care in Mental Health and addiction.
- ✚ They are working on enhancing their other clinics.
- ✚ Partnership with Little Shell.
- ✚ Partnering with a larger hospital to provide more on-site services.

Joe Durglo, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

- ✚ Thank you for reconvening this group.
- ✚ Joe would like to see more representation on advisory groups.

Joel Rosette, Rocky Boy Tribal Health

- ✚ The importance of this meeting is collaboration.
- ✚ Some of the issues Rocky Boy faces is access to data, Behavioral Health, substance abuse, transportation, and the pandemic.
- ✚ Providing safe places outside of school.

Molly Wendland, Little Shell Tribal Health

- + November 12, 2021, Ribbon cutting for new clinic.
- + Suicide prevention.
- + 638
- + COVID response.
- + Mobile vaccine and testing.

Byron Larson, Fort Belknap

- + More Policy in the region, not just on Health Care but all areas.
- + Area representation cohesive, consistent.
- + High priority to get Fort Peck and Northern Cheyenne back with RMTLC.

Todd Wilson, Helena Indian Alliance, Urban Delegate

- + PPS rate
- + FMAP
- + Access to good data.

Dominic Messerly, Fort Belknap

- + Comment themes from the Subcommittee.
- + Get more representation from this region.
- + Support each other
- + Fort Belknap issues to add. The suicide epidemic on Fort Belknap.
- + Relying on state and federal grants.
- + Tried to offer consistent services.
- + Provide cultural treatment services.
- + Disconnection in services.
- + Negotiate 638 services for Mental Health.
- + Cultural integration care.
- + Community health training sites in this region. CHAP.

Dorthey Dupree, Facilitator, Items that have been raised.

- + Access to good data has been communicated nationally.
- + Retaining providers, keeping professions filled.
- + Two Medical Schools, Billings and Great Falls. Providers for Montana
Scheduling these schools for a presentation to the Subcommittee.
Placement for residency.
- + Safety for youth outside of schools.
- + EPS rate.
- + Training included and approved in the bylaws.
- + Establishing a tribal data system in place.

Joel Rosette, Rocky Boy

- ✚ Finding a placement or resources for those who come for help. Help get people through the first phase, beds, behavioral health issues, substance abuse, etc.

Carole Lankford, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

- ✚ Working with the Lake County Drug court.
- ✚ The court notice the number of homeless men that went through the court. They put together a recovering home for men and now added one for women.
- ✚ Talks of spinoffs of recovery buildings for each community.

Dominic Messerly, Fort Belknap

- ✚ Alvin “Jim” Kennedy will be serving as an alternate-on behalf of Fort Belknap.

BREAK**TRIBAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE – ORGANIZATION (Facilitator: Dorothy Dupree)**

- ✚ CONSIDERATIONS:
 - Meeting Schedule: 2021 AND 2022
 - What should the Health Subcommittee standing agenda items be?
 - CMS Native American Contact, MS. JUSTYNA REDLINSKI, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
 - Identification of Alternate Delegates to the Health Subcommittee
 - FACA/TAC Vacancies for Billings area
 - How can RMTLC support representatives?
 - Regional Training Institute

Jim Kennedy, Fort Belknap

- ✚ Helping Fort Belknap with their initiatives.
- ✚ Currently helping with a comprehensive health plan.

Dorthey Dupree, Facilitator

- ✚ There is a part of the RMTLC website dedicated to the RMTLC Tribal Health Subcommittee. Documents and minutes will be on the website. There is also an email set up that will go to everybody. If anyone has information they want to share or questions they want to ask, this email will keep us all together on what we want to work on and collaborate on.
- ✚ The Charter is also online.
- ✚ Meeting dates are quarterly. Meetings can be hosted by any of the tribes. January 19-20, 2022 will be the next quarterly meeting session.
- ✚ Bill Snell suggested trying and coordinating meetings with RMTLC. Collaborating so that information can be shared.
- ✚ We will not have a December meeting unless we have any recommendations, we would like to move forward from this October meeting.

- ✚ 2022 Schedule
 - January 19-20
 - April 20-21
 - July 20-21
 - October 19-20
- ✚ Subcommittee members will offer items for the agenda.

Joel Rosette, Rocky Boy

- ✚ I would like to add Medicaid Expansion to the January Agenda.
- ✚ Reminder that 2023 is the Sunset
- ✚ Coming up with a strategic plan. We must go into the 2023 Legislative session with a plan,

Carol Lankford, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

- ✚ Carol suggested that there be a motion made to add Medicaid to the January Agenda.

Byron Larson, Fort Belknap

- ✚ Important that we do have a presence in both subcommittees.
- ✚ Contracted lobbyist.
- ✚ RMTLC Policy expert with extensive experience or legal background.

Carol Lankford, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

- ✚ Made a motion to develop a plan of action for Medicaid Expansion that is reflective of the tribes.
- ✚ Second by Byron Larson
- ✚ Discussion/No Discussion

MOTION: The Subcommittee will develop a plan of action for Medicaid Expansion for 2023 Legislation. They will work with tribes that have a policy or council that they will be consulted for the development of the plan.

- CSKT-Yes
- Little Shell-Yes
- Urban-Yes
- Fort Belknap-Yes
- Rocky Boy-Yes

Motion Carries: 5 Yes 0 NO
First official action of the Subcommittee.

Dorthey Dupree, Facilitator

- ✚ Standing Agenda items, we may want to continue.
- ✚ Justyna Redlinski, CMS Native American Contact, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-Four Walls Policy
- ✚ Bryce Redgrave, Area Director

- ✚ Discussion on agenda before the start of the meeting. Shortening topics or adding topics that need priority.
- ✚ Process to bring additional items, resolutions, change or agenda, etc.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

GUEST PRESENTER: JIM ROBERTS AND GEOFF STROMMER, Self-Governance

Expansion *Confirmed*

<https://www.tribalselfgov.org/selfgov-expansion-hhs/>

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Joel Rosette, Rocky Boy

- ✚ Made a motion to support Title VI, 638 expansions (HHS)
- ✚ No second to the motion.
- ✚ Discussion
 - RMTLC Tribal Health Subcommittee will revisit after consulting with individual tribes, their lawyers and review by RMTLC Tribal Health Subcommittee.
 - Draft Legislation: To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes through proposed Title VI.

2:15 GUEST PRESENTER: MS. JUSTYNA REDLINSKI, CMS Native American Contact, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services *Confirmed*

- ✚ Extension of the grace period of the Four Walls. It was originally scheduled to end in October.

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Dorthey Dupree, Facilitator, Unfinished Business

- ✚ Review of Agenda items before the meetings.
- ✚ Identification of Alternate Delegates for the tribes. Three tribes have identified their delegates.
 - Rocky Boy
 - Fort Belknap
 - CSKT
- ✚ Pictures of Principle Committee members for the website.
- ✚ Representatives for the FACA Committees. Tribal Advisory Committees. Vacancies that we need to fill. Work with RMTLC through the process of official nomination.
 - Joel Rosette-Primary, CMS TTAG
 - Byron Larson-Primary, CDC TAC
 - Joel Rosette-Primary, SAMHSA TTAC
 - Alvin "Jim" Kennedy-Primary, ISAC
 - Dominic Messerly- Alternate, CHAP

Dorthey Dupree, Facilitator (Chairman is one of the nominees. Dorothy will call for a motion to accept the nominations as presented)

Byron Larson, Fort Belknap

- ✚ Made a motion to move forward with the selections of the Subcommittee.

MOTION: To move forward with the selections as they have been presented.

- 2nd By Joel Rosette
- No Opposition

Motion Carries.

Dorthey Dupree, Facilitator

- ✚ The subcommittee still needs to act on Alternate Vacant positions. Due to time restraints, we will save for another time.
- ✚ Nominees will be moved to RMTLC for formal appointment. These nominees will be the recommendations from the RMTLC Tribal Health Subcommittee.

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GUEST PRESENTERS: MINETTE GALINDO, CHAP Tribal Advisory Group, *Secretary* & DR. CHRIS HALLIDAY, Deputy Director, Division of Oral Health **Confirmed**

- ✚ **IHS HQ, COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM (CHAP)** - *Update of CHAP and Status Report of National Certification Board*

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Ending Prayer, Joel Rosette

October 21, 2021 – DAY 2 RMTLC Health Subcommittee

Opening

- ✚ 8:51 am MST via TEAMS on Day 2.
- ✚ Opening Prayer by Dorthey Dupree, RMTLC and Closing Prayer by Joel Rosette

RECAP OF DAY ONE: Chairman Messerly and Dorothy Dupree

- ✚ Call for any additions to the agenda.
- ✚ Add an invite to the Montana American Indian Caucus to report on issues or issues the Subcommittee can support them on or action plan. Add as an agenda item.
- ✚ CHAP Strategic planning.
- ✚ Add CHAP, Bryce Redgrave, Native Caucus as continuous items on the agenda.
- ✚ Certification and Proposal and by law overview.
- ✚ 105A IHS/BIA Push for mandatory funding letters from the Subcommittee supporting the tribes.

GUEST PRESENTER: SUSAN SWANZ, Billings Area Health Professions Recruiter and SUSAN ANTHONY, HRSA Representative **Confirmed**

- ✚ National Health Service Corp Loan Repayment Program: An effective Recruitment and Retention tool! The critical importance of knowing your patient population & community.
- ✚ HRSA/NHSC Scoring Criteria:
<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/workforce-shortage-areas/shortage-designation/scoring>

✚ HPSA FIND, Finding a facility Score:
<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find>

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS' COUNCIL
Rocky Mountain Tribal Epi Center, Helen Tesfai and Dyani Bingham

- ✚ Data Gathering, Sources, Analysis, Tribal Engagement, Employee Structure, DMT
- ✚ RMTEC Resolutions for Data Sharing & Authority

Environmental Protection Agency Grant, Ada Bends and William Snell

- ✚ Project Focus: Lead Testing in Schools
- ✚ Request to Committee to serve as RMTLC-EPA Steering Committee for the 2021-2022 RMTLC-EPA Grant
- ✚ Recommendations for RMTLC Subcommittee acting as a Steering Committee for the EPA Grant.

Joel Rosette, Fort Belknap

MOTION: Motion to act as a Steering Committee for the EPA Grant of Lead Testing in Schools.

- Second by Molly Wendland
- Discussion

Vote: CSKT-Yes
Rocky Boy- Yes
Fort Belknap- Yes
Todd- Yes

Motion Carries: 4Yes 0 NO

- ✚ Schedule Ada in for January 19 meeting for an update.

Dominic Messerly, Fort Belknap

Asking for resolutions:

1. Discussion on the need for an alternate or co-chair on the Subcommittee.
Keeping with the Charter there needs to be an elected official to keep committee legally chartered.
2. A letter to IHS condemning their actions with the sexual abuse allegations in Browning.

3. EHR (Electronic Health Records) Program. Piolet project.
4. Resolutions supporting Jim Kennedy and Byron Larson.

Byron Larson, Fort Belknap

MOTION: Motion to approve A letter to IHS condemning their actions with the sexual abuse allegations in Browning.

- Second by Molly Wendland
- Discussion

Vote: CSKT-Yes

Little Shell-Yes

Rocky Boy-Yes

Motion passes. 3 YES 0 NO

Byron Larson, Fort Belknap

MOTION: Motion to update the Electronic Health Record. Piolet project for the Billings area.

- Second by Jonathon Owen
- Discussion

Vote: CSKT-Yes

Rocky Boy-Yes

Motion passes.

MOTION: Call for RMTLC to coordinate a special meeting to conduct special business.

No quorum to conduct a vote.

Dorothy will speak with Bill on the importance of conducting a meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

12:00: END OF MEETING
CLOSING REMARKS: DOMINIC MESSERLY, CHAIR
CLOSING PRAYER: ADA BENDS

