



Staff of the Sauk Language Department attended linguistic software training funded by an ANA grant through Cultural Survival at the Chickasaw Cultural Center on December 2, 2011. Hosted by the Chickasaw Language Department, the software training was conducted by Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald and her graduate students of the University of Texas at Arlington Linguistics Department. *Photos by Arlan Manatowa*

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD IMPLEMENTED AT BLACK HAWK HEALTH CENTER

On June 7, 2010, the Black Hawk Health Center implemented the first phase of the Electronic Health Record (EHR). The EHR is designed to improve the quality of care as well as patient safety in Indian Health Service facilities. This was the beginning of our conversion to EHR throughout the clinic. The Black Hawk Health Center is now in the final phase of implementation. The goal is to have all Providers utilizing EHR and fully implemented by March 1, 2012. The Tribal Administrator and Acting Health Director have provided much support to the EHR Team as the process requires much support from upper management of the Sac and Fox Nation.

EHR has several advantages: A paper chart allows only one person at a time to work with it; it may be difficult to know which Provider or department is using the chart on any given day; it takes more time to retrieve the paper chart when someone needs it; handwriting is sometimes difficult to read; the information in the chart may be difficult to find; when a paper report is mailed, it must be opened, sorted and directed to the proper department which may take a significant amount of time; there is an insufficient number of tabs in the chart for the many different types of information necessary; paper charts can become very heavy and sometimes back injuries occur from lifting several heavy charts; the metal tabs can break and the paper deteriorates over time from frequent handling and use; and paper charts take up a considerable amount of space in the clinic.

Funds were made available to the Indian Health Service to support the implementation of the EHR through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, in particular through the HITECH Act. The federal government

has authorized financial incentives for healthcare facilities achieving “meaningful use” of EHR. One of the benchmarks for receiving these incentives is that at least 80% of all Provider Orders must be entered electronically and at least 80% of all claims must be filed electronically. If this benchmark is not met there will be financial disincentives in future years to encourage compliance.

Initially, seeing patients will take a bit longer—before, during and after the actual appointment—as information is uploaded from the paper chart to the electronic chart, but the extra work will decrease over time. The process will be implemented one Provider at a time until all Providers are using the electronic health record. You may see your Providers carrying a laptop computer when they enter the room. They will use it to document the visit rather than using pen and paper. We hope you will be patient with us as we strive to improve both access to health care and the way we deliver it.

2012 Holidays Date of Observance

New Year’s Day,
Monday, January 2, 2012

President’s Day
Monday, February 20, 2012

Sac & Fox Victory Day
Thursday, May 17, 2012

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28, 2012

Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Native American Day
Monday, July 16, 2012

Labor Day
Monday, September 3, 2012

Veteran’s Day
Monday, November 12, 2012

SFN Appreciation Day (1/2)
Wednesday, November 21, 2012

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 22, 2012

Day after Thanksgiving
(Substituted for MLK’s Birthday)
Friday, November 23, 2012

SFN Appreciation Day (1/2)
Friday, December 21, 2012

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 2012

Christmas Day
(Substituted for Columbus Day)
Tuesday, December 25, 2012

January 2012 Wordsearch

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| Êhé | Kêyâkêy! |
| Wêkonêh? | Ketepâneni! |
| Âkwi | Kewâwiyâmene! |
| Menwîkenwi! | Newanîhke |



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sold at the
Sac and Fox
Library
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