

Chief's Address To The Nation

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on-site health programs

MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

Health services once provided in a primarily urban setting are now available in a rural environment. Health care services that are referred out now could be made available on site, making patient scheduling and travel easier. These services would support the patient population the physicians currently see and improve access to a greater extent. More comprehensive services would attract more patients and their families and improve overall general health.

MANAGEMENT JUSTIFICATION

In addition to providing services on site, BHHC would be able to bill for these services through Third Party Billing. 41.4% of our active patient population has Medicare insurance, 37.6% have some form of private insurance, and 20.9% have Medicaid coverage. Third Party Billing collected \$1,009,866 from insurance companies in FY 14. The potential to bring additional services in-house would increase the amount of insurance payments while decreasing the Contract Health Services dollars spent.

As mentioned earlier, the Business Committee and Staff voted for Option 3: Construct a new healthcare facility. A new facility would incorporate modern design to health care. The new construction would meet current life safety codes, improve design flow, make space for additional health services, and provide for growth in the future. A new facility improves the ability to recruit professional staff in the future as well as demonstrates a commitment to the community. A new design could reflect space with cultural importance, patient security, wellbeing, and staff satisfaction. A facility planned at 40,000 sq. ft. would meet all the immediate needs as well as provide for future service expansion. Items to consider would be site location, funding source, equipment and furnishings, new services contracts, etc. Work could be completed in 18 to 24 months.

RECOMMENDATION

After discussion with BHHC leadership, it is recommended that a new facility be constructed with expanded services. The new facility should be contiguous with the Merle W. Boyd Center (MBC). This would create a unified service, better provider to provider communication, and easier access for patients. Currently, patients seen at BHHC have to get back in their cars to go to MBC. For many patients, this is a physical hardship. Behavioral Health Services should also be housed in the new facility, which would improve continuity of care. The new facility should have expanded dietary services to accommodate cooking classes, diabetic instruction, and hands on programs. The exercise program needs to be expanded to include space for exercise programs, added exercise equipment, physical therapy services, and other group activities. New services would include dental and optometry programs year 1 and Wound Care and Audiology programs year 2.

The Business Committee will keep our members updated as we move forward and as dates are set for community meetings to receive your input. Membership that cannot make these meetings may contact the Business Committee to visit and give us your input either in person, phone, or email. Remember, this is our clinic so let's plan and build it together.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has issued a surprise decision reversing the judgment obtained by the Nation and the surviving sons of Jim Thorpe in a federal district court applying the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (or "NAGPRA") to the remains of the famous Sac and Fox athlete. The federal district court in Pennsylvania ruled in 2013 that NAGPRA—by its plain language—applies to the remains of Jim Thorpe, and that the Borough of Jim Thorpe is legally required to participate in a repatriation

proceeding. In a decision issued on October 23, a three-judge panel of the appeals court in Philadelphia agreed that the language of the statute makes NAGPRA applicable in this situation. However, the judges decided that Congress intended for NAGPRA to apply largely to ancient or old burials, and not to the modern burial of Jim Thorpe. The judges wrote that a repatriation in this instance would be a "patently absurd" application of NAGPRA.

This decision appears to stand out from many other recent federal court decisions, which have emphasized the strong admonition by the United States Supreme Court that federal courts must interpret statutes by their plain language,

and not according to the judges' subjective views about what Congress may or may not have intended. The federal district judge in this case applied a careful analysis of the language of NAGPRA, and determined that the Borough of Jim Thorpe fell within the intended scope of NAGPRA, and that other issues—including the family members' wishes and other considerations—would need to be resolved in the repatriation proceeding.

I thank you for allowing me to lead our Nation as Chief through exciting periods of advancement and history making decisions.

Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

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Secretary Mary F. McCormick
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Food Distribution Program Updates

FDPIR Income Guidelines:

New Deductions Expected to Boost Participation Nationwide

With our increased FY14 Net Monthly Income Standards, new income deduction rules were also approved in the CFR. Households that pay rent or utilities, regardless of amount, are now allowed a Standard \$300 Deduction of their Net Monthly Income that is measured against the USDA Net Monthly Income Standards. For elderly or disabled household members there is now a Medical Expense Deduction that can be claimed for all out of pocket medical expenses with no limit regarding the amount. Also there is a new Meal Deduction that can be claimed should a household member require the full time services of a home health worker.

For more information on these deductions or to see if you qualify please call (866) 622-2310 Shawnee Office or (800) 256-3398 Stroud Office.

Sac and Fox Elders 2014 Calendar of Events

Nov 12, 2014: Sac and Fox Elders monthly meeting, at 10 am in the Social Services Building, Stroud lunch room. Pot Luck

Nov 14, 2014: Sac and Fox Elders Thanksgiving Dinner, Community Building starting at 11:00 am

Dec 6, 2014: Sac and Fox Elders Winter Dance, Sac and Fox Community Building.

Dec 2014: Sac and Fox Elders monthly meeting, Multi Purpose Building, Shawnee. (Dec date to be determined.)

At the December meeting, the Elders will be electing new officers for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer. Please attend the December meeting to nominate and vote on three positions of the Elders Advisory Committee.

EAC Officers: Cheryl McClellan, Chair • Jamey Noble, Vice-Chair
Beverly Jackson, Secretary • Laveta Ashley, Treasurer
Margaret Stevens, Member • BC Liaison, Orvena Gregory

ATTENTION

All persons owning an undivided interest in Sac and Fox Allotted Lands



EARLY LEASE MODIFICATIONS

The Realty Department cannot assist with lease modifications for early payments on farming and grazing leases. All payments must be made by the lessee and paid into the centralized commercial lockbox for distribution, unless otherwise stated in the original lease.

Pursuant to Policy Directive dated 07/21/2008 from the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.



HUNTING

Hunting is NOT permitted on Sac and Fox allotted lands by **ANYONE** other than the landowner(s).



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