

**ALASKA COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING: Barriers to Coordination/Medical Resources
SUMMARY NOTES**

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Participants: Bill Herman, Doug Bridges, Connie Sipe, Eric Taylor

CTTF Action Plan Goal 3:

The State of Alaska and federally recognized tribes are able to identify and account for resources spent on human service and public transportation, identify and address barriers to the coordination of those resources, and leverage those funds as appropriate.

Team Objective:

- Identify resources associated with medical transportation (land and air) across systems and services within the state of Alaska.
- Identify requirements and barriers to coordination of those resources.
- Evaluate those barriers and develop recommendations for how to address them.

Discussion Themes:

- Bill met with Jeri Powers, DH&SS Division of Health Care Services. Jeri is working with Medicaid's complex requirements, and she is with others, thinking strategically about how to optimize the provision of Medicaid transportation services. Discussed opportunities for ground transport brokerage system specifically, something akin to the US Air Travel brokerage they have now for medical air transport. Potential opportunity seems present. Bill will continue to engage respective to Medicaid needs and options the C&PTAB may be able to support. They discussed the fact that medical necessity for transport is being established at a patient's doctor's office in Alaska, by contrast in Utah a ground travel brokerage actually does a functional skills assessment with frequent clients so they can effectively match the least costly ground transport with person's actual needs.
- Doug attended Medical Care Advisory Board meeting and reported on their discussion respective to changes to Medicaid eligibility per the Affordable Care Act, the state's role paying Medicare Part B premiums and supporting folks who become ineligible for Medicaid, the MAGI rule, Medicaid's returning \$25M to the feds that Alaska didn't use, and the pending federal insurance exchange.
- Bill also reported on his efforts with Medicaid Work Group and their current goals.
- Confirmed that State Division of Health Care Services manages Medicaid medical transportation; Senior and Disabilities Services Division manages Medicaid waiver transportation.

Action Items:

- Bill will discuss brokerage experience/possibilities with Hopelink in Seattle and in the Municipality of Anchorage to inform the group's understanding of transport possibilities. He will also have a follow-on discussion with Duane about Medicaid waiver transportation.

Next call: Thursday, March 7, 2013 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.