

ALASKA COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING: Barriers to Coordination/Medical Resources
Monday, November 19, 2012
Participants: Bill Herman, Doug Bridges, Camille Ferguson

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 Notes

- A huge amount of our medical transportation resources are spent on air transport
- Use transportation research board (www.trb.org) to help identify medical transportation funding, specifically tribal
- Another resource- transportation-public health link (<http://www.transpothealthlink.com/>)
- How much does IHS and BIA put in for medical transportation? How much goes to Alaska? Camille talked to BIA last year (and got sent around a number of places and no one could provide an actual number/transportation types) - a study that was not done
- Why will Medicaid fly folks to Anchorage for services when they exist in the community where they live?
- Regarding Medicaid - Doug has some local experience; can no longer charge Medicaid transportation rate; would be willing to take on studying Medicaid
- Need to understand how Medicaid it is being funded, how fine grained is that information, begin to paint of picture of what's going on and start thinking about strategies/recommendations to make to improve the system
- Bill - working with Margaret Brody, Director of the Division of Health Care Services in Medicaid. Working on accountability, such as: how are recipients benefiting from the funding? do we have better outcomes? what's the cost? are we efficient? Need to think about improved quality of life for Medicaid recipients
- Medical Medicaid reimbursement is a higher rate and Medicaid waiver clients (general purpose trips)
- Medicaid and or Medicaid regulations may be restricting less expensive and equally effective transportation options

- Once we get information volunteers from Conference will be a group we go out with for an initial review
- Barb will be great resource for CTAA information/references to folks

Next Steps:

- Camille: Approach the TRB and specifically ask: How much IHS money is used in Alaska for medical transportation.? Where in Alaska does that money go and for what kinds of services is it allocated? Is there a FY2012 report that shows how and where that money was spent?
- Doug, Camille, Bill: Review information that was provided last year re Medicaid and the data gathering spreadsheet generated by the CTTF.
- Doug: Provide definition of Medical Medicaid and Medicaid waiver transportation
- Bill: Work with Margaret Brody - Division Director of Health Care Services: explore where to go for more information; inquire about someone from Medicaid participating on the subcommittee
- Camille: See if someone from TRB would be on subcommittee; ask Connie Sipe to be on subcommittee
- Bill: Talk to Duane about this topic and solicit his perspective
- Bill: Set up subsequent meetings

Regular Meeting Date:

- Thursday afternoons - 1:30 - 2:30 - every two weeks
- Thursday, November 29 - recommend new members; refine questions pending review of existing information