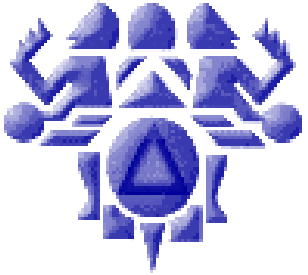


Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

October 20, 2020



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OTGR Webex Wednesday's

10/21/20

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) and POST TRAUMATIC GROWTH (PTG)

Sarah Súniga, PhD, [Pronouns](#):
She/her/hers, Clinical Psychologist
Women Veterans Program Manager,
VA Portland Healthcare System and
Dr. Megan Hawker, Clinical Director,
Interfaith Community Services, North
San Diego, CA

OTGR Webex Wednesday's

11/4/20	NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN	Monica Mohindra, Library of Congress, Harvey Pratt, Sculptor
11/18/20	WOMEN VETERANS	Jacquelyn Hayes-Byrd, CWV; Mary Glen, VBA C&P MSG Lorena Wilson, Soldier For Life Program, Deputy Director, Northeast US and Europe
12/2/20	Electronic Health Record Modernization	Paula Paige, VA EHR Director of Communications

National Updates

VA/IHS/THP Reimbursement Agreement (73 IHS/116 THP)	FY20 YTD	Program Inception to Date
Disbursed	\$17,025,741	\$121,822,890
Unique Veterans	5,052	11,481
Inpatient Claims	2,209	5,103
Outpatient Claims	52,087	346,814

National Updates

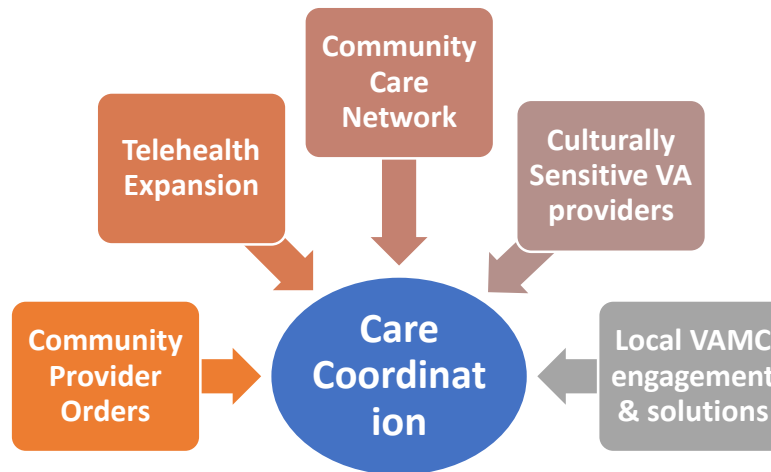
- VA/IHS MOU - Status Update (October 2020)
 - Initial Tribal Consultation/Listening Sessions
 - Occurred over the past year prior to crafting draft Memorandum of Understanding
 - Draft Memorandum has passed legal review and is set to move forward for joint tribal consultation with IHS later this fall
- VA Office of Community Care conducted tribal consultation on August 25, 2020 and written comments closed September 25, 2020 --VHA should be issuing something final this fall.

National Updates

VA established the Healthcare Coordination Advisory Board (HCAB) to assist in developing and implementing a standardized approach for care coordination when care is not available within the IHS or THP healthcare facilities and a referral is made to VA for care.

The board consisted of 19 members and included VA/IHS/Tribal facility stakeholders.

8/25/20 – VA held a tribal consultation to obtain feedback on the approach to care coordination and 5 elements identified



National Updates

Alaska Pharmacy Modification

An alternative methodology selected to be more measurable and standardized. Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + admin fee.

IHS/THP Agreement Modification. VA developed an amendment to the IHS/THP agreements, which:

- Reimburses for covid-19 testing and services through purchased referred care

- Reimburse for telehealth services at the outpatient all inclusive rate

- Clarifies language regarding certification requirements

- Extends the agreements for 2 years, through June 30, 2024, to allow time for development and consultation on a new agreement.

VA and IHS National agreement was executed on 9/30/2020 and the modification template was sent to the local VA Contract Officers to execute with individual Tribal Health Programs.

National Updates

- VA provided a presentation on Oct. 14 for the 2020 National Indian Health Board Tribal Health Virtual Conference.
 - Office of Academic Affiliation will present on the graduate medical program;
 - Updates on the VA-IHS MOU and the Native Focused Projects from VA Office of Rural Health with Dr. Jay Shore;
 - VA Office of Community Care plans to provide a brief update on their August 25, 2020 tribal consultation for VA/THP/IHS care coordination plan. Also on the extensions of the VA/THP/IHS Reimbursement Agreements to June 2024, including adding reimbursement for telehealth visits during Covid-19.

National Updates

- HR 4908 Native American PACT Act – was received in the Senate on September 23, 2020 and referred to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. It would exempt Native Veterans from paying copays and deductibles in the VA Health Care System on the base of federal treaty obligations for healthcare that exist in perpetuity.
- HR 2791 VA Tribal Advisory Committee Act of 2019 – is still with the House. It would establish a committee to strengthen the government-to-government relations between tribes and the VA and improving VA accountability to AI/AN Veteran health needs.

National Updates

- Information as requested for the upcoming virtual event on November 11, 2020 for the National Native American Veterans Memorial – see information and link below:

<https://national-native-american-veterans-memorial-dedication-424c.eventfarm.com/app/pages/d30e0f09-d3f5-4137-8dce-c4dd588e5788>

- The National Museum of the American Indian will host a virtual event on November 11, 2020, to mark the completion of the National Native American Veterans Memorial and acknowledge the service and sacrifice of Native veterans and their families. More information about this event is forthcoming, and we hope you will join us online for the occasion.

AIAN Veterans Utilizing VA NATIONAL

RURALITY			<div>U.S.</div> <div>American Indian Alaska Native Enrollees (Priority 1 to 8D)</div> <div>Data Source: FY20 to Feb 2020 Enrollment Cube</div> <div>Data Source: Last 5 FY (Fiscal Years) Diagnosis Cube</div>		
	Enrollees	%			
Total	63,074				
Urban	34,027	54%			
Rural	29,022	36%			
Highly Rural	5,565	7%			
Rural	23,457	29%			
GENDER			RACE		
	Enrollees	%		Enrollees	%
Male	55,251	88%	American Indian/Alaska Native	63,074	1%
Female	7,823	12%	Asian	96,490	1%
TOTAL	63,074	100%	Black/African-American	1,246,643	15%
AGE			Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	57,749	1%
	Enrollees	%	White	5,216,132	62%
Under 25	444	1%	Hispanic	529,073	6%
25 to 49	21,198	34%	Multiple	65,333	1%
50 to 64	15,900	25%	Unknown	981,436	11%
65 and older	25,532	40%	Declined to Answer	161,651	2%
TOTAL	63,074	100%			
DIAGNOSES			DIAGNOSES		
	Enrollees	%		Enrollees	%
1. Hypertension	24,497	17%	6. Other Mental Health	9,459	6%
2. Diabetes	14,444	10%	7. Obstructive Sleep Apnea	8,223	6%
3. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	13,476	9%	8. Substance Use Disorder	7,986	5%
4. Depression	12,762	8%	9. Ischemic Heart Disease	6,478	4%
5. Gastro-Esophageal Reflux	9,654	7%	10. Nicotine	6,254	4%

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- Tribal Governments
- VA Administrations (VHA, VBA and NCA)
- State Departments of Veterans Affairs
- VA Rural Health Consultants
- Minority Outreach Coordinators
- Tribal Indian Health Boards
- Tribal Health Program Directors
- Indian Health Service
- Urban Indian Health Programs
- Veteran Service Organizations
- Other Federal, State and Community Partners

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