

Group: Government Resources Month/Year of Report: May/June 2013 6/12/13

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I. Budget Highlights – please refer to Monthly Financial Report

Description of Budget exceptions: No budget exceptions to report. Government Resources, including Evaluation and Compliance, Self Governance and Grants Administration, is operating at 50% staffing.

II. Program Highlights

a. In brief:

1. Veterans Affairs:

The CN Self Governance Office is continuing to coordinate negotiations for a reimbursement agreement with the Veterans Affairs department. The reimbursement agreement will allow Cherokee Nation Health Services to be reimbursed by the VA for services provided to Cherokee veterans at Cherokee Nation health facilities.

2. President's FY2014 Budget Request:

Self Governance staff drafted and sent a letter requesting the President reconsider IHS and DOI's request for statutory individual tribal cap on CSC. This was a unilateral decision by the administration without consultation with tribes and would in essence abolish any shortfall amounts to tribes.

3. Contract Disputes Act Litigation:

Vickie Hanvey and staff are assisting the Cherokee Nation Office of the Attorney General with litigation against the United States Department of Health and Human Services for underpayment of contract support costs claims. Litigation will be filed in the District Court for the District of Columbia. The litigation is in response to IHS' inaction regarding Contract Disputes Act claims that were filed in 2012. Cherokee Nation's claim is for \$49,834,352. Staff is continuing to research and compile financial data and records in support of the Nation's claims for underpayment by the Indian Health Service. Staff research is cost effective and reduces legal fees paid to outside counsel.

4. Affordable Care Act Training:

Self Governance staff has continued the scheduling and coordination of Affordable Care Act training. The training session will be held June 20-21 in the Grand Ballroom on the Northeastern State University campus. The Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board will be conducting the training and registration is free. The training will provide an opportunity for Tribes, Tribal health employees, and communities to understand how the Affordable Care Act may impact American Indian healthcare.

5. Discussions with Māori Delegation:

Representatives of Te Whanau o Waipareira, whom visited Cherokee Nation last October, reached out to Vickie Hanvey to explore potential ways to share best practices. Te Whanau o Waipareira is particularly interested in the Self Governance model of tribal funding and government in the United States. The Māori officials would like to learn more about Cherokee Nation's use of technology to preserve culture and deliver high quality health and social services to its citizens.

6. Public Law 102-477 Plan:

Self Governance is continuing work with Career Services staff to develop Cherokee Nation's Three-Year PL 102-477 Plan for FY 2014-2016. The PL 102-477 Plan includes funding from the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor. The Plan allows Cherokee Nation to combine various federal programs into one plan, one budget, and one report, which

provides flexibility and reduces administrative burden. Overall, approximately \$11,500,000 of federal funding is included in the nation's 102-477 Plan.

7. Delaware Tribe of Indians:

Vickie Hanvey has continued to work with the Cherokee Nation Office of the Attorney General regarding the Delaware Tribe's Aid to Tribal Government funding.

8. DOI Negotiations:

- The Nation expects to schedule negotiations for a new MFA in June 2013.
- Agreement with DOI to address issue of Delaware funding through the CN compact.

b. ARRA:

Reporting/Training:

1. Reporting to FederalReporting.gov.

- Responded to various emails and comments from agencies regarding reports submitted.
- 2012 Qtr 4 ARRA Section 1512 reports completed. See 12/31/2012 ARRA Summary for details.

Program Updates:

2. Met with various programs and administration regarding status of various ARRA projects.

- HUD OIG review completed on NAHASDA ARRA.

c. Brief on future plans/any new initiatives

IHS:

1. Funding Allocation Analysis 2012
2. Update of IHS Carryover analysis.
3. Analysis and review of Area and Headquarters funding tables.
4. Review of the IHS CSC Shortfall report data.

DOI:

5. Working with EORO to close grants/contacts out of P638 system.
6. Real Estate Services to be incorporated into TDE project.
7. Update of DOI Carryover analysis.
8. PL102-477: A National workgroup has been assembled to address the reporting and auditing issues raised by HHS. Officials from OMB, DOI, HHS and DOL and tribal representatives continue to meet. Tribes are addressing these issues both administratively and legislatively.

Other SG Participation:

9. TIBC EORO Representative
10. National DOI Tribal Data Management pilot project.
11. National Title VI workgroup to further SG within HHS.
12. National Title IV workgroup with DOI SGAC.
13. National DOI CSC workgroup.
14. National DOI Funding Formula Matrix workgroup for SGAC.
15. Oklahoma SG Coalition representation of SG issues specific to Oklahoma.

d. Travel report:

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