

Billings Area IHS  
Integration Team



# Integration Work Plan

Goal: Integration of Chronic Disease  
Management (CDM), Behavioral Health  
(BH), and Health Promotion (HP)  
Initiatives

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# 1st Step Development of multidisciplinary Team in Area Office

Comprised of; Nursing, Diabetes  
Consultant, Health Promotion  
Specialist, Behavioral Health

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## 2nd Step

- Development of Work Plan with focus of promoting programmatic collaborations to maximize program effectiveness
- Began by describing current activities in an effort to maximize future opportunities for collaboration around the Director's 3 initiatives.

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## Focus Areas of Work Plan

- Trainings/Conferences/Meetings
- Field Site Visits
- Community Activity Network
- Technology
- Resource Development

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## Monitoring

- Regular meetings of team to update each other regarding progress.

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## Billings Area Indian Health Service Program Integration Training March 20 & 21, 2007

Billings Area IHS Hosted a 2 day Area Wide Training for  
Program Integration on the Initiatives.

- Trainers: Dr. Chris Percy, Shelley Frazier & Janet Hayes
- 45 Individuals Participated (expected 20)

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## Participants:

- Representation from Our 8 Reservations and 2 Urban Sites
- Programs represented:
  - Diabetes Grant Coordinators, Outreach/ CHR's
  - Diabetes Clinic Nurses/Public Health Nurses
  - Health Educators
  - Behavior Health Professionals
  - Dental
  - Injury Prevention



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The Training was provided to introduce the 3 initiatives and how to best Utilize Services to meet the needs of our PATIENTS, with consideration of our limited resources and limited number of Providers.





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### **Objectives of the Training:**

- To provide the participants with tools & ideas.
- Develop a home team to address serious health issues.
- Develop an Action Plan to address at least one health issue by integrating services, resources and efforts.

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As a Result of the Training the Home Teams bonded and left with a ***Plan to work Together*** and utilize resources in their community to address serious issues they felt were priority.

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The Blackfeet Action Plan is a great illustration of the linkages between the 3 disciplines and other resources:

1. Blackfeet Behavior Health Department is partnering with the health educator and the diabetes nurse to plan and train outreach workers, nurses (clinic and PHN) to work with a patient diagnosed with a chronic disease and treat the initial emotional trauma immediately.

Upon diagnosis patients will be briefed on the stages of grieving and final acceptance of their diagnosis - empowering them to take **RESPONSIBILITY** for their own health and take steps to healing and living a ***quality life***.

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## Blackfeet Community Hospital

### **Project:**

Debriefing for newly diagnosed diabetics.

### **Goal:**

Provide debriefing training to 10 health care providers by June 1, 2007.

### **Key Steps**

#### **What**

Identify providers who have 1<sup>st</sup> contact

w/newly diagnosed pts & recruit. Dawn-DM, Sharon-HE, Tom-BH

Set training date and apprise "students" Sharon & Dawn

Provide training and evaluate

#### **Who**

Tom

#### **By When**

April 3, 2007

April 5, 2007

May 3, 2007

### **Team Members:**

Dawn-DM, Tom-BH, Sharon-HE, Nutritionist, SPDP personnel, MDs, nurses, DON, other BH personnel, Healthy Heart Program

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## Other Action Plans:

- Educate Staff on the 3 Initiatives
- Improve Collaboration of Programs – Tribal, IHS & other community programs
- Behavioral Health Program will FIND Out what Health Education & Diabetes Program are doing regarding the initiatives.
- Meet & Maintain DM Benchmarks as a Team

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Participants were enthusiastic and engaged and requested a Follow up Training in the Fall of 2007.

Other programs want to be involved and participate in the next training.

We Successfully reached our target Professionals and raised a lot of curiosity from other health programs, who now want to be INVOLVED in Integration of Services!!

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As our Action Plans and Strategies evolved  
we Always kept the PATIENT in focus at  
all times.

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As a Result of Integrating Services we will Provide  
the MOST COMPREHENSIVE Care possible for  
our Patients by addressing the WHOLE person  
and not just the Symptom, which will enable  
Billings Area to meet the Mission of IHS:

**.....to Raise the Physical, Mental, Social and  
Spiritual HEALTH to the Highest Level.**





# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Integration of Suicide Prevention  
and Depression Identification and  
Care

# Suicide Prevention



- **WHAT:** Community based workshops for junior high and high school youth
- **FOCUS:** Provide culturally and spiritually relevant curriculum
- **GOAL:** Empower teens to break the “code of silence” (use skits and talking circles, short informational presentations on warning signs, active listening and how to get help for a friend who is at risk.

# Involving Adults in Native Hope Workshops



- Networking within communities
  - Schools
  - Tribal Council
  - Tribal Health Departments
  - Substance Abuse Treatment
  - Law and Order
  - Boys & Girls Club
  - Traditional drumming & singing groups
  - Traditional Healers
  - Church pastors
  - Parents

# Networking Within IHS



- Behavioral Health staff working with:
  - Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
  - Diabetes Care Providers
  - Primary Care Providers/ Implementing JCAHO Suicide Prevention Standards for ERDs and BH Programs
  - Child Abuse Prevention
  - Domestic Violence Prevention
  - Methamphetamine Prevention and Treatment

# What We can Do Together



- H.O.P.E. stands for Help Our People Endure
- 2004 to 2007 248 adults have received training as group facilitators
- Trained facilitators from the communities are now planning, organizing, arranging and advertising the workshops.

# Native HOPE for Youth



- June 2004 to March 2007 343 Youth have participated. Native HOPE effective in giving youth knowledge and skills
- Example: A modified HOPE curriculum used to help a group of Jr. High students following completed suicide of a peer.
- Students expressed hope and resilience in skits: "When there is no hope there is Help". "Break the code of silence and save a friends life"

# A Step Beyond Suicide Prevention to Primary Prevention

Native Youth Academy for 11-14 year olds

Theme: Identify warrior concept within and promote “Brother & Sister” relationships with their peers.

Five year Project: 2007 is the base year

Partners: BH and HP/DP, Area Diabetes Program and Billings Area Special Diabetes Programs for Indians, Native HOPE, BIA/Education and Law Enforcement, Artists, Dancers and many dynamic people from other agencies.

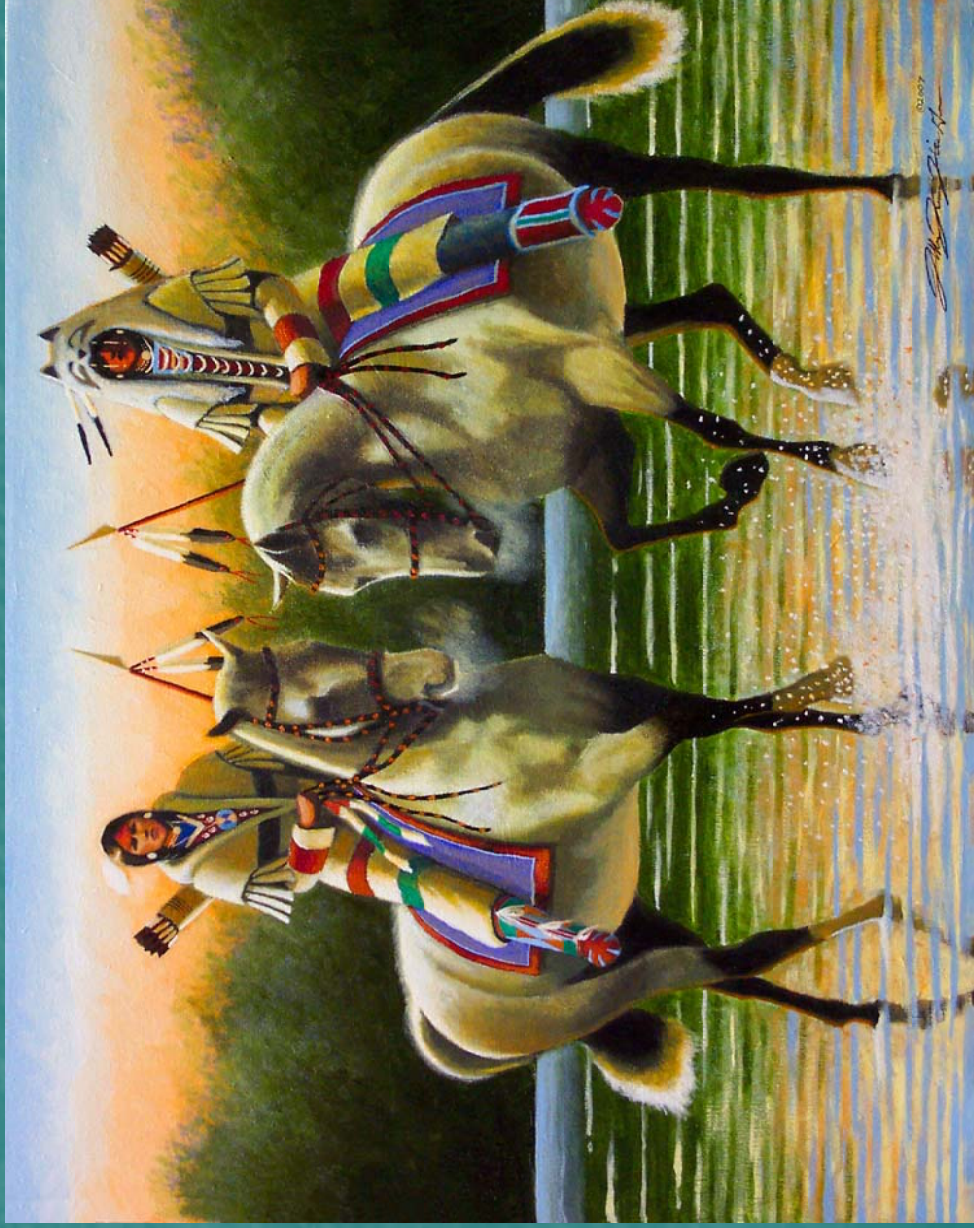
# 1st Year's Theme is "Native Youth Rising"

It is an honor to be selected

- Youth apply and are selected by Health Educators, Schools, others
- Youth are asked to describe their strength in either 1) Academic 2) Social 3) Spiritual areas
- Focus on: healthy relationships, self esteem, Native culture and leadership skills
- Each year the Academy will be held at a different university campus
- Meta-Message: "You are a unique, strong and gifted individual with many abilities"



# Native Youth Academy Warriors of the Future



# Depression Identification and Care



- Advocated for BH Participation in Integration Workshop by Dr. Percy's group
- Effective format got all staff from all reservations communicating, brainstorming and planning
- Result of Brainstorming: Idea for Diabetes Support Group to deal with PTSD and grief issues. BH got involved with accident prevention; all group involved in suicide prevention ideas. All group got information re: HOPE workshops and invited to join. BH will involve HE's DM staff in helping youth gain a voice for their strategic plans.

# Suicide Behavior Data



- BH 3.0 GUI with Suicide Register implemented in 2004
- Has resulted in data sharing with Tribal Health Departments, MT-WY Tribal Leaders Council, Seeds of Hope (SAMHSA funded suicide prevention program), EPI center suicide surveillance study
- Exchanging data with State of Montana; WY VS cooperating with Wind River

# Networking with State Resources



- Data is Important in identifying trends and planning for future
- State Bureau of Vital Statistics has better data on completed suicides than BH 3.0 GUI
- BH 3.0 GUI has great epidemiological information for attempts and ideation

# The Future of Suicide Surveillance



## Columbia Suicide Surveillance Risk Scale

- NIH/NIMH/CDC rating scales of suicidal behavior, intensity of behavior, potential lethality of attempts and ideation
- Objective: Develop discriminatory measures of suicidal behavior leading to more effective intervention and treatment.
- Coordinators at NIH/NIMH looking for collaborative relationships to enhance this project

# WIND RIVER HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE



## Fort Washakie Health Center Health Center

- The community we serve on the Wind River Reservation in Central Wyoming is predominantly Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho. Diabetes and chronic upper respiratory infections are common (many smokers).
- We hope to better address their HP/DP and immunization needs by starting our improvements in the area of Delivery System Design.

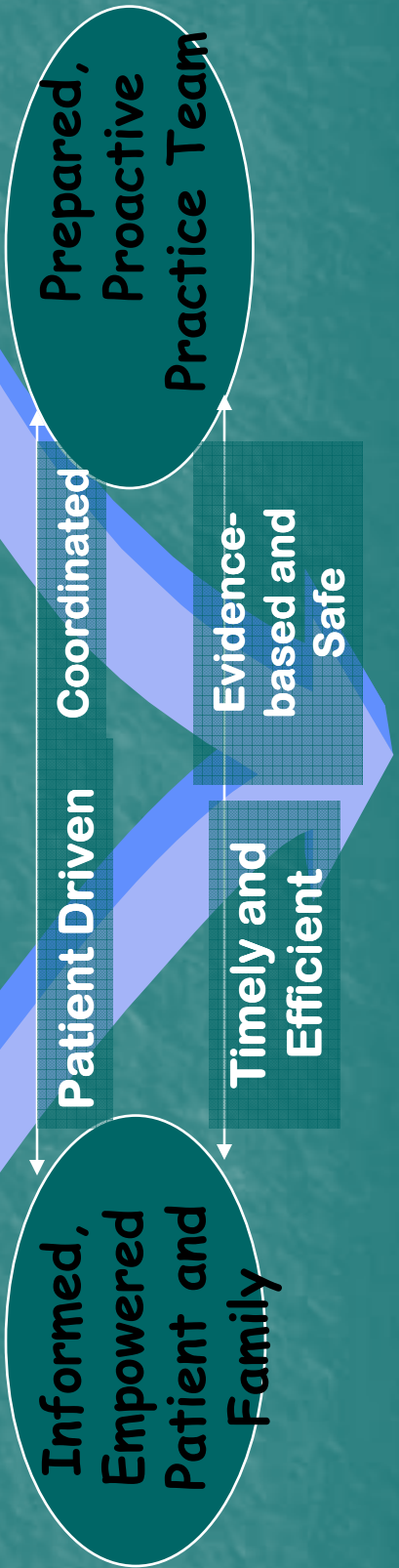


## • Arapahoe

# Care Model



Productive Interactions through effective asset-based partnering over time



Improved achievement of patient and community goals

# Wind River Aim Statement



- We aim to (1) improve continuity of care while balancing health maintenance activities with treatment for acute care needs in our chronically ill patients. We also aim to (2) improve access to care by changing the organization of service delivery first at Fort Washakie and, later, at Arapahoe Health Center. By achieving the above, we aim to (3) improve patient involvement and satisfaction with their health care.
- **We will accomplish our aims by clarifying patient panels according to primary care provider (PCP) over the next quarter (120 days). Although panels will be dynamic, it is necessary to establish panels for tracking purposes. A service delivery system that is well organized by panel will allow the clinic to focus more time and resources on HP/DP and health maintenance goals as stated in the strategic plan, make efficient use of human resources, and optimize communication between departments.**



# Wind River Aim Statement



- The microsystem of focus will be the panel of patients assigned to Dr. Bill Calder (approximately 1,375). Over a 90-day period, we will put into place a Care Team for his panel of patients. The team will include a nurse, pharmacy technician, nutritionist, receptionist, diabetes educator, and psychologist. Each patient will be given a card with contact information for all the team members. Team members will be assigned clear roles and will meet regularly to case-manage complex patients.
- Patients will register with the receptionist at the front desk and their E.H.R. information will be updated to reflect their choice of Dr. Calder or other PCP. Each patient will complete a WE CARE card (and another objective measure) before and after the care team approach begins, allowing us to determine if patients perceive an improvement in waiting time and access to care. Our measures, then, will be patient-centered, focusing on their perception of improvement in these areas. We will also begin tracking availability of appointments by industry standard measures to assess actual appointment availability.

# CALDER'S CARE TEAM CARD



## DR. CALDER'S CARE TEAM

Erin Watson (appointments) 332-7300  
Nurse (referrals, health questions) 335-5988  
or 5989

Cynthia Blanton, RD (nutrition) 335-5940  
Marion Ute, RN (diabetes education) 335-5941

Sandra Delehanty, PhD (stress, coping) 335-5949

Charlene Gambler (mental health) 335-5949  
Roxanne Hines (medication info) 335-5982  
Bill Calder, MD: 335-5966

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
In emergency, call: \_\_\_\_\_



Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Dose \_\_\_\_\_

Take at this Time \_\_\_\_\_

- Wallet-size for convenience
- Font = Century Gothic for ease of reading
- Physician intentionally is last on the list
- Flip-side has space for an emergency contact
- Physician can write in new medications
- Native American graphics and border on card
- Indian Health Service logo

# PDSA on Cycle Time

| Clinic Patient Cycle Time  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Appointment Time _____   | Day: _____ Date: _____              |
| Time _____   | Provider you are Seeing Today _____ |
| 1. Time you checked in at front desk.                                      |                                     |
| 2. How long you sat in the waiting room.                                   |                                     |
| 3. Time staff came to get you.   |                                     |
| 4. Time you were put in an exam room.                                      |                                     |
| 5. Time provider came to exam room.  |                                     |
| 6. Time you and provider left exam room.                                   |                                     |
| 7. Time you returned to waiting room.                                      |                                     |
| 8. Time you were called to pharmacy (or N/A).                              |                                     |
| 9. Time you left the clinic.   |                                     |
| Comments: (for example, were you pleased with how smooth your visit went?) |                                     |

- Plan = ask patients to complete form provided in "Greenbook"
- Do = 4 patients did
- Study = reviewed patient responses and found all were confused by wording, none gave comments
- Act = modified language of form, put example of comment

# Team Wind River

**Sandra Delehanty, Ph.D.,  
Diabetes Coordinator &  
Behavioral Medicine;  
Key Contact**



Members Not Pictured:

- Cathy Keene, CEO
- Bernadette Oberly, Patient Manager
- Margaret Cooper, IT Manager
- Marsha Taggart, R.N., MPH, Community Health Educator
- Trina Nation, Utilization
- Aleta Whiteman, IT
- Micki Schuffert, RN

**Cynthia Blanton, Ph.D., R.D.,  
Public Health Nutritionist; Data**



**Erin Watson,  
Fort Washakie  
Medical Receptionist,  
Team Member**



**Charlene Gambler,  
Behavioral Health Secretary,  
Team Member &  
Resource Extraordinaire**



**Bill Calder, M.D., Family  
Practice, Medical  
Champion & Team  
Member**



Sunset over the Wind River Range