

# Health Finance Meeting Minutes January 21, 2015

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After Dr. Cunningham (Chair) started the meeting, the workgroup project manager provided an update about the OSIM project including: Official start date (Feb 2); final funding to be awarded (2 million); OSIM staff projected to be hired (Project Director and Coordinator). (See attached slides)

## **Workgroup Discussion Items**

1. Health Finance Deliverable 1: Actuarial Analysis and Scope of Work
  - a. Effects of premium assistance on tribes: How do we collect this data? Which tribes are collecting these data, and can help us understand their process? Will the data collected be uniform? There are some tribes working with CMS and reporting to the federal government, we may want to start there. Also check with tribes that are currently running small pilot programs utilizing premium assistance (Cherokee, others?) Tribal members participating in the OSIM workgroups and the Tribal Public Health Advisory Committee (TPHAC) will be critical to establish these communication channels between OSIM stakeholders, OSIM contractors and individual tribal nations.
  - b. It was proposed to research if any organizations or other states are addressing deductible assistance—it is good to see rates of insured people go up, now the issue is when people cannot utilize their insurance because they cannot pay the deductible.
  - c. It was proposed to look into how to account for “woodwork” population—those who are eligible for Medicaid but have not previously signed up (before FFM), and those who transition in and out of Medicaid and other insurance programs.
  - d. Statement regarding point iii under OSIM deliverable 1, “identifying potential legislation”—this seems out of the scope of work for this group. This item may or may not be addressed, depending on the group’s further discussions.
  - e. Question regarding section (d under OSIM deliverable 1: it was proposed to look into shared risk models as well as incentives. Also consider current penalties for providers not utilizing EHR, reasons and potential solutions.
  - f. Research if other states with populations/demographics similar to Oklahoma are utilizing Milliman for financial analysis.
2. Health Finance Deliverable 2: Value Based Analytics Tool
  - a. It was recommended to look into what other states are already utilizing a VBA tool.
  - b. What states established VBA with and without legislation?

**Clarifications**

1. VBA needs to be spelled out as “Value Based Analytics” tool in the Health Finance Goals document.
2. Health Finance Goals document should replace the use of “minimal” for “minimum” when referring to insurance coverage.
3. “acer” under strategy one in SMART goal 1.1 should be “care”

**Action Items**

1. The group has requested information to learn who the members of the Tribal Public Health Advisory Committee (TPHAC) are. Workgroup project managers will send out a roster when it becomes available.
2. The group discussed holding Health Finance workgroup meetings on a bi-monthly basis. As the OSIM grant begins, there will be a need to hold some focus groups, having meetings bi-monthly will give group members an opportunity to participate in those meetings and/or analyze information and share suggestions and comments.
  - a. Workgroup project managers will send a bi-monthly meeting schedule proposal to Health Finance Group members.