**Priority Activities from the Human Services Department Divisions (ISD/MAD/CSED/BHSD)**

**Medical Assistance Division - MAD**

1. MAD is providing new and/or expanding existing Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) with additional waiver slots and an increase in environmental modification amount from $5000 to $6000 every 5 years
2. Centennial Care MCOs are reimbursing doctors, behavioral health providers and other health care professionals for telephone and video patient visits at the same rate as if the visit was in person until the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency
3. HSD received approval from the federal Medicaid agency to reimburse Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal 638 health facilities at the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) encounter rate for filled pharmacy prescriptions. This implementation will have a significant positive impact in revenue for tribal health facilities, resulting in a projected $50.9M in additional federal funding in the first year of implementation,
4. Preparation for the PHE unwinding has begun and the Medical Assistance Division, MCOs and ISD will be assisting individuals that lose Medicaid coverage to find an affordable insurance coverage through BeWell.
5. Extending Medicaid post-partum coverage from 60 days to 12 months began 4/2022
6. A Tribal Listening Session on the 1115 Waiver renewal was held April 26, 2022. Tribal leadership was invited. Meetings will continue to be scheduled to get feedback from Tribal leadership and stakeholders on their recommendations for changes to the Medicaid Waiver
7. HSD continues to hold the Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) on a quarterly basis, now in its 10th year. This committee addresses issues of mutual concern that the Tribes want to discuss.
8. HSD collaborated FEMA to support Picuris Pueblo and Acoma Pueblo with resources and assistance with Covid-19 related activities. Both tribes participated in roundtables with state and federal agencies to leverage needs in their community.

**Child Support Enforcement Division - CSED**

1. HSD and the Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD) continue to collaborate in their commitment to implement policies that will support and service Native American children and families under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Both agencies are making every effort to ensure that all Native American children and families receive appropriate support and services.
2. In SFY2021, there were 91,590 children served by the New Mexico Child Support program
3. HSD provides child support services to Tribes, Nations and Pueblos across New Mexico by establishing and enforcing child support orders through tribal courts.
4. CSED has a dedicated attorney licensed to practice in Zia, Acoma, Isleta, and Laguna Pueblos
5. Zia Pueblo has three active cases servicing four children and total collections of $3,597.64 as of 2021.
6. CSED has met with Taos Pueblo to discuss the enforcement of tribal court orders for non-custodial parents. CSED will continue to collaborate with tribes in an effort to honor and enforce tribal court orders for child support payments.

**Behavioral Health Services Division – BHSD**

1. BHSD has reinstated the BH Tribal Liaison position and has hired this individual to help support BHSD led activities in tribal communities and to be an advocate for tribal support.
2. BHSD created the New Mexico Tribal Behavioral Health Provider Association. The first meeting was held in March 2021 and had over 40 tribal behavioral health providers in attendance.
3. Launch of youth peer support services program began to train enrollees in 2021.
4. FCC adopted rules to establish 988 as the new, nationwide, easy-to-remember 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors. BHSD is working on a smooth transition to roll out in July 2022. The planning for 988 is to reach out to Native American communities and have a separate Native American team for the planning of the implementation of the 988 system. BHSD will host a tribal consultation in June for tribal engagement and feedback
5. BHSD, HSD and CYFD collaborated with NM Tribes and Pueblos, community partners, and Administrative Office of the Courts on drafting State ICWA law that expanded on the federal version
6. BHSD and CYFD has worked on the creation of Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (“CANS”) and Crisis Assessment Tool (“CAT”) to aid in providing and address needs and services for children in state custody
7. Updated criteria to ensure children suffering from serious emotional disorders (SED) will have access to intensive home-based services
8. Created coaching plan for integration of CYFD and HSD training and coaching, building on unique expertise that will support children in state custody.,
9. The RISE (Reach, Intervene, Support, Engage) program is currently in partnership with the Mescalero Apache tribe. The partnership will collaborate to provide transitional services for physical and behavioral health support upon release from Lincoln County Jail.

**Income Support Division - ISD**

1. HSD supports about half of the state population and slightly over 50% of population is on HSD services. ISD is currently in communication with members and constituents regarding notices on upcoming pandemic eligibility changes.
2. As of July 23, 2021, Income Support Division (ISD) in coordination with the Public Education Department (PED) provided 348,913 children in 241,723 households the P-EBT SNAP benefit for a total cost of $104,271,069
3. As of March 2020, SNAP households that were not already receiving the maximum food benefit for their household size have received an increase to bring their food benefits to the maximum amount every month. The increase in benefits was done in an effort to reduce food insecurity for New Mexicans during the COVID-19 pandemic