TRIBAL ACCREDITATION SUPPORT INITIATIVE

November 13, 2015
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

- Federally Recognized Tribe in 1978
- Enrolled population: 18,669
- Approximately 8,000 live in Pima County, Arizona
- Employs 863 government employees within 22 tribal departments
8 traditional communities in Arizona
Pascua Yaqui Health Services Department (PYHSD)

VISION: To operate a quality health service system accessible and responsive to tribal members

MISSION: To promote the highest possible standard for health and well-being within our communities

• Currently manages over $30 mil from federal, state, tribal and private funds
• Approximately 300 employees
Two separate Annual Funding Agreements
  - Indian Health Service (IHS) Phoenix Area for Maricopa County
  - Tucson Area

In 1980, IHS established managed care plan in lieu of an IHS facility
  - Couldn’t fully address community needs

PYHSD-run programs
  - Community health nursing, diabetes management, prevention programs, alternative medicine, traditional medicine, and dental services

PYHSD-run State programs
  - WIC, Teen Pregnancy, HIV, ALTCS, Behavioral Health

Reservation-based methadone clinic and drug court interventions

“The Hlaki way of health...knowing our herbs and food...if we didn’t eat we were not well. Respecting one another, honoring, caring, and praying. We truly believe in prayers and ceremonies to heal our selves and family.” Dolores Flores 1-29-06.
PYHSD Continued

In FY 2011, Tribe assumed Management of Managed Care Plan

- The reservation clinic remodeled and enlarged
- Pharmacy and specialty care
- Access to urgent care centers throughout Tucson
- 24/7 pharmacy services at Walgreens
Collaborations & Partnerships

- El Rio Health Centers
- Pima County Health Department
- University of Arizona – Native American Research Center within School of Medicine, College of Public Health
- Arizona Department of Health Services
- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
Pre Accreditation Experience

Established accreditation committee

– Trainings: Intertribal Council of Arizona, NHIB, Public Health Institute (PHI), RedStarr Innovations, and PHAB Documentation training
– Split Standards and Measures among committee subgroups
– Began gathering documents for Standards and Measures
– Analyzed readiness for accreditation

Community Health Assessment survey administered

– Compiling and analyzing the data in end-stages

GOAL: Letter of Intent submitted April 2016
Proposed Project Summary

Assistance and training for Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
  – Ongoing process through grant period
  – Completed by end of May 2016

Guidance and training for Strategic Planning
  – Constructed during a 4 day workshop
  – Completed by end of June 2016

Guidance on conducting CHIP and Strategic Plan independently
  – Ensure sustained accreditation
The Big Picture

Benefits of accreditation:

– Sustain tribal values in the management of the health care delivery system
– Demonstrate accountability within all health programs
– Improve performance to improve health outcomes
– Strengthen the workforce to provide better service
– Increased funding opportunities