MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER

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Public Health Accreditation Committee

Purpose:
In support of the Choctaw Health Center’s mission, the Public Health Services Department's purpose is to enable members of the MBCI to achieve optimal health by improving each individual's knowledge; attitudes, and practices about health by promoting, supporting, and assisting the Choctaw Health Center with health care delivery at the community level.
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OVERVIEW
A History

• The Choctaws called the southeast home for many centuries.

• First mention of Choctaw was recorded in modern history in 1675.

• The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians was officially recognized by the Federal Government in 1945.
Historical Photographs
By: Roddy Nickey
MBCI FACTS

• Tribal enrolled membership exceeds 10,800 individuals

• Tribal government is a democratic form of government: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.

• Tribe owns and operates a diversified portfolio of manufacturing, service, retail, hospitality and construction enterprises.

• Choctaw language is still spoken fluently in majority of homes.
Choctaw Health Center

Pearl River Reservation is now home to a new state-of-the-art health facility. The newly completed Choctaw Health Center encompasses a 36-room outpatient department, a 18-chair dental department, six treatment rooms (two equipped for trauma), an emergency department, emergency medical services, various treatment facilities, behavioral health and public health services, along with all necessary support services.

The new hospital is over twice the size of the current hospital, which opened its doors in 1976.
Rural Health Clinic Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00a - 6:00p all clinics open

Rotating clinic hours on Saturdays
8:00a - 12:00p

1st Saturday of the month - Conehatta Clinic
2nd Saturday of the month - BogueChitto
3rd Saturday of the month - Red Water
4th Saturday of the month - Choctaw Health Center

Bogue Chitto
601-656-5442

Conehatta
601-775-3446

Red Water
601-267-8368
CHC MISSION

The Mission of the Choctaw Health Center is to raise the health status of the Choctaw people to the highest level possible.

CHC VISION

Our vision is to achieve a healthy community through holistic health services in a culturally sensitive environment, in partnership with satisfied customers, dedicated employees, and the Choctaw community.
Organizational Chart

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER
BEGINNING JOURNEY

PLANNING FOR HEALTH ASSESSMENT
CHA Planning

• Community definition
  o All persons eligible for MBCI health services
    ▪ Enrolled MBCI members or members of other federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native and direct lineal descendants.
  o Living ‘on’ or ‘near’ Tribal lands considered as Choctaw Community
  o Past or current direct service users of Choctaw Health Center
Engaging Partners

• Invitation to introduction/open discussion on MBCI health status and interests
• Asked to complete a short questionnaire
• Working meetings with Community Health Technicians (CHTs)
• Participation with Mississippi State Health Assessment and Improvement Committee (SHAIC)
Questionnaire

• Used to:
  o Distinguish primary health concerns of partners
  o Locate potential data sources
  o Generate and promote discussion

MBCI Accreditation – Partner/Stakeholder Questionnaire

Name: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Phone Number: __________________________

Are you willing to assist with MBCI public health accreditation? (Circle one)

Yes  No

What department/field do you work in and what is your job title?

________________________________________________________________________

What data resources do you have access to that can contribute to creating a snapshot of health within the Tribe? (Ex. Demographics, mortality rates, disease prevalence, etc.)

________________________________________________________________________

What would you like to get out of this partnership?

________________________________________________________________________

Which MBCI community do you reside in? (If applicable)

List your top three health concerns for the tribe

1. ___________________________________________

2. ___________________________________________

3. ___________________________________________

What do you think we can do to improve the health of the MBCI communities?

________________________________________________________________________

What day and time of the week are you available to attend sponsor/stakeholder meeting?

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Please return to the Public Health Department of the Choctaw Health Center
39 questionnaires collected

77% noted diabetes to be one of their top health concerns

36% noted alcohol and drug dependency to be one of their top health concerns

31% noted cardiovascular disease to be one of their top health concerns
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RELATIONSHIP
Survey Development

• Assistance from partners
  o Mississippi State Department of Health

• Guidance from other survey instruments
  o BRFSS, NHANES, NACCHO, State CHA, EBCI

• Working meetings with Community Health Technicians
  o Recommended and developed questions that are appropriate for and can be easily understood by community members
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CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES
Challenges

• Locating reliable data sources

• Getting questionnaires back from partners who could not attend meetings or working in other communities

• Invitation of partners located in other communities

• Staff/consultant drawback
Successes

• Developed a working relationship with state health public health department

• Obtained buy-in from administration and tribal leadership

• Improved staff knowledge on public health accreditation

• Promoted community engagement by fostering partnership opportunities

• Began important groundwork for accreditation
Implications

• Sustain and improve engagement with partners and community

• Finalize and implement survey instrument

• Identifying areas where we should seek training

• Pursue training opportunities for community health and outreach staff.
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YAKOKI!
TILL NEXT TIME

"FOR YOU ARE A HOLY PEOPLE, WHO BELONG TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, OF ALL THE PEOPLE ON EARTH, THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO BE HIS OWN SPECIAL TREASURE."
- DEUTERONOMY 7:6