

Program Services Directory



Cheryle Kennedy

Tribal Health Programs:

Director: Cheryle Kennedy

Community Health Staff: Bonnie Martin, Darlene Aaron, Joe Brisbois, Receptionist - Colleen Kimsey

The Tribal Health Programs are comprised of five services, they are Health Administration, Clinic Operations, Contract Health Services, Community Health Representatives (field health services) and Mental Health. It is most important that you apply for Health Services through the Tribe to be eligible for health benefits. If you have not applied or are unsure of your eligibility status please let the Tribal Health Program know. The Tribal Health Program staff can be reached at 879-5211 if you reside out of the local area dial 1-800-422-0232.

-Health administration is responsible for planning, developing, implementing and oversight of tribal health services. Cheryle Kennedy is the Health Director with Colleen Kimsey providing support services. Other support services are provided by Cindy Martin who provides back-up to Colleen and the CHS clerks and performs CHS bookkeeping services.

-Clinic Operations is the Wednesday clinic which is held at the Grand Ronde Tribal office with practitioner, Bette Seagren. The clinic operates on an appointment only basis, please call Colleen Kimsey for your appointment.

-Contract Health Services (CHS) is the department which takes your call when you notify CHS of your appointment with a public/private health care provider. Teri Holsclaw and Mary Brickell are the CHS clerks who process your CHS transactions. Please refer to the certified letter you received from CHS notifying you of your eligibility, for all the CHS requirements. It is important that you get your health service pre-authorized. Call 1-800-422-0232 or locally 879-5211 to notify and/or talk with Teri or Mary concerning your CHS matters.

-Community Health Representatives are the newest addition to the Tribal Health program. CHR's provide field health and outreach health services including home visits, follow-up to hospital discharge, pre-natal visits, transporting for health services and outreach services. The tribe has 3 CHR's, Bonnie Martin, CHR coordinator, Joe Brisbois and Darlene Aaron.

-Mental Health Services will be provided on a limited basis. Please call Colleen for an appointment or more information.

Health clinics are held at the Tribal office in Grand Ronde each Wednesday. Call Colleen Kimsey for appointments and health care applications. For Community Health Nursing Services contact Bonnie Martin, Darlene Aaron or Joe Brisbois.



Teri Holsclaw

Contract Health Care:

Teri Holsclaw, Mary Brickell;

Applications for services that are provided by this program are available on request. Call prior to receiving any health service, we are on a restricted medical priority.



Cindy Martin, CHS Accounting clerk, began working for the Tribes' Contract Health Program in August.



Joe Brisbois

His infectious laughter is the first thing you notice upon meeting Tribal member Joe Brisbois. Brisbois, grew up in White Swan, Washington and on the Spokane reservation where he learned to hunt and fish with his family. Brisbois likes basketball and baseball and spent time traveling to baseball and softball tournaments during the summers. After spending a semester in college, Brisbois fought fires and worked for a logging company before becoming interested in day care while living on the Warm Springs reservation.

When asked about the transition from working in the woods compared to working with children Brisbois responded by saying "It was alright, it wasn't that hard to make the change because I had the right attitude."

While reading the "Smoke Signals" Brisbois noticed a job announcement for the Contract Health Representative position that he currently holds. "I saw the job description and decided to apply not knowing if I would get the job," explained Brisbois. "But, after I interviewed I thought that I had a good chance. I think my experience with children and my willingness to learn may have helped me out."

Brisbois' job responsibilities include doing the paperwork on clients that need to go to visit doctor's or hospitals and takes care of their referrals to Contract Health. Brisbois also delivers medication to those who can't pick it up and handles transporting clients who don't have the means to get to their health care appointments.

Having a new career and a job that he enjoys have made Brisbois feel at peace with himself and his surroundings. "This is the best working environment I've ever been in and I enjoy working for my Tribe."



Darlene Aaron



Bonnie Martin