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Members, Board, and Staff,

Re: State of the Network

We're hoping to give you enough information so you have a clear understanding of where the Network stands as of today's date. Things have been changing so fast that any information we might have given you before now would have been incorrect and misleading. Many of the issues are internal in that they are personnel issues and we cannot share that information. Suffice it to say that we have been in a struggle for our existence. I believe that this has been the most difficult time the Network has ever had to face. And yes I was around back then and remember quite well all the things going on in the 90's.

Let's get to the FACTS.

- We are open Monday through Friday 9-5
- Because of the struggles we have gone through we have laid-off Field Staff and the MHSA Director
- At this point we are staffing the office with Gulshan Yusufzai and Kathy Trevino
- Several board members have the capacity to get off from their regular jobs and are coming in and lending a hand
- We never had a cash flow problem until now, Now that we are submitting all the appropriate invoices we do have a cash flow problem in that we have received over 50-Thousand dollars in IOU's and anticipate another 100-Thousand in IOU's coming from the state.
- We also are expecting around 60-Thousand from our Working Well Together project (WWT)
- CIMH solicited 5-grand for each of the WWT regions so Sue Watson continues to produce deliverables and is still employed because of that single gesture.
- The WWT funds should be a check, which we can take to the bank
- The first thing we will do is pay any outstanding reimbursements. We thank those people for being patient.
- We are looking at a face to face board meeting after that, around the end of the August
- The two main issues for the board meeting will be the budget and staffing
- Finally we are looking at a way to bring back laid off staff ASAP. That is as the budget allows.

The Network will continue to thrive and we will not pass by this way again. We have learned this lesson and we will place this information in a policy binder so that future boards will know what's happening and address the issue quickly. There are many other issues that need to be in the binder too.

I want to thank each of you for your positive thoughts and prayers and have you know that they have not gone un-noticed. As we struggle we learn, and as we learn we step into the future, which is ours to claim.

Respectfully,
M. Roy Crew