## The Caring House Region IX Tribal Consultation - Testimony 2014

**Issue:** Due to living in rural areas, some patients are left with no insurance as they did not pay into the Social Security System

Issue: Staffing is low

**Issue:** Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements are decreasing, but the cost of care is increasing. This means that the care requirements and funding deficits make it challenging for those that are dependent on staff.