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Members, Board, and Staff,

Re: State of the Network: Update Number Two

We're returning to you with very positive information. First of all I want to say thank you to CIMH and their leadership team we met with last week. They were so concerned about us in spite of their own issues that they wrote us a check on the spot. That single act of compassion kept us open.

Let's get to the FACTS.

- We remain staffed and open Monday through Friday 9-5
- Gulshan Yusufzai and Kathy Trevino remain and Michele Curran is helping us with our annual SAMHSA report and other odds and ends that need to be accomplished
- Several board members are still taking time off from their regular jobs and are coming in to lend a hand
- We met with CiMH officials and came to terms regarding money and they wrote us a check on the same day and we will receive another CHECK from them this week.
- As I stated in our first update we had and have now cashed the 50 thousand dollars of IOU's from DMH via the City of Sacramento. They deposited the money in our account at 12:00 AM this morning.
- We said the first thing we will do is pay any outstanding reimbursements. I have signed a stack of checks bringing over half of our bills and all outstanding staff concerns to date.
- We are going to have an Executive Committee Meeting in the Far North before my next CNMHC update and we will post appropriate information as it becomes available.
- We are beginning the plans for a Full Board meeting around September 11-13. We will post information as it develops right here on your web site.
- A CPA was hired to look at the books and assist with invoice development. He was expensive but we are coming to an end with his services and moving forward with new books and a new way of handling them.
- Finally we are looking at a way to bring back laid off staff ASAP. That is, as the budget allows.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that what we have just been through was at least a Magnitude Nine on the Richter scale. Like those who survived in 1906, we have picked up all the pieces and are putting things back together. There has been tremendous loss and suffering but we are on the way again. During this past year I have seen the small become Hero's and the "Beyond Reproach" fall to their own device. I apologize for all the hurt that has happened and ask that you turn your feelings toward me; but I will tell you this, had I known, all this would not have happened. Had I known I could have done something. It is not mine to know why, only mine to live through it and learn. I am smarter today and I will be smarter tomorrow if I'm given the chance to see but one more day. Thank you for the opportunity to learn.

Respectfully,
M. Roy Crew