

Senate Bill 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting
Warm Springs, Oregon
November 7, 2007

Attendees:

Richard Acevedo	DHS – Director’s Office
Diana Woods	DHS – Director’s Office
Iris Bell	Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Randy Blackburn	DHS – Children, Adults and Families Division
Sonciray Bonnell	NW Portland Area Indian Health Board
Judy Bowen	DHS – Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Kat Brigham	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Lillie Butler	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Mike Clements	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Caroline Cruz	DHS – Addictions and Mental Health Division
Jim Edge	DHS – Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Davis Fullerton	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Dottie Garcia	CTCLUSI
Marvin Garcia	Klamath Tribes – Social Services
Austin Greene	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Linda Hettinga	Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center
Laurain Hintsala	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Ron Hudson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Mark Johnston	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Cassie Katchia	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Vernon Kennedy	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Cheryle Kennedy	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Mickey Lansing	Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Chris Larson	Christie Care
Allyson Lecatsas	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Kelle Little	Coquille Indian Tribe
Shane Lopez-Johnston	DHS – Addictions and Mental Health Division
Angela Long	DHS – Children, Adults and Families Division
Rebekah Main	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – CPS
Urbana Manion	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Mike Marcotte	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Mary McNevins	DHS – Children, Adults and Families Division
Eric Metcalf	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Jane Metcalf	Coquille Indian Tribe
Antone Minthorne	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Debra Mosher	DOJ – Division of Child Support
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Elwood Patawa	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Bonnie Petersen	Confederated Tribes of Siletz

Jim Roberts	NW Portland Area Indian Health Board
Clyde Saiki	DHS – Director’s Office
Alice Sampson	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – CCC
Twila Teeman	Burns Paiute Tribe
Guy Wallulatum	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – CCC
Diann Weaver	CTCLUSI

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and roundtable introductions were made. Guy Walallatum gave the opening prayer.

DHS Budget and Legislative Updates – Clyde Saiki

- Clyde announced the retirement of Ramona Foley, CAF Assistant Director. Her last day in the office will be November 16. Bryan Johnston will serve as the interim director during the recruitment process. DHS welcomes input from the tribes on the selection process.
- Measure 50 was soundly defeated. The tobacco industry did a very good job with advertising opposition.
- The Governor still has health care for children as a primary focus, so this issue is not dead.
- The February legislative session will consist of about 20 working days. Some issues the Legislature may be looking at are the Oregon State Police staffing levels, the national identification act, infrastructure issues in higher education and health care.

Ron Hudson asked what DHS’ plan is now that the TANF waivers are gone and the five year lifetime limit is up.

- Clyde acknowledged that a lot of work has been done with the TANF reorganization.

Action Item:

Rick Acevedo will send information on the TANF reorganization out to the tribes.

Karen Quigley – Legislative Commission on Indian Services

- The 2008 Key Contact Directory will be available and is also posted on the website.
- December 15 is the deadline for state agencies to have their annual reports on the state/tribal government process to the Legislative Commission on Indian Services and the Governor’s Office.
- Karen proposed starting a new cluster that services children, families and the community to focus more on social aspects. Karen Quigley reserved a

conference room in the capitol for January 29 to meet with tribal representatives, so the new cluster will be what is really needed.

- The Health Fund Board has a website at <http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HFB/index.shtml>. Information such as upcoming meetings and newsletter can be found there.

Tribal Updates:

Cheryl Kennedy, Dave Fullerton, Ron Hudson & Allyson Lecatsas, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

- Celebrated 10 years for the health and wellness center.
- Working on the 2008 budget and looking at funding levels for many programs. Costs continue to increase for health care.
- Starting third year of recovery house for tribal members coming out of addiction treatment.
- Running a comprehensive prevention program that addresses the gang problem.
- The nine tribes in Oregon received \$50,000 per tribe/biennium of the juvenile crime prevention money. The Ways and Means committee appropriated \$2 million additional funds for juvenile crime prevention and very little of this is going to tribes; it is going to the larger counties. There is no tribal liaisons are on the commission for juvenile crime prevention. A stakeholders meeting will be held in December with the Oregon Commission on Children and Families.
- Have three new family practice providers and looking at changing policies and philosophies to help with patient access to care.

Twila Teeman, Burns Paiute Tribe

- Closed the shelter home due to budget issues. Having difficulty recruiting foster families.
- Prevention program has funds to deal with safety issues.

Kelle Little, Coquille Indian Tribe

- Just finished 2008 budget process and it has been approved.
- Health care continues to be the number one priority.
- Working to get a program for Medicare like rates, working on the reimbursement process.
- Received three-year accreditation in July.
- Primary challenge in social services is to continue seeking tribal foster homes.
- Head start program is going for third performance review.
- Prevention program is funded through the Juvenile Crime Prevention. Challenges and frustration with not having the contract signed yet.

Eric Metcalf, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw

- Biggest issue is funding. Catastrophic premiums are high. The tribe receives \$300,000 from the feds for contract health and one catastrophic case alone was \$550,000 just for the hospital bills.
- Coos Tribe is opening a new casino in early December.

Dottie Garcia, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw

- Social services is recruiting new foster homes.
- Emergency preparedness as it relates to medically fragile people. Also for tribal kids in foster care in other states experiencing a disaster is of concern. A lot of work needs to happen and collaboration with other tribes would be welcome.
- The tribe also runs a food pantry. It is another area of concern to make sure that people have enough food.
- Eric is working on shoring up the lack of Catastrophic Health Emergency Funds (CHEF) from Indian Health Services. An idea that was brought forward was that maybe the nine tribes could pool resources together as a group to buy insurance.

Action Item:

Rick Acevedo will send information on Emergency Preparedness to the Coos Tribe. (Samuel Dickson, DHS, Emergency Preparedness)

Jim Roberts said that the CDC has published a guide on targeting pandemic flu/influenza.

Judy Muschamp, Confederated Tribes of Siletz

- Through the tribal diabetes program the tribe was able to purchase a modular unit for the diabetes wellness center. The site and interior work is now being done. Will operate as a fitness center and office space for the diabetes program staff. A walking path is located on the property and a gymnasium will be built next door. The center will be ready in 3-4 weeks. The gym opens in 5-6 weeks. Planning a grand opening and are trying to incorporate the Native Wellness Program from NIKE to participate in the opening of those two facilities.
- Have a new dentist in the clinic and are now fully staffed.
- Recruiting for a clinic RN.
- Youth conference will be held weekend and is limited to 60 Siletz tribal youth.
- Red Ribbon week in October. The Youth Leadership group planted 900-1000 red tulips in the community.
- Contract with Christie School.

- Invitation to bid for clinic remodel and expansion project.
- Clinical coordinator position just closed with two qualified applicants.
- Tribe became compliant with Emergency Preparedness.

Bonnie Peterson, Confederated Tribes of Siletz

- Absent parent is required to pay for medical care through the Child Support Division. A meeting will be held on November 15 with Support Enforcement regarding this topic.

Mike Clements, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Going through many staff changes.
- Reorganization with council elections going on.
- Jerald Smith is the new Chief Operations Officer.
- Joint venture agreement with IHS for the tribal health clinic.
- The council has identified the methamphetamine epidemic as having the highest priority for the tribe.

Laurain Hintsala, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Laurain has been filling in as Human Services General Manager in the interim and would appreciate assistance from the state with challenges as they arise.

Becky Main, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- ISP audit is scheduled for November 14.
- ICWA conference in September went very well with good responses from attendees.
- Caseload is currently low.
- Many healthy activities going on for youth.
- Community Health Education Team has prevention campaigns throughout the month of November on many topics such as HIV/AIDS prevention, diabetes prevention and tobacco prevention.
- Co-hosted a conference last August on methamphetamine use.

Guy Wallalatum, Warm Springs Counseling Center

- Will be signing the contract with ChristieCare. It would be nice to have a similar program for addictions.
- Three years ago the state had a training and substance abuse counselor; it would be nice to have that again and for mental health.
- Attended training at Lewis and Clark in July where someone from the state said there would be free gambling addiction training, but have not heard anything more.

Action Item:

Caroline Cruz will have the DHS gambling addiction coordinator contact the tribes by email regarding this opportunity.

Woody Patawa, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla

- In the process of finalizing the application for accreditation from AAAHC.
- Recently filled the position of health educator and that person will begin on December 1.
- Interviewing for an accounting supervisor and hired for the finance department.
- November 20 tribal elections will be held and several constitutional amendments will also be on the ballot.

Kat Brigham, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

- Several years ago, the tribal liaison for education was lost due to lack of funding and the impact of that was huge. Need to lobby the state to keep those positions.
- Reviewed by Child Welfare League of America. Looking to implement the recommendations from that report. Will be adding 3-4 new staff.
- Davida Dialysis Center will be opening soon.
- Kat suggested that looking at a cross budget approach with all programs in Human Services would help to pull in resources.

Marvin Garcia, Klamath Tribes

- Elwood Miller, Jr. who was very active in tribal government passed away yesterday.
- Received a grant for substance abuse prevention.
- The tribe has spent a lot of time recently on restructuring/reorganization of social services and has made positive changes.

Iris Bell, Commission on Children and Families

In response to questions from Ron Hudson, Iris discussed communication. The committee wants more direct communication with the tribes; more relationship building. One idea is to hold committee meetings at tribal locations. An RFP is out for a consultant to work on a development of the stakeholder meeting to begin work with various tribes. So far, ten or twelve responses have been received.

Chris Larson, ChristieCare

Chris Larson spoke about the ChristieCare program and facilities. There are currently three children in the program with five more waiting.

ChristieCare is also looking at respite care for children in need of a short support stay. It is ChristieCare's hope that a child's tribes, family and other natural supports are involved with the treatment.

ChristieCare is in the process of submitting an RFP for a transition aged youth group home in cooperation with NARA.

Action Item:

Rick will have Michael Stickler look at services provided at 100% FMAP through the ITU and get back to Jim Roberts and the tribes.

Oregon Health Plan, Jim Edge

The failure of Measure 50 means we will not have the “Healthy Kids” program. The department will be discussing what components of that program can be incorporated into Medicaid with no additional funding available.

Regarding the renewal of the Oregon Health Plan, the department is involved in negotiations with the federal government. CMS is trying to take away some of the flexibility. They have 30 days to sign, by the end of November. DHS did get the reopening of the Oregon Health Plan Standard.

The standard program is for low income people who do not otherwise qualify for the plus program. The standard program has been closed for over three years. We can now have about 28,000 people on the program. It is funded through provider taxes. We have received permission from the federal government to reopen. The month of December will be an outreach month, to partner with the tribal clinics, and other outreach departments to send out brochures, flyers, etc. DHS Staff will provide training to these outreach partners.

The month of January will be collecting names for the reservation list and at the end of January we will begin a random draw of names of individual to receive applications to fill out for eligibility.

DHS recently received a Medicaid transfer grant to build a databank. Using the medical health records for Medicaid patients from all programs will be incorporated in one location statewide. DHS is looking for a project manager and staff to work on this. We will be putting out an RFP for a database manager.

SB 329 was passed in the last legislative session to move Oregon toward a universal health care system. Barney Speight will lead the Oregon Health fund board. Committees have been set up and will now begin meeting with people around the state. Several tribes have indicated interest in making sure the tribes are represented on these committees. Barney has been made aware of this and will make sure tribes are represented. The committees have a one-year deadline to come up with a plan. They are trying to find a way to make health care available to everyone. Several states are moving in this direction. Oregon will develop a plan

on how to achieve universal health care and submit it to the Legislature next October.

Jim Roberts asked DHS for Medicaid data for January 2006 through current to defend the issue that requiring documentation has resulted in a decline in enrollment.

Clyde Saiki said that a report has already been completed on this issue and as a result, CMS will be doing a review of how DHS has implemented the citizenship program.

Action Item:

Information requested from Jim Edge for this data.

DHS Liaison Reports

Judy Bowen, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division

- 3rd Annual Native Caring Conference was held in October with the Umatilla Tribe hosting. The conference was attended by 180 participants.
- Next conference will be October 23-24, 2008 at the Mill Casino.
- Warm Springs Tribe received an evidence-based fitness grant through the Administration on Aging. They are the first tribe in Oregon to receive this grant.
- Judy has been involved with the adult foster homes at Grand Ronde Tribe. Any questions on adult foster homes can be directed to Judy.

Mary McNevens, Children, Adults and Families Division

- ICWA Advisory Committee met this morning.
- NARA has produced a resource guide entitled A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act. Copies are available from the NARA website.
- Next year is the 30th year of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The 15th annual conference will be held on the coast; exact location yet to be determined.
- The National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrations there is a two-year initiative they are working on. Becky Main from Warm Springs has been named as the representative from Oregon for the advisory committee.
- There is funding available through Title IV-E, System of Care and VI-E Waiver resources that will be allocated to the tribes. Focus of initiatives are statewide native recruitment and retention, over representation in the child welfare population yet underrepresented in the state population, and improving the collection of data.

Mickey Lansing, Commission on Children and Families

- Looking at issues that come from counties. Each county is developing a community comprehensive plan and tribes are critical in this plan. State

commission will take those plans and develop a “dashboard” that the Commission will focus efforts on.

- The Commission has an initiative on reconnecting foster children with their families. This initiative is for children who have been in the system for at least two years and are preparing to transition out of the child welfare system.
- Focusing on evidence-based practice and as it relates to cultural adaptations.
- The Commission is doing a lot of work around juvenile crime prevention.

Iris Bell, Commission on Children and Families

- Members of the Commission are making appointments with each of the tribes to visit with the tribes and discuss available programs.
- The Commission will be holding a stakeholders meeting to engage to look more specifically at how to develop better relationships and work together better.
- The Commission has a resource guide on Supporting After-School Programs in Oregon: A Guide to Potential Public and Private Funding Sources. Each tribe will receive a copy.
- A draft copy of the Tribal Juvenile Crime Prevention Program is available and the Commission would like feedback on this document.
- CASA is working with the tribes. The Grand Ronde Tribe is working on becoming their own CASA representatives.
- The Commission is planning to hold an open house.

Caroline Cruz, Addictions and Mental Health Division

- New court administration rule that will require prevention certification for substance abuse. There will be a two-year period where all programs, county and tribal will have to become certified. As a result of that \$10,000 has been set aside to assist tribes with getting certified.
- All tribes should now have the minimum based amount for outpatient dollars with the exception of Coos and Coquille. \$50,000 minimum for outpatient treatment. All tribes are also receiving \$5,000 for enforcing the underage drinking law.
- Additional funding is available for a specific parenting program that has success in reducing substance abuse called Strengthening Family Program 10-14. Only two tribes have submitted for these funds.
- There have been a series of Strategic Planning Forums statewide and the next one is scheduled for November 28 hosted by the Cowcreek Tribe. This is information on substance abuse, mental health, prevention, treatment, recovery in preparation for the 2009-2011 budget period.
- National Prevention Network Conference on Underage Drinking was held in September. There were 20 scholarships available to attend the conference.

Warm Springs and Siletz received scholarships and were able to send representatives to this conference.

- The Tribal-Based Practice Paper has been accepted. These are practices that the tribes have been doing successfully for generations.

Next meeting:

February 20, 2008