

Senate Bill 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting
Lincoln City, Oregon
May 7, 2008

Attendees:

Richard Acevedo	DHS, Director's Office
Drew Adams	Coquille Indian Tribe
Melody Baker	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Peggy Biery	IHS – Portland Area Office
Randy Blackburn	DHS, Office of Federal Financial Policy
Sonciray Bonnell	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Judy Bowen	DHS, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Caroline Cruz	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Kay Culbertson	Western Oregon Service Unit
Normajeane Cummings	Klamath Tribal Health
Bev Davis	DHS, Child Welfare – Jefferson
Cynthia Galaktionoff	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Marci Garrett	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Ron Hudson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Cynthia Hylton	Office of Private Health Partnerships
Deborah Jackson-Alvarez	Indian Health Services, Warm Springs Services
Jeremiah Johnson	IHS – Warm Springs
Daneka Karma	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Cassie Katchia	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Chris Larsen	Christie Care
Rita McMillan	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Mary McNevins	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Tresa Mercier	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Debbie Mosher	DOJ, Division of Child Support
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Martirai Ramsey	IHS – Warm Springs
Tawna Sanchez	Native American Youth and Family Center
John Spence	Christie Care, NARA and OHSU
Vincent Wallulatum	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Jolene Walters	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Michael Watkins	NARA NW, Inc.
Diann Weaver	CTCLUSI
Diana Woods	DHS, Director's Office

Introductions & Welcome – Rick Acevedo

Welcome and introductions were made. John Spence gave the opening prayer.

Tribal Updates

Sonciray Bonnell, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

- Indian Health Care Improvement Act passed out of the House and could linger in the Senate for up to one year.
- IHS is looking for someone to serve on a behavioral health advisory committee. The position requires knowledge of behavioral health and some travel.
- Save the date for the National Native Leadership Institute on Tobacco, June 15-17, 2008 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, Portland, OR.
- Access to Recovery for substance abuse treatment. Vouchers were issued in March. The project specialist is trying to get tribal providers credentialed. Information is available on the NPAIHB website.
- Region X Tribal Consultation May 28-30 in Seattle, WA.

Drew Adams, Coquille Indian Tribe

- Contract Health has saved about \$170,000 with Medicaid-like rates.
- Four people on the Oregon Health Plan.
- Received a Maternal Child Health grant.
- Clinic remains busy. Enrollment is increasing.
- Coquille will be hosting the ICWA conference in September.
- Tobacco grant was approved.
- Elders program is looking at long-term service grant.
- Head start review coming up in two weeks.

Michael Watkins, NARA NW, Inc.

- NARA is concerned with the crisis at Cascadia.
- HRSA site review for community health grants.
- Working on Delta Park Powwow in June.

Guy Wallulatum, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Have been working on best practices for four years.
- Working on suicide prevention camp out to be held in June.

Normajeane Cummings, Klamath Tribal Health

- Recently lost the primary dentist and the back-up dentist will be out on maternity leave very soon.
- Signed up 400 people for OHP standard and received 32 applications so far.
- Starting the casino and hotel expansion.
- SHIBA representative will be holding a presentation for Medicare eligible recipients on June 24 at the administration building in Chiloquin.
- Working on pain management issues with tribal members.

Jolene Walters, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Want to develop more wrap around services with other department and open communication.

Peggy Biery, Indian Health Service, Portland Area Office

- Trying to get back on a regular training schedule.

Deborah Jackson-Alvarez, Indian Health Services, Warm Springs

- Looking to increase financial stability so the clinic can continue to offer the same or increased services for more patients.
 - Utilization of exam rooms to full capacity
 - Open access system to ensure that patients have access to their personal providers.
- Working to enhance partnerships with other organizations.
- The diabetes program is doing well.
- Recruiting for the following positions: nursing supervisor, dentist, medical doctor, and registered nurse.
- The pain management control contracts are working well for patients.
- The transportation dialysis group is going well.
- A new grant program was just started for rheumatoid arthritis patients.

Martirai Ramsey, Indian Health Services, Warm Springs

- 1750 people have signed up for the OHP Standard reservation list and averaging 35 per applications per month with 100% of applications submitted.

Cassie Kachia, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Health and Welfare Committee reported the Medicare like-rates helped a lot. Looking at \$500,000 in savings this year.

- Currently short staffed in the pharmacy, so the proposed extended hours will not happen.
- Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair will be held on June 25, 2008.
- Suicide prevention camp will be held the same week of Pi-Ume-Sha.
- The 33rd Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference will be held May 27-31, 2008.

Cynthia Galaktionoff, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indian Tribe

- Staff attended the Vista Imaging System training
- Psychiatrist now comes to the tribe once a month for appointments.
- Still recruiting for a physician.
- The casino is adding a hotel.
- Employee health fair was held at the casino.
- Continuing with the tele-ophthalmologist program.
- Middle of first accreditation.

Diann Weaver, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

- Recently got funding for Title VI grant with the Coquille Indian Tribe.
 - Third year of a three-year program for services to tribal elders.
- OHP Standard reservation list, one out of 35 tribal members qualified.
- Tribal Elder Honors Day co-hosted with Coquille was held in March. Around 400 people were in attendance.
- Currently recruiting for a new dentist.

Judy Muschamp, Confederated Tribes of Siletz

- Continuing preparation for medical records transition to electronic health records system.
 - IHS team visit is scheduled for June 17.
 - Hoping to begin transition in July.
- Planning continues for the clinic's remodel or replacement project.
- Fitness center is doing well. Over 400 people attended the orientation. Tribal and community members are using the center.
- Diabetes program is going well. Submitted the diabetes audit and exceed measures in some areas with a few areas still needing improvement.
- Submitted 300 names to OHP reservation, but have not heard anything yet.

Ron Hudson, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

- The Canoe Family is doing well.
 - Kids meet once per week and families meet once per month.
 - Next trip is to Canada.
- Next week the evidence-based practices (SB 267) meeting will be held in Grand Ronde.
- One issue the Indian Health Care Improvement Act will fix is the referral process to mental health authorities and ChristieCare. Until the Act passes, the rule is 60/40 for the state.
 - Historically the federal government was responsible for education and health care. The feds are trying to cost shift health care on to states. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act would fix this and further extend the states' ability to claim 100% FMAP for health services to tribal members.
- Last November at the Government-to-Government meeting, Karen Quigley announced the potential development of an additional cluster to address services to children. Recently at a meeting in Salem regarding this new cluster, concern was expressed that a new cluster would duplicate what is being accomplished at the health cluster meetings.

John Spence, Christie School

- An Evidence-Based Best Practice meeting is scheduled for May 14 at Grand Ronde. Hoping to get cultural practices like Back-to-the-Boards, the canoe project, etc., accepted as evidence-based best practices.
- Suicide Prevention Project – eight of the nine tribes have done a community assessment; have an action plan and a contract.
- Native American Youth Mental Health Treatment Project at Christie School currently has 18 youths from four Oregon tribes.
- The next ChristieCare meeting is scheduled for June 12 at the ChristieCare campus.

Chris Larson, ChristieCare

- Looking forward to moving into the Riverbend facility by this spring. Currently using the Christie campus for the security it provides until the fence project is completed at Riverbend.
- Currently ChristieCare has a contract with AMH and there is no cost to the tribes for services, however the children must be Medicaid eligible and meet Medicaid criteria.

Action Items:

Daneka Karma will research and report back at the next meeting 1) does Medicaid follow a youth when moved to another facility or boarding school; and 2) how are kids who come from another state getting signed up for OHP?

Rita McMillan also wants the minutes for a follow-up meeting with the Addictions and Mental Health Division.

Rick Acevedo explained that DHS has a dual task: 1) to get residential treatment programs for youth like Christie Care; and 2) assist with infrastructure back in the tribal community to help youth with after care and prevention services.

Suggestion to allow tribal benefit coordinators to view FACIS to help members Rick – Christie school in the beginning the tribes would make the referral and DHS was out of the loop. The feds changed the rules. The Eighth and Ninth Circuit Courts have said that the 100% stopped at the tribes. It goes back to the 60/40 split. It puts the state back into the gatekeeper position. The referral must go thru a local mental health authority. The fix for this is in the Indian Health care improvement act. But until that passes, the old rule of 60/40 applies. The Christie School program is still there and there is no cost to the tribes. The contract DHS had with Christie was expanded to include the native program.

Tribal Liaison Updates**Daneka Karma, Division of Medical Assistance Programs**

- Moving suggestion forward to include recertification to the MMIS system so workers can see recertification dates on line.
- New system is set to go live in September. Training will be held in June, July and August.
- Hoping to have the new pharmacy manager attend the next tribal pre-meeting.

Judy Bowen, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division

- Working with Wilson Wewa of Warm Springs on the Healthy Aging grant.
- Tomorrow at Kah-Nee-Ta training will be held in conjunction with Elder Honor Day for the statewide coordinators and elders coordinators.
- 4th Annual Native Caring Conference will be held on October 23-24, 2008 at the Mill Hotel & Casino in Coos Bay, Oregon.

- National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) is interested in having a panel from Oregon at their conference in September to discuss how we are partnering for elders in our state.

Randy Blackburn, Office of Federal Financial Policy

- Now working in the Office of Federal Financial Policy on federal compliance throughout the entire agency.
- There are seven CMS rules that the federal government have passed are detrimental to the states. The Senate is working on a moratorium to stop the implementation for one year and DHS is working with our congressional delegation to provide not only feedback but corrective language.

Action Item:

Randy will give a summary of the CMS rules to Diana to send out to the tribes.

Caroline Cruz, Addictions and Mental Health Division

- The May 14 meeting is a day-long event on evidence-based practices with many tribes showcasing different programs.
- Working with prevention coordinators to assist with certification. September 10-12 DHS will hold a crash course and on Saturday, September 13 will be the test.
- Working with tribes by providing technical assistance with their Prevention 2009-11 plans and conducting pre-site reviews.
- The Umatilla Wellness Conference was held yesterday. White Bison will be taking the sacred hoop to each boarding school. They will also be asking each of the three presidential candidates to apologize for the wrongs done to native people as part of a peace and healing movement.

Mary McNevins, Children, Adults and Families Division

- It has been 30 years since the passage of the ICWA Act. The Coquille tribe will be co-hosting the ICWA Conference at the Mill Casino. Open to community for presenters for this conference. Information is available on the website.
- In June there will be a statewide Title IV-E audit. Six tribes have IV-E agreements. Working with the tribes to review and do a soft audit in preparation for the federal audit.
- ICWA procedures manual is at the printer. The manual will instruct state staff on the process for ICWA cases. The hope is to create a more standard process across the state.

- The Oregon Safety Model will be rolling out in June 13. Training on the Safety Model will be taking place over the next few months.
- Two new initiatives on Oregon native foster and adopt homes recruitment and retention. Meeting this afternoon for brainstorming.
- Another potential grant through PSU and DHS for child welfare staff recruitment and retention.
- PSU will be having a BSW program beginning in the fall and will include some distance learning.
- Another initiative is around expert witnesses (requirement of ICWA).
- May 20-22 through Portland State is the Rural Training Grant will be held in Bend.
- State Indian Child Welfare group made comments on some of the processes of the CFR and made recommendations around data issues.
- Would also like to formalize ICWA State Managers nationwide.

Budget Discussion

Bruce Goldberg gave an overview of the DHS budget; where the funding comes from, where it goes and gathering input from the communities visited.

- What can DHS and the tribes do for people who are maxing out (5 years) of TANF?
 - The five year maximum is a federal rule. DHS will be looking at ways to assist people who are employed to help them succeed and not return to TANF.
- Changes in the OHP a few years ago caused problems to tribal clinics as well as tribal contract health. Would like to see the OHP restored.
- Would it be possible to mandate that tribal OHP people must visit tribal clinics to utilize OFMAP?
 - Jean Phillips said there are some possible options available and would like to discuss this issue further.
- What about access to universal health care and how could that be funded?
 - The Oregon Health Fund Board is looking into this. It will begin with children's health care.
- Thanks to DHS for continued communication and involvement with the tribes.
- What is the state's involvement with Cascadia?
 - Multnomah County and DHS have combined resources and put together \$2.5 million so services can continue, but there will have to be a change in how the system is restructured.
- What does the rest of the state have for priorities?

- The themes have been elaborated on with more detail.
- Question on the disparities between urban and rural child welfare foster children.
 - Education around the priorities. Information is not getting down to the line staff.
 - Rules that disqualify people based on income and/or criminal record from 20+ years ago.
 - Employment related daycare and respite care for foster parents.
- Recommendation to look at removing the roadblocks in getting services to children with developmental disabilities.

Next meeting August 20, 2008; location to be determined.