



**SB 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting
Salem, Oregon
November 17, 2009**

Attending:

Richard Acevedo	Director's Office, DHS
Claudia Black	Governor's Office
Dawn Bonder	Governor's Office
Sonciray Bonnell	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Paula Brown	Department of Veterans' Affairs
Susan Brown	Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center
Joland Catabay	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Caroline Cruz	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Andrea Davis	Cow Creek Health and Wellness
Linda Hettinga	Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center
Ron Hudson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Jessie Ickes	Commission on Children and Families
Ruth Kemmy	Department of Consumer and Business Services
Alan Kramer	Oregon Housing and Community Services
Sherril Kuhns	Children, Adults and Families, DHS
Chris Larson	ChristieCare
Kelle Little	Coquille Indian Tribe
Luci Longoria	Public Health Division, DHS
Rita McMillan	Addictions and Mental Health Division, DHS
Jackie Mercer	Native American Rehabilitation Association
Eric Metcalf	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Silusaw
Judy Mohr Peterson	Division of Medical Assistance Programs, DHS
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Karen Quigley	Commission on Indian Services
Sharon Stanphill	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Twila Teeman	Burns Paiute Tribe
Tricia Tillman	Office of Multicultural Health, Public Health, DHS
Rebecca Williams	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Diana Woods	Director's Office, DHS
Jason Yarmer	Addictions and Mental Health Division, DHS

Introductions & Welcome

Rick Acevedo welcomed everyone to the meeting and roundtable introductions were made. Ron Hudson gave the invocation.

Judy Mohr-Peterson briefed the group on her background and the position she now holds as the Assistant Director for the Division of Medical Assistance Programs.

This meeting is held in conjunction with the Government to Government Summit which will be held tomorrow. Karen Quigley gave an overview of the Summit.

Tribal Updates

Some of the issues for the Tribes are around the availability of the H1N1 vaccine. Many of the Tribes have been working with Carey Palm, Public Health Division. Carey has been able to help with acquiring the needed vaccines.

Most Tribes are suffering from lower funds due to the depressed economy and are making great strides at keeping services running with the funding they have.

Concern was expressed around the disproportionality of Indian children in foster care. Although there was much discussion, the ICWA Advisory Workgroup is working on this issue.

A positive discussion was held around the tribal evidence-based practices in mental health and addiction services. The Commission on Children and Families is looking at adopting those practices. There are 14 tribal evidence-based practices currently in use and information is posted on the DHS web site.

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board will be moving to its new location as of December 1, 2009. The quarterly Board meeting will be in Washington DC on February 9-11, 2010.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act passed the House, but still needs to pass the Senate. Tribes are encouraged to contact their congressional representatives to support this important legislation.

DHS Budget & the Oregon Health Plan – Judy Mohr-Peterson

Budget reductions are being taken throughout the department. The Legislative Fiscal Office requested all state agencies to submit lists of 30% reductions should ballot measures 66 and 67 fail and state revenues would be reduced.

January is the first Ways and Means. Any budget work will be done during the February session.

The 2011-13 budget is troubling. Unemployment has leveled off, however people are not going back to work; the stimulus money will be gone and state revenue is not increasing. The Governor has put together a Reset Cabinet. The committees have recently started meeting and outcomes will be reported to the Legislature in the spring.

The FMAP match rate at 100% for Indian people only applies to those individuals who go to tribal clinics. Once that person is referred to an outside provider, the match rate goes back to the 60/40 split. The match rate that would follow the Indian person no matter where they go for health services at one time was in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, but was removed to try and help get the Act passed.

The Oregon Health Plan will be drawing 2000 names and applications will be sent out this week to apply.

Action Item:

Judy Mohr-Peterson will check on the actual number of Native American / Alaska Natives who were able to get on the Oregon Health Plan during the last opening and report back.

Tribal Healthy Communities / TROCD Work Group – Luci Longoria

Luci Longoria gave an update on the progress the workgroup has made around tobacco prevention and chronic disease self-management.

Data and assessment was an important topic that was discussed. The recommendation was to continue to think through the needs at the local level. Do not assume the tobacco program will just happen naturally; connections must be made with the Tribes.

Public Health has been working with local health departments to apply for funding and also providing letters of support to those entities who are looking to apply. The downside is that there is not more funding available. This will set the stage for communities to better access programs and build programs at the local level.

Department of Consumer and Business Services – Ruth Kemmy

Ruth reported that Greg Malkasian, Director of DCBS will be retiring at the end of November.

Children, Adults and Families – Sherril Kuhns

Child Welfare will have a new system. OR-Kids will replace the older system. The implementation will be in July.

Regarding Title IV-E, DHS and met with Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw and will be moving forward if they decide that is what they want.

Children’s Wraparound Initiative – Toni Peterson

The Statewide Children’s Wraparound Initiative was passed during the last legislative session for children with behavioral issues. The focus is to provide an integrated system of care to maximize positive outcomes for children with behavioral health care needs and who are in the care of DHS. The intent is eventually to broaden the scope to cover all children in Oregon.

More information can be found on the DHS website or contact Toni Peterson at 503-945-5732 or by email at toni.peterson@state.or.us.

Oregon Housing and Community Services – Alan Kramer

ARRA funds are available for weatherization and eligibility is at 200% of the federal poverty level.

Block grants are also available at the Community Action Agencies.

Office of Multicultural Health and Services – Tricia Tillman

The Office of Multicultural Health and Services has been moved from the Public Health Division to the Director’s Office and as a result the scope of the office has change. We are looking at diversity in recruitment.

Commission on Children and Families – Jessie Ickes

The Commission on Children and Families will be taking 10% cuts in the budget. The Commission is working closely with Addictions and Mental Health Division.

Addictions and Mental Health Division – Jason Yarmer

Tribal Best Practices meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2009 at the State Fire Marshall’s office.

ChristieCare – Chris Larson

Chris reported that ChristieCare has decreased the use of medication in the children by 50% from the time they entered the residential treatment program.

The next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2009. More information will be sent out.

Office of Veterans Affairs – Dan Long and Paula Brown

Many Oregon veterans are not in the system. The Office of Veterans Affairs has put into place a part of the website where veterans can sign up for services. Also, the VA is requesting other state agencies to assist with identifying veterans who could be eligible and encouraging them to apply for benefits. This program is completely volunteer and the veteran is under no obligation.

The next meeting will be in February, 2010 at ChristieCare Cedar Boughs facility