

Senate Bill 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting

Burns, Oregon

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Attending

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| Richard Acevedo | DHS – Tribal Relations Liaison, Director's Office |
| Kenneth Barney | Burns Paiute Tribe |
| Karl Bien | DHS – Seniors & People with Disabilities |
| Lennie Bjornsen | DHS – Continuous System Improvement |
| Geralyn Brennan | Oregon Commission on Children & Families |
| Bruce Buchanan | Oregon Housing & Community Services |
| Herschel Crawford | DHS – Administrator, Office of Medical Assistance Programs, Health Services |
| Caroline M. Cruz | DHS – Child & Adolescent Health, Health Services |
| Jessica Ferge | DHS – Director's Office |
| David B. Foster | Oregon Housing & Community Services |
| Lucinda George | Burns Paiute Tribe |
| Donnie Griffin | DHS – Deputy Director |
| Phyllis Harrington | Burns Paiute Tribe |
| Ron Hudson | Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde |
| Mark Johnston | Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw |
| Barry Kast | DHS – Assistant Director, Health Services |
| Ruth Kemmy | Department of Consumer & Business Services |
| Darrel Kipp | Umatilla Tribe |
| Greg Malkasian | Department of Consumer & Business Services |
| Tina Maxwell | Coquille Indian Health Center |
| Nancy McCrary | Confederated Tribes of Siletz |
| Sherri Michel-Singer | DHS – Community Human Services |
| Karen Morgan | Burns Paiute Tribe |
| Debbie Mosher | Department of Justice, Division of Child Support |
| Vicki Nakashima | DHS – Health Services |
| Elwood H. Patawa | Confederated Tribes of Umatilla |
| Willa L. Powless | Klamath Tribal Health & Contract Health |
| Joanne Riley | DHS – Children, Adults & Families |
| Scott Smyth | DHS – Community Human Services |
| John Spence | Criminal Justice Commission |
| Bob Staver | DHS – Children, Adults & Families |
| Naomi Steenson | DHS – Seniors & People with Disabilities |
| Michael Stickler | DHS – Health Services |
| Art Tassie | Burns Paiute Tribe |
| Twila Teeman | Burns Paiute Tribe |
| Leah Tom | Indian Health Services |

Introductions/Traditional Opening

Meeting called to order with introductions conducted by Lucinda George and Art Tassie. Tassie reported on the tribes' plans for a feasibility study on cattle ranching, and plans for a new administration building.

Meeting Review

Donnie Griffin provided an overview of the current status of DHS' reorganization. He reported on the Government-to-Government meeting under Senate Bill 770, recently held at Grand Ronde. He explained DHS' continuing effort to improve the Health Services Cluster meeting, and the hope for greater participation by other state partners. He continued by outlining DHS' efforts toward intergovernmental agreements and contracts, and their movement through the state system. A draft process outline will be distributed at a later date, when tribal feedback is invited.

It was suggested that a list of projects be developed at the Cluster meetings. The list could be carried to future meetings, accompanied by reports on each project. As projects are completed they would be taken off the list, and remaining projects could be added as needed.

Ron Hudson suggested that accessibility to DHS' computer screens be a topic at future meetings. He explained that the Grand Ronde Tribe has requested that DHS explore the possibility of providing access to their program screens, as an aid to assist in child welfare work. This request is currently being explored by DHS' Children, Adults and Families, and a report will be made at the next Health Services Cluster meeting.

Lucinda George suggested that state office staff learn about the tribes they are working with, particularly with respect to history, values, and current issues. She suggested that a fact sheet be distributed, regarding the hosting tribe at each Health Services Cluster meeting, to provide participants with that tribe's information and history.

Darrel Kipp commented that the state is doing a good job on the Health Services Cluster meetings, and encouraged all Oregon tribes to attend.

Tribal Updates

- **Burns Paiute Tribe** – Lucinda George and Phyllis Harrington

George and Harrington reported that the tribe is working on reestablishing a shelter home, to be operated on the reservation, and would like DHS' participation. They also reported on the tribe's alcohol and drug grant.

Additionally, the development of a relationship between the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) office and the local office is going well, and Scott Smyth of the local DHS office has been very helpful. The tribe is also developing a partnership with Harney County, and is doing a lot of tribe-to-tribe work. Further, the tribe is currently in discussion with DHS regarding its capacity to implement Title IV-E.

George and Harrington concluded by reporting that a group of elders recently attended a gathering in Lincoln City regarding the tribe's alcohol and drug program, which has been busy with referrals from the Harney County Juvenile department.

- **Klamath Tribes** – Willa Powless

Powless reported that some tribal members have been enrolled in managed health care rather than receiving an open card for the Oregon Health Plan. She shared her concern that this issue has been raised before and has not yet been resolved.

Additionally, water issues in the Klamath Basin have created a wider gulf between the local communities and the Tribes, resulting in local discrimination practices.

- **Grand Ronde Tribe** – Ron Hudson

The tribe is investigating bringing other Indian children from around the state into their shelter home, and is working with DHS to accomplish this task.

DHS Service Delivery Area (SDA) meetings are going well, and Hudson received valuable information from the Tribal/SDA 2 meeting held in Portland. These meetings are helpful and informative regarding what services are available, and how to access them.

Hudson reported on a concern regarding how rules are being explained to recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). Clients have reported their belief that they will not receive services until 45 days after applying.

- **Siletz Tribe** – Nancy McCrary

McCrary reported on the new Title IV-E and Targeted Case Management agreements, which are currently being worked on by both DHS and the tribe. As work continues, both parties are sharing information and discussing potential capacity issues.

The tribe is currently involved in the recruitment process for a new child welfare manager, as well as a new intervention specialist.

Of special note, the Siletz Pow-Wow is scheduled for August 9 and 10, 2002.

Additionally, McCrary inquired as to the status of DHS providing the tribe with accessibility to its computer screens, for the purpose of child welfare work.

- **Coquille Tribe** – Mark Johnson

Johnson reported on the new Tribal Home Center, the tribe's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant, and the clinic's Diabetes work. Mark also informed the group that the location of the next ICWA Tribal/State conference will be Coos Bay, and co-hosted by the Coquille Tribe.

- **Coos Tribe** – Tina Maxwell

Maxwell reported that the Title XIX Administrative Match agreement working well for the tribe, and that Jerry Fuller and Fritz Jenkins of DHS have been very helpful. Current tribal projects include addressing Health Insurance Privacy and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements, building a childcare center, a possible Title IV-E agreement, and a mental health services agreement.

- **Umatilla Tribe** – Elwood Patawa and Darrel Kipp

Patawa and Kipp reported on work being done toward the recruitment of a new alcohol and drug director. The Yellow Hawk Clinic has recently hired a new dentist, and the tribe recently received an award for their diabetes work. The announcement was made that Patawa has now completed 5 years of service as clinic director.

Healthcare/OMAP Update

Herschel Crawford opened a question-and-answer session regarding various existing and new tribal issues.

Of initial concern is Oregon Health Plan enrollment status. Tribal members have reported being enrolled in managed care, rather than in fee-for-service. Crawford explained that recent legislation requires staff to place an emphasis on managed care. Crawford also acknowledged that system changes have created training issues, which he will work with staff to resolve.

A requirement that a diagnosis number be placed on all prescriptions filled through the Oregon Health Plan will be implemented on August 15. Crawford explained that this is a legislative requirement, and any changes will have to be addressed at the next session.

Barry Kast announced that DHS Health Services is developing a statewide program to address Bio-terrorism, and requested tribal participation. DHS will give a presentation on the program at the next Health Services Cluster meeting, scheduled for August 14 in Klamath Falls.

Accessing Social Security

Karl Bien provided an overview of Social Security Insurance (SSI) eligibility, including how the program works. He explained the DHS program to assist people with their SSI claims, and offered his availability should tribal offices request training.

Commission on Children and Families

Geralyn Brennan described a state plan, for which the Oregon Commission on Children and Families (OCCF) is responsible. She reviewed the local plan, developed in the local community and approved by OCCF. She reported that the Commission would like to become more involved in the Health Services Cluster meetings.

Oregon Housing, Consumer & Business Services

Greg Malkasian and David Foster explained the need for their respective agencies becoming more involved with the tribes and Health Services Cluster meetings. They suggested that additional tribal representatives be invited to the meetings, particularly from tribal housing programs and tribal consumer business offices. They made the additional suggestion that future meetings include breakout sessions, to address issues other than health care. Examples of sessions might include housing or business consumer topics. Any changes to future agendas to include these sessions will be discussed at the August meeting.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next Meeting: August 14, 2002
Host: The Klamath Tribes
Location: Klamath Falls, Oregon

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