

**SB 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting with Oregon Tribes
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1.)	5-Jun-02	It was suggested that the group maintain a list of current projects that could be brought to each cluster meeting for update reports and discussion. When a project is completed it could be taken off of the list. New projects could be added to the list as they arise. This format would help the group consistently incorporate feedback from the tribes and keep agenda presentations relevant.	Richard Acevedo will prepare a list of action items to be distributed to all attendees. A timetable will be established in order to resolve each action item. The beginning of this list will be presented at the 14-Aug-02 meeting in Klamath Falls.	COMPLETED: 14-Aug-02 and ongoing (by Acevedo and Stacy Mullens).
2.)	5-Jun-02	The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde requested accessibility to state information systems to assist the tribes in their child welfare work.	Joanne Riley will explore and provide an update at the Health Services Cluster Meeting in Klamath Falls on 14-Aug-02.	COMPLETED: Sep-02: access was offered to all tribes. As of 2-Jun-03, Warm Springs is connected, Siletz is close, and connections are pending for all other tribes.
3.)	5-Jun-02	In preparation for each meeting, a fact sheet could be distributed outlining information and history of the hosting tribe.	Richard Acevedo will contact the Klamath Tribes for a fact sheet to include with the 14-Aug-02 meeting notice.	COMPLETED: 8-14-02 and ongoing (by Stacy Mullens).

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4.)	5-Jun-02	The Klamath Tribes discussed managed health care and situations where some tribal members are enrolled in managed care rather than being given an open card. This issue has been raised previously with no resolution to date.	Jean Thorne will deliver a progress report at the next meeting. She will also address this issue with her staff since it has previously been raised.	COMPLETED: 14-Aug-02 and ongoing.
5.)	5-Jun-02	Grand Ronde is seeking to care for other Indian children from around the state via their shelter home. The tribe is working with DHS to accomplish this task.	Joanne Riley and Malcolm Tabor are working with Grand Ronde to resolve barriers to accomplishing this goal. A report could be made at the next meeting.	UPDATE: 6-Nov-02: Shelter has closed; tribe can reactivate action item if shelter re-opens.
6.)	5-Jun-02	Ron Hudson commented that a problem exists regarding people receiving TANF assistance and the ways in which the rules are explained. Clients are under the impression that services will not be received for 45 days after they have applied for TANF.	Bob Staver will report at the next cluster meeting on training issues surrounding this topic.	COMPLETED: 16-Dec-02 and ongoing.
7.)	5-Jun-02	Siletz Tribe discussed the TCM agreement between DHS and the tribe. More work will be forthcoming on this agreement.	Jerry Fuller and Richard Acevedo will present a progress report at the next meeting.	COMPLETED: 14-Aug-02 and ongoing.

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8.)	5-Jun-02	It was suggested that an e-mail database be used to forward information to the tribes between meetings.	Richard Acevedo and Stacy Mullens will continue to work to maintain a mailing list of tribal participants. This will include developing electronic modes of sending information. E-mail addresses will be confirmed at the 14-Aug-02 meeting.	COMPLETED: 14-Aug-02 and ongoing (by Stacy Mullens).
9.)	5-Jun-02	The group would like to have a history of the meetings posted on the DHS web site. The site should include goals and objectives developed at previous cluster meetings.	Richard Acevedo will work with the DHS communications staff to develop this resource. He expects the website to be operational by the quarterly meeting in November.	UPDATE: 6-Nov-02: Acevedo will provide an update at the next meeting (Feb-03). COMPLETED: As of Feb-03, this website is fully operational. Go to www.dhs.state.or.us/about/dhs/govrelations/tribes/
10.)	14-Aug-02	Rod Clarke would like to be sure that drug and alcohol programs (especially smaller ones) are receiving adequate attention.	Donnie Griffin/Rick Acevedo will invite Ann Brand to speak to this issue at a meeting in the near future.	COMPLETED: Per Acevedo on 6-Feb-03, Clark has withdrawn his concern.

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11.)	14-Aug-02	Fritz Jenkins asks that tribes provide feedback on the TCM amendment within the next 60 days.	An update on federal submission will take place at the November meeting.	UPDATE: Jenkins asked that tribes review the latest draft and provide feedback to him by Thanksgiving. COMPLETED: 31-Mar-03 and ongoing. Six tribes responded; consensus was to send one TCM amendment request without the child welfare component; this component will be sent separately @ a later date.
12.)	14-Aug-02	Ron Hudson would like an update on Title IV-E administrative costs and training dollars.	Richard Acevedo and/or Donnie Griffin will work to secure a reply from the Attorney General's office by the 6-Nov-02 meeting.	COMPLETED: Prior to 6-Nov-02.
13.)	14-Aug-02	DHS is currently working on better tribal access to children's inpatient residential services.	Paula Bower will provide updates at several future meetings, beginning 6-Nov-02.	COMPLETED: 6-Nov-02 and ongoing.

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14.)	14-Aug-02	Funding for prevention contracts (pertaining to adolescent drug and alcohol issues) is progressing.	Caroline Cruz will provide a status report on this funding at the 6-Nov-02 meeting.	<p>UPDATE: Due to time constraints, tribal liaisons (including Cruz) were not able to provide updates at the Feb-03 meeting. Cruz will present on this topic at the May-03 meeting.</p> <p>COMPLETED: On 21-May-03, Cruz reported that these prevention contracts have been signed and completed.</p>
15.)	14-Aug-02	DHS is planning to conduct a training with tribes regarding prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.	Donalda Dodson will arrange for further information to be available at several quarterly meetings in the near future.	COMPLETED: 19-Feb-03.

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16.)	6-Nov-02	Jean Thorne offered to further advise the group regarding HIPAA compliance, data transmission, and interface with providers. Joe Miller recommended that she also provide a description of the 50 lines from the prioritized list of health care services which are tied to the Jan-02 tax referendum.	Richard Acevedo will work with Thorne to distribute both sets of information prior to the meeting in Feb-03.	<p>UPDATE: Information re: 50 lines was distributed mid Feb-03. As of 3-Mar-03, Rick Acevedo continues to work on the HIPAA portion of this action item.</p> <p>COMPLETED: On 21-May-03, Acevedo provided a HIPAA-related handout including contact information.</p>
17.)	6-Nov-02	Budget challenges have created the need for a new process for achieving active efforts-related results.	Joanne Riley and Charlotte Honse will provide an update at the next meeting in Feb-03.	<p>UPDATE: Per Richard Acevedo on 6-Feb-03, this matter has been referred to the Statewide ICWA Committee. This committee is better positioned to fully respond and handle this task.</p>

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18.)	6-Nov-02	Tribes would like to have as much advanced warning possible regarding potential cuts.	Tribes will contact Richard Acevedo to provide feedback on budget-related handouts at their earliest convenience (prior to the next meeting in Feb-03). Note: The legislature has been very prescriptive, so the option to modify cuts is very minimal.	COMPLETED: On 7-Feb-03, Tribes came to Salem and met with Jean Thorne and Acevedo to discuss these issues.
19.)	19-Feb-03	Jean Thorne agreed to discuss maintenance and improvement of government-to-government relationships with DHS Cabinet soon.	Thorne and/or Richard Acevedo will provide an update at a the next meeting (May-03).	COMPLETED: 12-May-03.
20.)	19-Feb-03	Regarding reorganization, DHS is seeking feedback from its advisory groups. Jean Thorne asked Richard Acevedo to ensure that attendees at the next meeting (May 2003) discuss three specific questions (see minutes from February 2003).	Acevedo and Stacy Mullens will pose these questions to the group via email soon. Responses will be further explored and discussed at the next meeting (May-03).	UPDATE: Questions were sent via regular mail and e-mail on 8-Apr-03; as of 12-May-03, no responses have been received. Another reminder/request was made on 21-May-03.

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21.)	19-Feb-03	Cheryle Kennedy requested that Richard Acevedo arrange an interest-based negotiation for services offered to the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde.	Acevedo and Stacy Mullens will work to see that further discussion between Kennedy, Jean Thorne, Jim Neely, and himself is scheduled.	COMPLETED: 9-Apr-03 and ongoing. First meeting occurred on this date; Acevedo, Kennedy, and Bill Nickleberry will arrange subsequent meetings in the next 6 months.
22.)	19-Feb-03	Lynn Read has confirmed that her office will immediately pursue the possibility of "OHP Operational Protocol change" regarding retroactive enrollment for tribes.	Read and/or Deborah Cateora will provide an update at the next meeting (May-03), if not before.	COMPLETED: Apr-03 and ongoing. CMS initially denied this request; OMAP submitted a rebuttal on 2-May-03.
23.)	19-Feb-03	Lynn Read suggested that tribes seek the assistance of a legislator, along with Deborah Cateora, to draft language for a bill allowing categorical exception under new OHP regulations. Richard Acevedo recommended that Karen Quigley be involved in that discussion as well.	The first meeting will occur in early March. Interested parties will gather after today's meeting in order to arrange the subcommittee's schedule.	COMPLETED: 4-Mar-03 and ongoing.

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24.)	19-Feb-03	DHS has had some difficulty in accurately classifying tribal members; some have been assessed co-pays and premiums. Technical resolution is underway. Deborah Cateora is working to establish one central contact person whom tribes would notify when a tribal member is not accurately exempted.	For now, continue to send this information directly to Deborah Cateora. She will provide an update at the next meeting (May-03).	COMPLETED: New contact information provided on 21-May-03.
25.)	19-Feb-03	DHS, Health Services is working to enhance accuracy in technical programming.	Deborah Cateora asks that tribes send her their pharmacy and DME provider numbers to her as soon as possible. Also, for more rapid turnaround in problem-solving situations, tribes should provide her with e-mail and fax numbers for those who handle billing.	UPDATE: As of 13-May-03, a few tribal clinics have responded, but not all.

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26.)	19-Feb-03	Rod Clarke inquired with Ernest Kimball about the possibility of tribes receiving a federal level categorical exception for drug and alcohol and mental health programs.	Deborah Cateora will bring this issue forward to her TAG.	UPDATE: As of 13-May-03, Cateora's TAG meeting had not yet occurred; she cannot pursue this issue any further. If interested, tribes may continue their efforts.
27.)	19-Feb-03	DHS received verbal federal approval to move forward with the state plan amendment re: TCM, with one stipulation. In order to gain formal approval, DHS must remove the clause which includes foster children involved in care, control, or custody of tribes.	Fritz Jenkins requested that all tribes share their preferences with him or Richard Acevedo within one week of the Feb-03 meeting.	COMPLETED: 31-Mar-03 and ongoing. Six tribes responded; consensus was to send one TCM amendment request without the child welfare component; this component will be sent separately @ a later date.
28.)	21-May-03	Cheryle Kennedy asked that the state investigate the nutritional impact of dredging in the Columbia River.	Jim Pettyjohn will provide an update at the group's next meeting (Aug-03).	COMPLETED: 20-Aug-03, by way of a presentation from Dr. Dave Stone.
29.)	21-May-03	Several tribal communities are participating in oral health prevention projects.	Deborah Cateora will continue to share research on this topic.	

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30.)	21-May-03	An event for Indian foster children will occur in June.	John Spence will forward a relevant flyer to Stacy Mullens; she will send it to meeting attendees.	COMPLETED: 22-May-03.
31.)	21-May-03	Ron Hudson asked that attendees consider a future workshop regarding best practices and the RFP process.	Richard Acevedo will organize a workgroup on this subject. Invitees will include Michael Strickler, David Foster, Caroline Cruz, Ron Hudson, and John Spence.	COMPLETED: In late 2003, DHS and the Tribes established a related workgroup. NARA (Heather Crow Martinez) and DHS-OMHAS (Michael Stickler) are co-leaders.
32.)	21-May-03	DHS Cabinet is interested in enhanced awareness of government-to-government relationships.	Richard Acevedo will do further training with DHS executive staff, will continue to report to DHS Administration on this topic, and will provide periodic updates at quarterly meetings in the near future.	COMPLETED: Late 2003 and ongoing. As of December 2003, training has been provided to SDA managers, with additional training for field staff scheduled throughout 2004.
33.)	20-Aug-03	In order for the state to claim 100 percent FMAP for TCM, certain criteria must apply.	Fritz Jenkins is working to settle smaller details with CMS and will report back with results as they occur.	

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34.)	20-Aug-03	Richard Acevedo explained that the DHS/CMS relationship regarding tribes has recently felt like a “wrestling match.” Ernest Kimball offered to participate in future conference calls. Thus far, he hasn’t been invited internally or externally.	Jim Roberts mentioned that some of these changes might need to be made statutorily. He will take these issues to his Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG).	UPDATE: Per Roberts on 5-Jan-03, the first TTAG meeting has not yet been set. Ed Fox will present on this issue when the meeting occurs.
35.)	20-Aug-03	Jim Quaid asked if federal facilities (IHS clinics) would qualify for use of TCM dollars.	Fritz Jenkins will research this option and report back to Quaid.	
36.)	20-Aug-03	Fritz Jenkins and Richard Acevedo are ready to solify TCM training dates.	They will contact tribes in the next two weeks.	COMPLETED: As of 22-Oct-03, three regional trainings have occurred; the fourth and final training will soon be scheduled.
37.)	20-Aug-03	Changes to criminal records checks procedures are being considered. According to Rod Clarke, informal internal discussions are taking place among DHS employees. Hearings have not yet been scheduled.	At Clarke’s request, Richard Acevedo will be sure that tribal members are invited to the next DHS meeting involving this issue. Acevedo will also provide an update at the next quarterly meeting.	UPDATE: As of 13-Jan-04, Acevedo is attempting to confer with Bob Nikkel on this subject.

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38.)	20-Aug-03	Russ Alger inquired about contaminants in lampray (eel); Per Dave Stone, DHS recently received funds to study them and results should be available soon.	Stone and Richard Acevedo will ensure that meeting attendees have access to these results.	COMPLETED: As a result of action item #39 (completed 6-Nov-03), tribes will automatically receive bulletins of this kind.
39.)	20-Aug-03	Elwood Patawa suggested that tribal health contacts should be added to fish advisory distribution lists.	Richard Acevedo and Stacy Mullens will see that this occurs.	COMPLETED: 6-Nov-03.
40.)	20-Aug-03	At Jackie Mercer's request, Deborah Cateora will take a look at health education and whether or not it will be funded under the new OHP.	Cateora will report back to Mercer once this is known.	
41.)	20-Aug-03	Jim Roberts suggested that a letter from the tribes to Secretary Tommy Thompson regarding issues with CMS should be sent soon. Ernest Kimball agreed that the timing for such a letter is very good.	Roberts will draft a letter.	COMPLETED: 9-Sep-03.
42.)	20-Aug-03	Jim Quaid inquired about energy assistance and legal issues.	David Foster will follow-up with him soon.	COMPLETED: Issue discussed again at 20-Nov-03 meeting. See action item #53.

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43.)	20-Aug-03	In 2004, there will be 18 regional trainings around Oregon for criminal justice and social service employees re: special needs of elderly and disabled individuals who are victims of abuse; four of these trainings will be specific to tribes.	Naomi Steenson will provide notification when dates become firm.	COMPLETED: Steenson confirmed that such trainings will occur 18-May-04 in Coos Bay, 30-Jun-04 in Pendleton and 28-Aug-04 in Klamath Falls.
44.)	27-Oct-03	Consensus of attendees was that regular components of each agenda should remain in some form, but that additional time for special topics would be helpful.	DHS will seek further input at the next full quarterly meeting.	COMPLETED: 20-Nov-03.
45.)	27-Oct-03	It was observed that some state representatives come for small portions of meetings, leaving quickly.	Richard Acevedo commented on the different ways that attendees view time, and will converse with Jim Neely and others about ways to honor the variety of relationship-building traditions present among attendees.	

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46.)	27-Oct-03	David Foster suggested that the Legislative Commission on Indian Services might like to have a link to this and other cluster's databases, minutes, agendas, and lists of action items.	Stacy Mullens will follow-up with the Commission and offer access to this cluster's materials.	COMPLETED: 5-Nov-03 via letter to Karen Quigley, along with pre-summit worksession materials.
47.)	20-Nov-03	Eric Metcalf inquired about tobacco prevention, education and settlement funds. He asked for a post-legislative session update.	Sue Nelson offered to provide the detailed budget shortly after the meeting, via Stacy Mullens.	COMPLETED: 9-Dec-03.
48.)	20-Nov-03	Jim Roberts asked how the Tribes and NPAIHB could compliment current efforts on waiver issues.	Once Lynn Read receives additional recommendations from Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith's offices, she will see that tribes and the Board are invited to discuss next steps and strategies.	
49.)	20-Nov-03	Deborah Cateora spoke of the long-term goal to obtain categorical exception across many areas, not just current waiver issues.	Cateora will contact her counterpart in California for ideas and suggestions, and believes that working with other states will help build momentum.	

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50.)	20-Nov-03	Jim Roberts believes that the rest of the country is watching Oregon's efforts regarding waivers.	Michael Watkins asked Roberts to provide the tribes with additional copies of the Board's letter to Secretary Thompson letter. Watkins suggested that tribes could draft their own messages to congressional delegates, making similar requests and inquiries.	
51.)	20-Nov-03	On a quarterly basis, Deborah Cateora's office will review tribal-related medical claims to determine what was paid versus what should have been paid.	Cateora will see that funds are sent to tribes if they have been underpaid.	
52.)	20-Nov-03	Tribes would like to consider contracting directly with the federal government on some programs that the state generally offers, such as energy assistance.	David Foster will soon convene a meeting with tribes on this subject.	
53.)	20-Nov-03	Jim Quaid inquired about transportation projects.	Richard Acevedo will connect with DHS staff who specialize in transportation issues and report back to Quaid.	

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54.)	20-Nov-03	Two regional TCM trainings have occurred, and another is needed in Southern Oregon.	Jim Roberts asked that Richard Acevedo inform him of the next training date, so that he or Ed Fox can attend.	
55.)	18-Feb-04	Rod Clarke will be working with the Native American Program of Oregon Legal Services to obtain legal analysis regarding tribal health issues.	Clarke would like to present an update at the next quarterly meeting in May.	
56.)	18-Feb-04	Jim Roberts would like to know that CMS is assessing its own internal policies, so that there is a clear set of rules that all tribes can use.	The NPAIHB will request that CMS headquarters send a representative to the next quarterly meeting.	
57.)	18-Feb-04	Deborah Cateora and Leah Tom have discovered that tribes tend to under bill for Medicaid services.	Cateora and Tom would like to have a meeting in Portland or Salem regarding qualifying services and how they are most successfully billed.	
58.)	18-Feb-04	Eric Metcalf believes that changes to tribal clinic reimbursement methods would be profitable.	Metcalf and Mark Johnston will likely provide an update at the next meeting in May.	

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59.)	18-Feb-04	Rod Clarke expressed interest in having tribal clinic reimbursement information by mail.	Deborah Cateora will send this information to Clarke.	