

**DHS Tribal Meeting
Mission Mill, Salem
March 29, 2002
Minutes**

Introductions were conducted and 37 individuals signed in for the meeting. See attached attendance list.

Key Questions and Responses:

Attendees discussed what they would like to see improved in future meetings and what is working for them. This discussion was led by Lennie Bjornsen, Continuous System Improvement, Assistant DHS Director.

A) What is valuable about these meetings?

- OMAP updates and forecasting what is coming up new on the horizon. Looking ahead!
- Getting to know each other from Tribes and DHS.
- The chance to learn more about each others' work and responsibilities.
- Mutually consulting; giving input on new programs and processes.
- Building connections for later problem-solving.

B) Are you receiving good information?

- Yes, we are getting information first hand.
- The information starts at the top. It's helpful to get it from the top so that we can help sort out the local confusion.

C) How can we make these meetings more valuable?

- Increase the inclusion of tribes in decisions before the decisions are made.
- Go beyond being told what to do, give us assistance on how to proceed, whom to work with, how to do it, increase your guidance of us on the process.

- Update the mailing list and send the agendas out a head of time--at least two weeks in advance.
- Make sure the state decision-makers attend.
- Send out meeting notes for those that are not able to attend.
- Add a section on Tribal issues to DHS *Currents*.
- Use an e-mail group to keep connected and a web-link to DHS?
- Prepare a history document and list of objectives for the group.
- (state staff to coordinate before meetings – LRB)

D) Are we meeting the expectations of SB 770 regarding intergovernmental relations and coordination?

- Yes, but the issues go beyond DHS.
- Add other agencies to the meetings.
- Let's confirm our shared goals.
- Share policy development across governments.

Do you have other suggestions or feedback regarding these topics? Please phone Lennie Bjornsen @ (503) 945-5753.

Discussion Points From Tribal Report-Out:

- Create e-mail groups to forward information to the Tribes as it develops in between the quarterly Cluster meetings.
- Post a history of the meetings on the DHS web site covering the goals and objectives that were developed the past few years during the Cluster meetings.
- Make sure the decision-makers are attending the meetings.
- Make sure the mailing list is updated.
- As DHS develops policies they should include the Tribes; this way, any conflicts could be identified early.
- DHS is more user friendly than other state agencies for the Tribes.

- Individuals were pointed out by the Tribes as always being there for them. Coquille complimented Debra Cateria and Klamath complimented Richard Acevedo.
- Klamath and Cow Creek discussed enrollment for the Oregon Health Plan and some problems they are having (ie: people being enrolled in managed care rather than being issued an open card). Attendees suggested additional training and clarification for DHS and provider staff. Also, it was mentioned that those seeking services have felt like they were treated in a rude manner.

State Agency Reports:

- John Spence from the Criminal Justice Commission reported about juvenile crime prevention funds and the process for accessing them.
- Karen Quigley from the Legislative Commission on Indian Services reported on SB 770 and the Government to Government Summit on May 2 at Grand Ronde.
- David Foster from Oregon Housing & Community Services reported on need for his state agency to become more involved in the quarterly meetings; he would like to help more with the meetings.
- Greg Malkasian from the Department of Consumer & Business Services also wanted to become more involved with the meetings and will be meeting with DHS and Housing & Community Services to discuss this potential.

Department of Human Services Presentations and Reports:

- Herschel Crawford from OMAP acknowledged the concerns from the Tribes that were brought forth in the Tribal updates and said they would be addressed. Herschel also spoke to the Title XIX waiver and the affect it will have on the Tribal clinic's and health programs. Herschel stated that the discussion with Region X is on-going; a final result has not been

reached by the State. As soon as a decision is reached the Tribes will be notified.

- Jerry Fuller presented the Title XIX administrative match and presented a process for Tribes that were not already participating in a plan to participate. Jerry also presented a program for accessing Targeted Case Management dollars as they relate to child welfare. Siletz and DHS will work together to develop a pilot project in this area and then present this to the rest of the Tribes.

The next meeting is set for June 5, 2002 in Burns, Oregon; the Burns Paiute Tribe will be hosting.

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