

**Senate Bill 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting
Salem, Oregon
April 24, 2007**

Attendance

Richard Acevedo	DHS – Director’s Office
Diana Woods	DHS – Director’s Office
Drew Adams	Coquille Indian Tribe
Tom Bird In Ground	Chemawa Indian Health
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
Norma Cummings	Klamath Tribal Health
Jim Edge	DHS – Division of Medical Assistance Programs
David Foster	Oregon Housing and Community Services
Karen House	DHS – Children, Adults and Families Division
Ron Hudson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Leroy Jackson, Jr.	Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services
Ruth Kemmy	Department of Consumer and Business Services
Jack Lawson	Oregon Youth Authority
Kelle Little	Coquille Indian Tribe
Cathy Sampson-Kruse	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Margaret Saltmarsh	Confederated Tribes of CLUSI
Suzee Sparks	Klamath Tribal Health
Sharon Stanphill	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Michael Stickler	DHS – Finance and Policy Analysis/Director’s Office
Steve Vincent	Governor’s Council on A&D
Diann Weaver	Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indian Tribes
Teresa Wilson	DOJ – DCS Program Development

Introductions and welcome

Rick Acevedo welcomed everyone to the meeting and roundtable introductions were made.

Erinn Kelley-Siel – Governor’s Human Services Advisor

Recently the Governor signed an Executive Order to improve the children’s behavioral health services in Oregon. The Governor’s Office encourages the tribes’ participation either through a designated single representative or multiple representatives.

A steering committee has been developed and supporting the steering committee are four subcommittees, each focusing on specific areas. A report will be published

later this year to report the recommendations to the next legislative session. One or two tribal representatives for each subcommittee are requested. The time commitment for the tribal representatives will be meeting once every 4-6 weeks.

Action Item:

Erinn Kelley-Siel will provide Rick Acevedo a list of contacts. Rick Acevedo will send a letter to the Tribal Health Directors inviting participation.

Legislative update

Bruce Goldberg gave an update on the legislative session including the DHS budget. Some of the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) items did not make it into the Co-Chair's budget. DHS still supports the GRB and will work with the Ways and Means process.

- The Healthy Kids' plan is up for a vote on Thursday (4/26/07) and is uncertain if it will have enough votes to pass.
- DHS has been reviewing the effects of the Deficit Reduction Act requirement for citizenship documentation and will report out. The people who are not getting access to Medicaid are citizens who cannot comply with the documentation piece. There is a bill before congress to repeal the difficult portions of the DRA relating to citizenship and there may be enough votes in the Senate to pass.
- DHS has been fighting for several years to get the waiver request approved from CMS. The Governor was in Washington, DC last week, met with Secretary Levitt and the status remains unclear. Until CMS makes a decision, the department is in limbo. CMS thinks this is a civil rights issue, while DHS believes this is about Tribal sovereignty.
- The five-year limit notices for TANF are being sent out. Part of the TANF program requires participation in the JOBS program. There is some ability to grant some people exemptions. DHS has legislation for a revamped TANF program that provides some enhanced front-end support as well as post-support for families.
- The GRB had \$26 million to increase the eligibility for families for employment related child care. The stipend the state is paying for child care is the lowest in the nation. This would increase the stipend from 10-20% to 30% and give families greater support so they can afford to work.
- SB 184 will take \$10 million from OLCC and target substance abuse treatment for parents of kids who are at risk of entering the foster care

system. If parents can get the treatment they need, kids are more likely to be successful.

- Under ICWA, the state is obligated to provide treatment. It is one of those unfunded mandates and there is never enough money to do everything. Prevention is more cost effective.
- The next ICWA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10.

Action item:

Rick Acevedo will send out an analysis summary of the budget issues.

Rick Acevedo will send out a full report on the CMS waiver.

Request to have Bruce Goldberg attend the ICWA Advisory Committee meeting on May 10.

Tribal update

Ron Hudson, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

- Ron attended a Region 10 meeting a couple weeks ago and part of their requirements for Title 4B1 and B2 is to have a disaster plan particularly for children in care. If anyone has a plan, please see Ron.
- Hired a new health director.
- Evidence-based meeting will be held on May 14. Ron has been in contact with professors from the University of Washington.
- The Grand Ronde Canoe Journey will be held the first part of July.
- Investigator is resigning in July. The recruitment will open the end of June.

Leroy Jackson Jr., Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services

- Still feeling the effects of CHS adjusting the levels of care. Looking for different ways to do business, improve processes and stretch funding farther. Have seen an increase in patients from all over the area and are trying to meet those demands.
- Worked on tobacco prevention and education activities.
- Continuing work with the Early Childhood Cavities Prevention program and moving forward.
- Youth and family intervention prevention programs that provide counseling and help in a variety of ways. Looking for more funding to increase these services.
- Working on disaster planning.
- Hiring a new dentist in July.

Sherry Stanphill, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

- Working on the Disaster Preparedness Plan combining efforts with Seven Feathers and incorporating that into state funding.
- Third year of the Diabetes Prevention program. Part of a consortium with Klamath and Coquille tribes. Planning for year four. Up to about 50 people have been helped prevent diabetes so far.
- The Maternal Child Health Grant is trying to supplement the tribal dental health program. The tribe pays for dental services for all tribal members. Submitted letter of intent to the State. In process of getting planning dollars for dental services to children and pregnant mothers.
- Looking toward accreditation for the clinic.
- In the process of building a new clinic in the Canyonville area. Will begin construction in about 18 months.

Diann Weaver, Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

- Received funding from the ODOT special transportation fund and will be purchasing a handicapped van to transport patients to the clinic.
- Annual Christmas dinner and glucose testing went very well. 550 tribal members attended and glucose tested 290. A registered nurse will do a follow-up with those tested.
- Have a full-time dental assistant and hygienist. Begun a program to teach children proper dental care utilizing many hands-on activities.
- Begun work on the permanent casino in Florence with a completion date of November 2007.
- Working on a self-funded insurance to help control premium costs and provide coverage for members outside the service area.

Tom Bird In Ground, Chemawa Indian School

- 90% of students are enrolled in OHP.
- Last September 10 chairs more chairs were added to the orthodontic office.
- Working on a diabetic eye screening project.
- Oregon Health School Committee is coming for a site visit.
- Powwow scheduled for May 4-5.
- Working on Pandemic Flu planning for the school.
- Expanding the pharmacy and then will begin expanding the lab.

Sonciray Bonnell, NW Portland Area Indian Health Board

- Quarterly Board meeting will be held in Reno, NV on July 23-26, 2007.
- Access to Recovery (SAMHSA) provides people with alcohol and mental health coverage along with wraparound services. Sonciray attended training specific for the tribes. There is a huge amount of money available through grants. The only tribal organization to received funding was the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB). They have been approached by SAMHSA to reapply. CRIHB wants to expand to the northwest and collaborate with the NPAIHB. At the quarterly board meeting last week NPAIHB passed a resolution to collaborate with CRIHB on the application that is due in two months. This is a great opportunity for people in the northwest to participate in the program and receive the vouchers to be able to go to any certified provider. Notice of acceptance should be within a year. If interested, contact Soncray Bonnell at (503) 228-4185.

Kellie Little, Coquille Indian Tribe

- Contract health is a big issue, trying to maintain the levels of care. This is supplemented with tribal dollars.
- Clinic AAAHC accreditation in March.
- Working on emergency public health preparedness plan for the state.
- Entering year four of the Diabetes Prevention Program.
- Foster care home recruitment is having challenges. Actively working with the tribal membership on recruitment efforts. There are currently no tribal foster homes.
- Transitional housing is another challenge. There are no housing resources in Coos County. Looking at developing a transitional housing plan.

Cathy Sampson-Kruse, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

- CFSR and APSR for child welfare are currently being worked on.
- Approved request to get technical assistance for through the National Resource Center (NRC) to look at the tribe's operational review. The final report will be out around May 10.
- Would like to apply for accreditation, but this at least a couple years out.
- Title 4E and FACIS in child welfare is another big project. A unique effort with the state to tap into resources. FACIS is the state system for case tracking and training will be held on May 15.

- Independent Living Program for foster children is ready to move on their own for wraparound services. The tribe would like to access these resources for young adults.
- Utilizing Title 4E and targeted case management to hopefully recapture \$50,000 from 2006.
- Third year of charter school will be holding its graduation and Susan Castillo accepted an invitation to attend. Also named charter school of the year.

Mike Nolta, Burns Paiute Tribe

- Mental health services for Burns Paiute are moving forward. Three meetings have been held on this and are trying to work out the specifics. It is going a little slower than anticipated, but it is going.
- Don Monkers is the new General Manager for the tribe. He is from Ontario and is a business specialist.
- The tribe had its first meth specific arrest not associated with any other drug. This is a great concern. The money the tribe was anticipating to build up alcohol and drug services went away.
- On April 2 representatives from the tribe along with Jim Quaid and Jackie Mercer testified before the Senate Budget Committee. It would be helpful if there were more representation from all the tribes to speak at those hearings as one voice. \$125,000 per year over the next ten years is gone from the budget. Testified on combining the health dollars coming into the state which would directly affect the health departments.

Public Health – Katheryn Bradley

- Title V funds for Maternal Child Health is an outgrowth of SB 855 from the last legislative session. It allows the state to contract with the tribes for Title V funds. In January a letter was sent to each tribe outlining the process for the tribes to apply for \$5000 planning grant to assist with data gathering requested by DHS. Cow Creek and Coquille have submitted the application for the planning grant. Public Health is happy to assist the tribes with the application process.

TANF – Lillie Sehon

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is a program for low income families with dependent children that meet a certain poverty level receive cash assistance, food stamps and medical. Participation requirements are job opportunities and basic skills programs.

- Federal welfare reform began in 1995.
- There are two TANF Tribes in Oregon – Klamath and Siletz. Other tribes who want to become one can.
- The concern is that the federal time-limit of five-years per lifetime is up. There is a 20% group that can be excluded from the timeline. The tribal TANF programs mirror the state TANF operationally. Notices have already been sent for the five-year timeline.
- Oregon had a waiver on this rule that expired in 2003. The bulk of the money is federal and the rules come from the feds that affect both state and tribal TANF, but may be at a different rate.
- Concern is that soon there will be many people nationwide who have exhausted their time limit on TANF and have no means of support. Currently there is no state program to address this concern.

Emergency Preparedness Program Update – Bill Riley

- Emergency Preparedness Project for Vulnerable Populations is to develop a plan for what to do with vulnerable individuals during an emergency. Bill Riley will be working with Rick Acevedo to visit each tribe to discuss in greater detail what the state can do to help the tribes get started.
- Each tribal community should have an emergency response plan that includes vulnerable populations. There is no state or federal money to assist in the planning process at this time. All emergency response is at the local level. The tribes must figure out what to do at a local level.
- Many tribes are well into the emergency preparedness planning process. In an emergency the contracts need to be in place and the resources must be shared to ensure the systems work together.
- The needs of each tribe from a reservation will differ from terminated tribes that are scattered over large geographical areas and mixed in with other populations.
- Each county has an emergency management person who works through the Office of Emergency Management and a public health emergency preparedness person and plans are supposed to be in place.

Oregon Health Fund – Jim Edge

- The Oregon Health Fund comes from SB 329 that would help Oregon move closer toward universal health care. There are four different proposals, but SB 329 has received the most attention in Oregon. A Board of Directors will be set up over the next one to two years to do the planning.
 - The Co-Chair's budget included \$1 million for planning.

- Part of the Governor's Recommended Budget identifies the Healthy Kids program which would provide universal health care for kids.
- At a meeting a couple of weeks ago, Senators Bates and Westlund invited tribal representative to come and talk about specific issues related to the tribes. Concern that all money received into the state including BIA and IHS dollars would be included. Senator Bates assured the tribal representatives that the tribal monies would not be part of the mix and any decision with the health plan would not detrimentally affect any tribe but would enhance all the tribes' access to benefits.
- Most of the money to the tribes is from the Oregon Health Plan, not federal and those are the monies they are talking about including in the program. No one has put any detail on this, it is policy legislation.
- The tribes' voice is paramount on this issue. Tribes need to keep an eye on this and see where it is going. It was recommended that the tribes work with NPAIHB.
- The Kitzhauber proposal is more threatening to tribes since it proposes to include all dollars.
- Contacts for the planning committee of the Healthy Kids Program are Senators Bates and Westlund. Bruce Goldberg also is participating in the meetings. The Legislative Commission on Indian Services is generally made up of tribal counsel people and they have a government-to government relationship with the commission and also have high-level contact with the Governor's Office.
- Last session of the Legislature instructed DHS to make some benefit reductions to the Oregon Health Plan, specifically around dental, vision, the number of hospital days paid and over-the-counter drugs. The federal government did not approve those requests for a long time and now the savings that could be achieve are minimal. The Legislature introduced a bill that has passed the Ways and Means committee that instructs DHS not to make those benefit reductions.
- DMAP has been following bills that are important to the OHP:
 - HB1041 is about the benefit reductions;
 - SB 160 is about the preferred drug list;
 - HB 2177 puts a tax on the Medicaid Managed Care plans which funds half of the current standard benefits and HB 2183 that puts a tax on hospitals in Oregon and funds the other half. Both bills need to pass in order to continue the Oregon Health Plan Standard population;
 - HB 2201 is the Healthy Kids Program. If passed, it would increase the tobacco tax and give some state money back to OHP Standard.

- The federal government is concerned about the growing costs of the entitlement programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, etc. They are looking at the federal deficit and wanting to make cuts in those programs. \$25 billion will be cut from the Medicaid program, but the details are yet to be worked out at the federal level.
- The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) which is an add-on to the Medicaid program that funds kids to a higher than poverty level. The federal government is also proposing cuts to this program. The biggest one that would affect Oregon is the allotment made each year that if you don't spend it all, it can be carried over for up to three years. The federal administration's proposal is that states would not be able to carry any allotment forward. The congressional delegation is fighting for us on this.
- There is discussion on the renewal program. It happened on the SCHIP program that was changed from 6 to 12 month renewals. That change has not been made yet to the children in regular Medicaid, but it is being proposed. The Legislature would have to approve and fund it.

Citizenship – Karen House

- Citizenship documentation requirement was implemented by DHS on Sept 1, 2006. Once a client has shown original documentation, they do not need to show the documentation again to reapply. There is a concern this is not being followed in the field. Contact Karen House at (503) 945-6254 if this continues to be an issue.
- If documents at the top of the hierarchical list are not available, DHS will accept documentation from a lower level. Oregon is trying very hard to be in compliance with the federal rules, yet be flexible with applicants about the timelines.
- A certified copy of birth certificate is acceptable.

Agency updates

Judy Bowen, Seniors and People with Disabilities

- Planned event at Ka-nee-ta on May 10-11, 2007 training for elder coordinators tying this into the Warm Springs Elder Honor Days.
- Working on standards for the program so that we can have procedures for caregiver program.
- Third Annual Native Caring Conference is scheduled for October 10-11, 2007. Many presentations are planned.

Michael Stickler, Finance and Policy Analysis

- DHS is looking at federal funding programs. There is a proposal to cut all funding to the urban clinics. Hopefully they will restore funding under IHS.
- DHS is watching the targeted case management (TCM) issue. The federal government is looking at reduce the flexibility administratively to claim TCM. DHS will keep the tribes informed.

Ruth Kemmy, Department of Consumer and Business Services

- The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon's largest regulatory agency. The department administers state laws and rules and protects consumers and workers in the areas of workers' compensation, occupational safety and health, financial services, insurance, building codes and targeted contracting opportunities for small business. Ruth Kemmy can be contacted at (503) 947-7513.

Jack Lawson, Oregon Youth Authority

- OYA is planning the Governor's Summit on Disproportionate Minority Contacts that will be held in late November. OYA would like more tribal participation on the planning committee. If interested, please contact Jack Lawson at (503) 378-6973. Save the Date flyers will be sent out next month.
- The Oregon Juvenile Department Director's Association will be holding their annual conference in southern Oregon. If anyone is interested in making a presentation at this conference, please contact Jack Lawson.
- The Public Safety Cluster meeting will be held at the Capitol tomorrow (4/25/07) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and anyone interested may attend.
- Meeting with the Native American Tribes Committee Advisory that provides an avenue for input into OYA policy and programming to help serve the youth in OYA custody.

Caroline Cruz, Addictions and Mental Health Division

- The Governor's Recommended and the Co-Chairs' budgets differ by \$23 million. The equitable funding for Alcohol and Drug Treatment was not included in the Co-Chairs' budget. Bob Nikkel has assured the tribes that they will still receive equitable funding. For those tribes who have a letter of approval, it will bring them up to \$50,000 to provide outpatient treatment. There are possibilities to get additional dollars through several beer and wine tax bills, if they pass. The Governor supports an increase and has agreed the funding will go back into treatment and prevention.

- On May 14 a meeting will be held with tribal researchers to look at developing criteria for cultural validation and cultural replication of practices used by Indian people. SB 267 (Evidence-Based Practices) says that all dollars that come through the following agencies: Alcohol, Addictions and Mental Health Division, Commission on Children and Families, Oregon Youth Authority and Corrections must have evidence-based practice programs (up to 75%) by 2009-11. A lot of the tribes are doing some evidence-based practice programs.
 - NPAIHB and AMH co-sponsored Protecting You/Protecting Me an evidence-based practice training curriculum targeting alcohol and what happens to the brain. The curriculum teaches young people what happens to them mentally and emotionally when alcohol is introduced at a young age.
- Updated OARs will require prevention certification for Prevention Specialists. AMH will provide specialized training for the tribes to occur in the fall in conjunction with the Tribal Quarterly Prevention meeting. The intent is to provide education and tools to help tribes pass the test. Nationally only 33% passed this test and in Oregon 40% pass the test.
- Violence Prevention Summer Institute will be held on June 9-11. Scholarships up to \$1700 are available to tribes and counties.

Next meeting and adjourn

The next meeting will be in July and hosted by the Klamath Tribes. Email notification of the date and time will be sent soon.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.