

**SENATE BILL 770 HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER MEETING
PORTLAND, OREGON
APRIL 21, 2006**

Attendance

Richard Acevedo	Department of Human Services (DHS) – Director’s Office
Diana Woods	DHS – Director’s Office
Bob Barley	DHS – Office of Central Support
Randy Blackburn	DHS – Office of Program Performance and Reporting
Sonciray Bonnell	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Linda Castaneda	DHS – Public Health, Immunizations
Janice Clements	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Mike Clements	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Caroline Cruz	DHS – Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Nancy Dipasquale	DHS – Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Linda Drebin	Native American Rehabilitation Association
Rene DuBoise	DHS – Children, Adults & Families
Jim Edge	DHS – Office of Medical Assistance Programs
Karen Elliott	DHS – Public Health, Immunizations
Bruce Goldberg	DHS – Director
Mike Harryman	DHS – Public Health, Emergency Preparedness
Sharon Hill	DHS – Oregon Medical Assistance Program
Cassie Katchia	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Ruth Kemmy	Department of Consumer and Business Services
Cathy Kreager	Oregon Partnership to Immunize Children
Stephanie Lewis	Klamath Tribal Health
Terry Lopez	Northwest Area Indian Health Board
Nancy McCrary	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Jeannie McNair	Klamath Tribes / Wellness Center
Jackie Mercer	Native American Rehabilitation Association
Debra Mosher	DOJ – Division of Child Support
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Patty O’Sullivan	DHS – Legislative Relations Coordinator
Woody Patawa	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Jim Quaid	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Jim Roberts	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Linda Robertson	Coquille Indian Health Center
Anya Sekino	Commission on Children and Families
Sharon Stanphill	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Twila Teeman	Burns Paiute Tribe
Michael Watkins	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Diann Weaver	Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indian Tribes

Introductions & Welcome

Jim Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Joe Finkbonner, Executive Director for the Northwest Area Indian Health Board. Janice Clements gave the invocation. Roundtable introductions were made.

Tribal Updates

Sharon Stanphill

- Cow Creek Tribe received a small ambulatory grant award to build a clinic in the Canyonville area. Tribal area covers seven counties and the primary clinic is in Roseburg. This second clinic will help to meet the needs of the southern area.
- A consortium of Cow Creek, Klamath and Coquille Tribes are in the second year of a five-year project working along with 34 other tribes across the nation to prevent diabetes.
- In the process of hiring new providers, doctors, nurses, etc.
- Just finished the State Tobacco grant and will be submitted today.
- Tribal Council just approved a dental program and will provide funds for members to receive dental services.

Jim Quade

- Warm Springs Tribal Council established a designated building fund to replace the Children's Protective Services building and emergency shelter center.
- Opening in the next 90 days a local transportation service and hopefully over the next year, opening a shuttle between Warm Springs and Madras. Funding is through ODOT.

Twila Teeman

- Burns Paiute Tribe received a large grant from the Juvenile Justice and trying to hire a mental health provider to add more services to the tribal members.
- Ric Acevedo will be visiting Burns in the next month or two to discuss expanding adolescent mental health services and see what the needs are.

Mike Watkins

- Grand Ronde is still working on the adult foster care units and anticipates opening on June 1st.
- Currently recruiting for the Director position for Behavioral Health and a Mental Health Counselor position.
- The Health Center along with Social Services and the Prevention Program are hosting Youth Leadership camps. The next one is April 27-28, 2006 in Grand Ronde.
- Beginning in July, there will be 78 new low-income family housing units available across the street from the main tribal offices.
- Starting this summer, there will be a shuttle from Grand Ronde to McMinnville and from Grand Ronde to Dallas to Salem areas.
- Every month, Grand Ronde hosts a Healthy Thursday Event. Each month a different topic is chosen and outside consultants are brought in to present to Tribal employees, youth and community. Topics include stress management, fitness, staying in school, etc.

Nancy McCrary

- Siletz Tribe received an ambulatory grant and plans to expand the current clinic.
- In the process of renewing the Tribes TANF grant.
- Just about to finish the new Salem area office.

Linda Drebin

- NARA is focused on trying to get the IHS funding restored and a contingency plan in the event the funding is not restored.
- Dealing with space constraints and the possibility of moving to a larger building. For the current time, this is being put on hold.

- Involved in a prevention grant with Cow Creek and the kick-off is tomorrow.

Linda Robertson

- Coquille Indian Health Center has a new health administrator Kelly ****.
- The former doctor retired and now has a new doctor – Dr. Willis. The people like him.
- Implemented the diabetes prevention grant and people in the program are having great success.

Woody Patawa

- On May 9th the Yellow Hawk along with the Umatilla Tribe and Wild Horse Casino will host a Wellness Conference.
- On May 16-18th the Tribe will co-host with ACF Region 10 Office, a Tribal/State Child Support Programs Growing a Successful Partnerships in Umatilla (see flyer).
- Recently filled one dental positions but still recruiting for one more.
- Also filled the Outpatient Chemical Dependency Counselor position.
- Recently awarded a five-year grant for prevention of toddler overweight and tooth decay study in conjunction with the Portland Area Indian Health Board. Will be recruiting for a Psych. Coordinator and Secretary for that grant.

Jeannie McNair

- The Klamath Wellness Center is doing well.
- Interested in hearing more on Medicare Part D for elders.

Diann Weaver

- Last month CLUSIT reapplied for diabetes grant and have planned more glucose testing.
- Also, last month submitted for the FQHC reimbursement for outreach patient eligibility workers.
- Signed the System of Care agreement.
- Going to be pursuing CYP and the HP/DP grant monies.
- Hoping to expand youth activity programs that are currently made available to the five county service areas and make it statewide.
- Increase extension elders nutrition program and adult and children's fitness programs where they are encouraged to belong to health club facilities.
- In March was the annual snow camp trip to Sunriver. Attendance was up.
- A couple of weeks ago the groundbreaking for the permanent casino was held.
- Accompanying Diann was Margaret Saltmarsh who is the Financial Billing Clerk as well as Backup Dental Assistant.

DHS Budget and Legislative Update

Bruce Goldberg, Director

- Legislature appropriated \$136 million to cover the DHS shortfall.
- Part of the shortfall due to increasing health care costs and increasing health care costs have made health care unaffordable for many people and more are turning to the State for OHP coverage.
- The Department has been working hard to provide the fiscal accountability, efficiency and effectiveness in the way we do business and this has elevated the awareness of the human service needs in the state and how to address those needs.
- Department focus for the last few months has been to improve reliability and validity in forecasting and improving the accountability and transparency of financial operations. A

work plan has been developed and the State Controller and State Treasurer provided evaluation for improvements.

- DHS partnerships with the Tribes to pool costs and operational expenses; looking at greater efficiencies such as bulk purchasing of prescription drugs and the purchase of health care.
- Congress passed the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA). The bill will take \$50 billion out of federal human services funding over the next five years. It will change what DHS can claim Medicaid match for around targeted case management. DHS is also working with the Congressional Delegation to try and soften the interpretation from the feds. DHS is waiting for the new rules to come out that will be retroactive to January 1, 2006.
- DRA changes to the TANF program particularly to the caseload reduction credits, but the rules have yet to be written.
- Federal budget cuts for the President's fiscal year 2007 would be cuts to Urban Indian Health funding. DHS is working with the Congressional Delegation to try to avert those cuts.
- President's budget also changes IHS funding, proposed changes to provider taxes that DHS uses to fund OHP Standard cutting by 1/3.
- Medicare Part D has had some administrative problems and DHS has been helping to address some of the issues with the dual eligibles (individuals who are Medicare and Medicaid eligible) working with individuals one-on-one and the system is improving.

Substance Abuse Equity

- A meeting on Substance Abuse Equity was held at Grand Ronde on April 20, 2006. Representatives from DHS, Warm Springs, Klamath, NARA, and Grand Ronde attended.
- Mike Watkins (Grand Ronde) expressed concern based on the discussion at the last Quarterly State/Tribal Meeting, that the Tribes had no input on the distribution of the \$50,000 for A&D.
- Rod Clark from Klamath brought up the 2145 issue, which is the beer and wine tax from the 1970s, and was to be divided between the state, counties and cities and contained a minority rider. The cities and counties were to use the money to match state money for drug and alcohol treatment.
- More research is needed on where the 2145 money is going. Some tribes have access to the money through their county, some were getting money from the State, and not from their county, but other tribes are not receiving any county money.
- Also discussed was to create a proposal for a budget package to address the issue of funding for tribal programs and look at ways to increase services across the board. The 2145 bill said the money "may" be used for alcohol and drug treatment programs.
- The result of the meeting was a survey to the tribes so they could get a better handle on the type of funding coming from multiple sources and begin looking at the gaps. DHS is hoping for a fast turnaround on the survey.
- The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) is responsible for the collection of the beer and wine tax and it may be helpful to have tribal representatives along with DHS representatives meet with the OLCC and discuss this issue.

Action Item:

Jim Roberts will have the Northwest Area Indian Health Board coordinate with the Tribal representatives to meet with OLCC regarding the 2145 money.

- Dr. Allen Douma is the new Assistant Director of the Office of Medical Assistance Programs and will be starting on June 1, 2006. He will be attending the Medicaid Directors Conference in San Francisco, CA.

- Cost sharing (co-pays, premiums, etc.) that is in the Deficit Reduction Act, from Oregon's perspective, is there are unintended consequences and DHS is not interested in continuing to pursue those options. Oregon is moving in a different direction.

Q: Based on the new language in the Deficit Reduction Act, is there an opportunity to craft a waiver that would allow flexibility in the benefits package?

A: Based on the discussion at the last quarter meeting, Dr. Goldberg sent a letter to CMS, however they have yet to respond. The issue with CMS is not so much changing the benefits

Action Item:

Bruce Goldberg asked Jim Edge to have Finance and Policy Analysis people look at it and see if it would be possible. Bruce also invited Jim Roberts to come to DHS and talk with policy people about the Deficit Reduction Act.

Oregon Partnership to Immunize Children (OPIC)

Karen Elliott, OPIC Coordinator, Public Health

- Presentation on the importance of immunizations. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation are available by calling Karen at (971) 673-0285.

Health Care Update

Jim Edge, Assistant Administrator, OMAP

- Announced new director of OMAP is Dr. Allen Douma and will start June 1.
- Deborah Cateora has accepted another position within DHS; Sharon Hill is filling in until Deborah's position can be filled.
- DHS must notify the federal government by the end of April of our intention to renew the demonstration project (Oregon Health Plan). The proposal must be submitted by the end of October. There will be no major changes. DHS would be asking for flexibility around the children's program, extending the eligibility period for children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to 12 months of eligibility; flexibility to decrease the length of time of uninsurance to a shorter amount; and to increase the asset level from \$5 to \$10 thousand if the department chooses to do that in the future.
- Governor's Medicaid Advisory Committee tasked to designing a program to help eliminate uninsured children; it's called the Healthy Kids Initiative. Approximately 117,000 children in Oregon do not have any kind of health insurance and this committee was formed to address that. Public hearings are being held around the state to gather public input.
- Update on waiver requests to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Two oldest requests DHS has received no answer.
- Three additional waivers that came out of the last legislative session:
 - o The first waiver is to move a small amount of money from the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP) to the CHIP and still have it count as a maintenance of effort for CMS. DHS has received verbal approval and a signed letter stating that they intend to give formal written approval, but that has not come. Based on that, the Legislature set aside the money for that and gave it to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) who will release it to the department upon formal approval.
 - It will allow a change in the CHIP that will expand from 6 months to 12 months of eligibility to keep children insured for a longer period of time.

- The second waiver request is to change premium requirements; for 10% below federal poverty level, the premiums would be eliminated. The process for disenrolling people for not paying their premiums will be extended to the entire six months of their eligibility period.
- The third waiver request is to change the benefit package. This was a cost-saving measure the Legislature asked us to put a limit on the number of hospital days per year, dental coverage, over the counter drugs and eliminating vision coverage for all except pregnant women and children.
- One of the requirements of the Deficit Reduction Act that is of concern to the Department is the documentation of citizenship. It requires either a passport or a birth certificate, if using a birth certificate a photo ID would also be required. May be a huge impact for some DHS clients. Implementation date is set for July 1, 2006. Tribal identification is not currently acceptable identification for this purpose.
- Oregon Health Plan Standard program has been closed for some time and is currently funded entirely by provider taxes and federal match. The sustainable number of people the program can serve is about 24,000. The federal government is not supportive of states using provider taxes to pay for programs like this.

Q: Can Tribal clinics designated Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) bill Medicaid for alcohol and drug services without a letter of approval?

A: Sharon Hall will get information to Mike Watkins (Grand Ronde).

Public Health – Emergency Preparedness

Mike Harryman, Public Health, Emergency Preparedness

- Preparedness Program has been restructured.
- On supplemental funding, the federal partners requested the State do an assessment and gap analysis, which has been completed. Next step is to do this for the Tribes. Money has been earmarked for an assessment to identify the gaps related to public health preparedness. It would be possible for the Tribes to conduct self-assessments and report that information to the Department. It was decided to hold a subcommittee meeting on this. The report on the assessment and gap analysis needs to be completed by August 2006.

Action Item:

Ric Acevedo will send out a letter of invitation to the subcommittee meeting to the Tribal representatives. Jim Roberts will contact Tribal Health Directors and get name of representatives. Jim will send that list to Ric Acevedo.

- A full-scale exercise for pandemic flu is scheduled for November 1-2, 2006.
- Doing training around the state on the Strategic National Stockpile. An exercise will take place in communities along the coast on May 23-23, 2006 hosted by the Oregon Department of Transportation called "Pacific Peril". The exercise is to simulate a 9.5 earthquake with a tsunami hitting the coast from British Columbia to northern California and the focus is on the transportation emergency medical services and also the local health departments.
- Health Alert Network (HAN) Kevin Cradock, Interim Manager is available to go out to communities and help with technical issues, etc. around public health preparedness.
- There are seven HRSA regions in the state and each one has a Board. There is an invitation for a Tribal representative on each one of these Boards.

- Many changes have occurred with Emergency Preparedness since 9-11 and the federal government is providing funding for the states to increase their preparedness plans.
- After the summit with the Governor and Secretary Levitt, Dr. Susan Allan, Public Health promised to host a work session in Oregon around pandemic flu. Mike Harryman was tasked with bring together a planning committee to discuss the agenda, location and timing of the work session.

DHS Cluster Liaisons Report Action Items/Current Issues

Sharon Hill, Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP)

- Deborah Cateora has taken a new position in SPD and Sharon will now be the key contact until Deborah's position can be filled.
- The draft proposals on Tribal rule changes out to the tribes within the next two weeks and final changes ready by the next quarterly tribal meeting for implementation in January 2007.
- MMIS replacement project is scheduled for July 2007. Communication with providers should start in May around transition, reenrollment, and additional testing of the system.
- Medicare Part D override for prescription claims will end on April 30, 2006. Nothing will be processed after that date. If any tribe is having problems, call the MMA Hotline (1-877-585-0007). The deadline for enrollment in the Medicare Part D program is May 15, 2006. A significant penalty will be assessed for those individuals not enrolled by that date.
- Tribal claim forms for managed care that have been denied and need to be forced, send to Judy Brazier.
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Only are the people who are not Medicaid or OHP eligible are not billable for an encounter. They received Medicare services only and Medicaid pays the coinsurance where applicable.

Anya Sekino, Commission on Children and Families

- 2006 County Biennial Updates Coordinated, Comprehensive Plans for Children and Families. The full report is available on the Oregon Commission on Children and Families website at <http://www.oregon.gov/OCCF/About/apub.shtml>
- OCCF offered the tribes the opportunity to apply for the Family Preservation grant in the amount of \$8,600 each. Only two tribes submitted, however the money is still available. For more information, please contact Sandra Flickinger at 503-378-5125.
- Warm Springs hosted a cultural competency training, which 28 attended.

Ruth Kemmy, Department of Consumer and Business Services

- The Department of Consumer and Business Services sent a representative to the Native Care conference in February in Canyonville to present Financial Fraud information.

Caroline Cruz, Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS)

- Introduced Shane Lopez-Johnson, a student intern. He is working in the fellowship program through the Center on Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provided the funding. Shane will be shadowing Caroline for at least the next year. Shane's first project is focusing on the Tribal Underage Drinking Community Profile. From that profile, OMHAS will be working with the Tribes on prevention and each Tribe received \$4,000 for this effort.
- Caroline presented at the Caring and Sharing Elders Conference hosted by Cow Creek.
- Recently finished two trainings at the Wild Horse Casino, the Native American Juvenile Summit and the Tribal Best Practices.

- Will be in Warm Springs in May to present training for specialists around substance abuse prevention.
- Working with NARA on No More Fallen Feathers – Suicide Prevention.
- OMHAS will be applying for the Strategic Prevention Framework grant that will be an additional \$25,000 to the Tribes.

Randy Blackburn, Children, Adults and Families (CAF)

(for Mary McNivens)

- DHS does mock CFSR reviews across the state and on May 2-5 will be looking at ICWA in Multnomah County.
- Child Safety and Risk Assessment curriculum development to improve the cultural competency component. The National Resource Center Action for Children is sponsoring the technical assistance. A workgroup will be held with PSU, DHS and Tribal representatives working on this.
- The ICWA conference is scheduled for September 26-28 at Grand Ronde.
- Recently the annual IV-E summit was held. Five of the Tribes were able to attend.
- The computer access to FACIS has been activated for all Tribes and training has begun. The new SACWIS system is in development and should be on-line by next spring (2007).

Nancy Dipasquale, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

(for Stephanie Parrish Taylor)

- Siletz has applied for the Vocational Rehabilitation program like Warm Springs.

Next meeting and adjourn

The next meeting will be held in Salem at the Department of Consumer and Business Services on July 26, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (unless Ric can get one of the tribes to host).

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.