

Senate Bill 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting
Portland, Oregon
February 20, 2008

Attendees:

Sonciray Bonnell	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Judy Bowen	DHS, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Mike Clements	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Janice Clements	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Stephanie Craig-Rushing	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Caroline Cruz	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Kay Culbertson	Western Oregon Service Unit
Norma Cummings	Klamath Tribal Health
Jim Edge	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Cynthia Galaktionoff	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Austin Greene	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Cecile Greenway	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Kelly Hawk	Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Cynthia Hylton	Office of Private Health Partnerships
Wendell Jim	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Daneka Karma	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Cassie Katchia	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Chris Larsen	Christie Care
Allyson Lecatsas	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Kelle Little	Coquille Indian Tribe
Shane Lopez-Johnston	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Rebekah Main	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Urbana Manion	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Rita McMillan	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Monika McGuire	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Eric Metcalf	Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
Bernice Mitchell	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Debbie Mosher	DOJ, Division of Child Support
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Carey Palm	DHS, Public Health Division
Elwood H. Patawa	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Clyde Saiki	DHS, Director's Office
Tawna Sanchez	Native American Youth and Family Center
Lynn Schonchin	Klamath Alcohol & Drug Abuse

Anya Sekino	Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Vanessa Shortbull	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Buck Smith	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Emma Smith	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
John Spence	Christie Care, NARA and OHSU
Sharon Stanphill	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Cheryl Stinnett	Chemawa Indian School
Aurolyn Stwyer	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Wilson Wewa	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Diana Woods	DHS, Director's Office

Introductions & Welcome – Judy Bowen

Welcome and introductions were made. The opening prayer was given by Nelson Wallulatum.

DHS Budget & Legislative Update – Clyde Saiki

The 2008 Legislative Supplemental Session may end this week. The latest state revenue forecast will be \$180 million short. The next forecast is due in June. The Department of Human Services is the largest user of state general funds and we are watching our budget closely and are not projecting any shortfall.

The new state hospital is in the process of being built. There will be two new facilities, one 620-bed facility in Salem and one 300-bed facility in Junction City. The federal Department of Justice did a review of the current state hospital and found several deficiencies. DHS is putting together a remediation plan to make those improvements that were ordered by the Department of Justice.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Region X will be meeting with DHS on March 7 to review the implementation of the citizenship requirement as required by the Federal Deficit Reduction Act.

Oregon Health Plan Standard has reopened and at last count we had 67,000 people signed up on the reservation list.

In Rick Acevedo's absence, tribal issues can be directed to the appropriate DHS tribal liaison. Clyde Saiki is also available to the tribes directly for issues that fall outside the tribal liaison expertise.

MCH Title V Funds Update – Katherine Bradley

The Office of Family Health is working on the follow-up to a bill that passed two years ago creating an opportunity for the tribes to contract with the state for some of the Maternal Child Health Title V funds. Mini grants are available in the amount of \$5,000 for six-months for planning and the Office of Family Health will work with the tribes to get the data for the calculations. Prorated funds will be distributed as of January and be part of the on-going process for the Maternal Child Health funds in the future. For more information, contact the Office of Family Health at (971) 673-0232. Katherine Bradley can be reached at (971) 673-0233.

Pandemic Flu Antiviral Distribution Plans – Carey Palm/Michael Kubler

The federal government has purchased a stockpile of the antiviral drug for the H5N1 flu. Oregon will have enough to treat 15% of the cases.

Oregon along with many other states chose not to purchase large quantities of the antiviral drug due to the expense and the limited shelf life of the drug. This allowed enough of the antiviral drug to be offered to other entities. Tribes can get consultation with the DHS Immunization Program to weigh out the pros and cons of purchasing these drugs for their own use. Final orders need to be in by May. Michael Kubler can be reached at (971) 673-1097 or Carey Palm at (541) 693-8901.

Oregon State Hospital Replacement Project – Linda Hammond

Several years ago the leaders of Oregon recognized the need to have a new state hospital facility. Two sites have been selected for the new state hospitals, one at the current site in Salem which will be a 620-bed facility and the other in Junction City that will be a 360-bed facility.

The firm of Applied Architectural Resources will be handling this project and they specialize in archeology. The land where the state hospitals will be located will be evaluated appropriately and handled with respect.

The ground breaking for the Salem site will begin in June 2008 and operational in 2011. The facility in Junction City will begin in 2011 and completed by 2013. For more information, please contact Linda Hammond at (503) 945-2920.

Tribal Updates

Sharon Stanphill, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

- Adding specialty services to clinic – psychiatric and internist.
- About halfway through accreditation process.

- Received letter of approval from the state for alcohol and drug. In the process of hiring an alcohol & drug counselor and prevention counselor.
- Adding some tele-ophthalmologic services to the clinic. Working with Phoenix Indian Hospital. March 4 will be a presentation at the Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center in Roseburg. Contact Sharon for more information.
- Diabetes Prevention Program in consortium with Coquille and Klamath Tribes. Have about 100 tribal members are in the program and only one person developed diabetes.

Cynthia Galaktionoff, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

- Cow Creek Tribe received the MCH grant. Getting all pregnant moms to the dentist and teach them how to care for baby's teeth.
- Annual provider luncheon will be held mid-March.
- Spoke with VA Medical Center in Roseburg regarding services not available at tribal clinics.
- Approved for FQHC.

Kay Culbertson, Western Oregon Service Unit - Chemawa Indian Health Center

- Improving relationship with boarding school. Started school health program working evenings and weekends.
- Behavioral health program is working directly in the school and has expanded to evenings.
- Will be hiring a psychiatric nurse practitioner, youth rehabilitation and after care counselor and a clinical psychologist before school is out.
- Increase need for medical services; expanding roles of nurses.
- Entered into pain management contracts with patients.

Mike Clements, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Managed care doing a lot to save money and spread services.
- Additional funds available to continue assisting special needs of tribal members.

Janet Clements, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Diabetes program is very successful.
- Working on the jail facilities to see how they can be improved.
- Medicare and Medicaid resources are very challenging to make the funds cover as much as possible.

Arlis Dywer, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Health care is very important to the tribe. Would like to improve services to veterans.
- On May 27-31 the Northwest Native Youth Conference will be held at Warm Springs.

Woody Patawa, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center

- In January attended retreat for governing body. Health is the priority for 2008.
- On Feb 26-27 going through accreditation process at Umatilla.
- Effective Feb 1 Yellowhawk Tribal Health facility became tobacco-free.

Norma Cummings, Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services

- Concern for the loss of alternate resources for adult community. Excited about the reservation list for the Standard program, but still concerned that the majority of the population is not covered.

Kelly Hawk – Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services

- Short staffed. In process of hiring.
- Funding for specialty care is very limited.
- Hiring a pharmacist.
- Dental program has the Healthy smile program working.
- Klamath Tribes also have contracts with patients for pain management.
- Working on the meth grant with Klamath Tribe.

Kellie Little – Coquille Tribe

- Have just about everyone on the reservation list for OHP Standard.
- Recently notified that Coquille Tribe received the MCH grant.
- Looking how to provide more services in the clinic specifically psychiatry.
- Tentatively hosting ICWA conference.
- Hosting the elder caregiver conference in October.
- Identification of pediatric obesity and intervention.
- Quality improvement project for immunization for cervical cancer.
- Diabetes Prevention program in fourth year.

Wilson Wewa, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Evidence-based practice for aging grant. The program is very successful. There is a core group of about 10 people who attend regularly.
- Self-management program are helping people to be more responsible for their own care.

Action Item:

Judy Bowen will check with the Administration on Aging for other grants that will be coming up.

Judy Muschamp, Confederated Tribes of Siletz

- Continuing on expanding and remodel the clinic. Need to add 20-30,000 sq. ft.
- Clinic is in transitioning to electronic health records.
- Diabetes fitness center opened on Feb. 1. Classes on education, aerobics and nutrition along with exercise equipment and free weights. Open 6 am – 10 pm and is very busy.
- The gymnasium is currently under construction next door to the fitness center.
- Contract Health has had three catastrophic health cases so far this year.
- Implementing a fitness challenge for tribal members to earn a pair of Nike diabetes shoes.
- Alcohol program has changed the way services are provided. Converted to an intensive outpatient format.
- Judy Muschamp has been appointed to the finance sub-committee for the Oregon Health Fund Board.

Allyson Lecatas, Confederated Tribe of Grand Ronde

- Cardiology Associates of Salem will be doing monthly screenings for diabetic and cardiac care beginning in March.
- Looking at getting a Pain Management Specialist to come to Grand Ronde every couple of weeks. Now requiring patients to go to a pain management specialist and reviewing the pain contract.
- Beginning January, Grand Ronde has a psychiatrist who comes out every Wednesday.
- In the middle of accreditation process.
- Have had three SCHEP claims since October 1, 2007 and all have been approved.

- Looking at converting to electronic health records and would like to do site visits to other tribes who do this.
- Contract health with Medicare-like rates, will start using a provider network.
- Emergency communications satellite trailer. It was used successfully during the December storms.
- Public transportation is now available in Grand Ronde.

Eric Metcalf, Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

- Using Healthcare Direct as Medicare-like rates and as a PPO. Also looking at self-funded insurance plan.
- Recently went through a very large budget cut. Looking for savings in other areas.
- Working on SB 329 on eligibility and enrollment activities.
- Suggested that OHP and reservation list, the possibility of adding all natives to the reservation list due to 100% FMAP and not lose a spot for non-native people.

Jim Edge spoke to Jim Roberts regarding this. DHS would need to submit a waiver to CMS. It is feared that the federal government would view this as showing preference to native people which to CMS is discrimination. DHS has chosen not to pursue it at this time. There is a risk of losing what is currently available in order to add the additional tribal people. DHS will take this back to discuss with our executive group.

Sonciray Bonnell, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

- Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is in partnership with the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) on the second Access to Recovery voucher grant for substance abuse rehabilitation. Working on getting northwest providers credentialed so we can start accessing vouchers. March 1 vouchers will start being issued. Also, in partnership with CRIHB for one full-time person beginning Feb 25 to handle this program.
- Oregon Health Fund Board is a six-member board. The six subcommittees will be doing the specific work. Eric Metcalf is on the eligibility and enrollment subcommittee, Judy Muschamp is on the finance subcommittee, Cheryl Kennedy is on the federal laws subcommittee, and Joe Finkbonner is on health equity subcommittee. The meetings are open to the public.
- Next NPAIHB quarterly board meeting is third week of April at Chehalis, WA.

Cecille Greenway, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

- Medicare-like rates, CMS wants to know how implementation is going. If anyone is having issues or concerns, please contact Cecille.
- Just sent out a letter to all tribal leaders asking for an update on IHS facilities list.
- Region 10 Health and Human Services Consultation will be held May 28-30 in Seattle, WA. Will be looking at issues rather than programs.

Oregon Health Plan – Jim Edge, Division of Medical Assistance Programs

Some of the bill DHS is watching in this shortened legislative session are HB 3614 that would extend the eligibility period from 6 to 12 months for children; SB 1100 that would get both the Oregon Health Plan and private insurance to fund telemedicine; and SB 1165 which would speed up payments to rural health clinics.

The economic forecast is down, so it is doubtful if any bill that has a cost attached will pass. The Legislature is very concerned about the economy of the nation and Oregon.

Over three years ago, the OHP Standard program was closed. The program remained closed until the number of people served was below 24,000. With federal approval, DHS was able to reopen the program to a waiting list. There are already 67,000 names on the list. Next month DHS will start randomly selecting names to apply for OHP Standard. The selection process is a computerized random sampling.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) which expired last year was extended until March 2009. For now, DHS is operating under the old SCHIP program.

The Medicaid Transformation Grant is a grant intended to build an electronic database for Medicaid patient medical records information. It interfaces with all other programs DHS uses.

DHS is in the process of building the budget for the next biennium. Jim asked for input from the tribes to assist DHS in this effort.

DHS Cluster, Liaisons Report

Rita McMillan – Addictions and Mental Health Division

- Recognizes difficulty with access to services especially with community mental health providers. Looking at getting the tribes a certification to allow patients to be seen at the local clinics.

- Referrals for children going into residential treatment, Rita is working with Chris Larson on a certificate of need and CAFI to have a more realistic process to get children the help they need and still abide by the federal rules. Rita will be seeking input from the tribes and can be reached at (503) 947-5523.

Judy Bowen – Seniors and People with Disabilities Division

- Will be starting a statewide nutrition advisory committee and would like to have elder coordinator participation.
- Staff training is held each spring May 8-9, 2008 in conjunction with Elder Honor Days at Kah-Nee-Ta.
- 4th Annual Native Caring Conference will be hosted by Coquille Tribe on October 23-24, 2008. Asking any tribe who has health clinics and would like to present to contact Judy Bowen.
- OPB is working in partnership with DHS on a program coming out in March and April on caring for parents.
- Four Community Care Giving Forums will be held around the state. Judy Bowen will send out information to the tribal elder coordinators.

Daneka Karma – Division of Medical Assistance Programs

- DMAP **** meeting was held yesterday covering the opportunities to increase utilization of many areas. Other issues discussed were the tribal 638s possibly coordinating with Medicare.
- Also discussed the implementation of Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

Caroline Cruz – Addictions and Mental Health Division

- March 4, 2008 is the Tribal Prevention quarterly meeting in Florence hosted by Coos. Will be working on the 2009-11 prevention plan.
- Working on the Strengthening Families Program. Siletz and Umatilla tribes both submitted grants and were approved and training will happen soon.
- Working on policy option packages to increase the amount of funding for substance abuse and mental health treatment and prevention.
- New gambling manager Paul Potter. Trying to access funding for gambling prevention and training on responsible gambling.
- Shane Lopez-Johnston is working with the tribes to update the underage drinking profile.
- Working on the tribal evidence-based practices and cultural validation. A meeting will be held at Grand Ronde on May 14 in the Education Center.

John Spence

- By 2009-11, 75% of funding must be evidence-based practice. Tribal programs such as long-house, back-to-the-boards, family canoe journey, and talking circle are some examples of evidence-based practice.
- Working with ChristieCare on the native residential mental health treatment. So far four of the nine Oregon tribes have children in the program.
- Oregon Health Sciences University has begun a new methamphetamine project along with the Health Board.
- Native Youth Suicide Prevention project, eight of the nine tribes have done community assessments and prevention plans.

Anya Sekino – State Commission on Children and Families

- The program on juvenile crime prevention is on the list for evidence-based practice. Cultural adaptation is the key. There will be a series of trainings with dates to be determined.
- Looking at comprehensive community plans (SB 555) for the counties. Part of the county plan is to invite tribes to the table. It is difficult to have comprehensive county plans without the tribes although tribes are not under this legislation. Culturally competent services for children, youth and families keep coming up as a gap in services.
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting was held and went well. It was the purpose to establish a direct communication with the tribes.
- The Commission on Indian Services is discussing the formation of another cluster group under SB 770 that would deal primarily with children and youth.

Cynthia Hylton – Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA)

- Medicare advocacy. Will be regularly attending SB 770 meetings.
- Planning statewide training for benefits coordinators. SHIBA can do enrollment events, group presentations, one-on-one meetings, anything is possible.

Vanessa Short Bull – NPAIHB

- Training on Emergency Preparedness will be held on July 23-24, 2008 at Wild Horse Casino in Umatilla.

Next Meeting

The next SB 770 quarterly meeting will be on May 7. Location to be announced.