

**SB 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting**  
**Florence, Oregon**  
**November 12, 2008**

**Attendees:**

Richard Acevedo	DHS, Director's Office
Drew Adams	Coquille Indian Tribe
Ann Arnett	Indian Health Services
Doug Barrett	CTCLUSI
Randy Blackburn	DHS, Office of Federal Financial Policy
Sarah Blount	CTCLUSI
Sonciray Bonnell	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Judy Bowen	DHS, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Lillie Butler	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Barbara Carranza	Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Caroline Cruz	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Martha Decker-Hall	Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Eric Metcalf	CTCLUSI
Susan Frey	Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center
Dottie Garcia	CTCLUSI
Shawna Gavin	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Ron Hudson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Cynthia Hylton	Office of Private Health Partnerships
Leroy Jackson, Jr.	Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Mark Johnson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Cassie Katchia	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Ruth Kemmy	Department of Consumer and Business Services
Cheryle Kennedy	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Chris Larsen	Christie Care
Greg Malkasian	Department of Consumer and Business Services
Mary McNevins	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Debbie Mosher	DOJ, Division of Child Support
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Jeanny Phillips	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Jeff Puterbaugh	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Roberta Queahpama	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Tamara Rosser	RSVP of Lincoln County
Tawna Sanchez	Native American Youth and Family Center
Dean Sawyer	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
John Spence	Christie Care, NARA and OHSU

Jolene Walters                      Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
Diann Weaver                      CTCLUSI  
Rebecca Williams                Confederated Tribes of Siletz  
Diana Woods                      DHS, Director's Office

Rick Acevedo welcomed everyone and roundtable introductions were made. Ron Hudson gave the invocation.

Rick Acevedo briefly discussed the economic downturn and the upcoming legislative session and asked the Tribes to be very active with the Legislature.

### **Cynthia Hilton, SHEBA**

- Medicare annual enrollment is open November 1 through December 31, 2008. There is a limited amount of time to enroll and there are many choices available. The SHEBA program is available to assist.

### **Debbie Mosier, Child Support Program**

- Debbie gave a brief overview of how child support enforcement works, how support orders can affect tribal members and how support enforcement works with tribal courts.

### **Action Item:**

Cheryl Kennedy suggested when someone comes into a state office for assistance, they should be told up front the services they are given is really a loan and they will be required to pay it back. Rick Acevedo will check into this.

### **John Spence & Chris Larsen, Christie School**

- The Clackamas River campus is now open and operating. There are currently eight youths in the program from Oregon tribes and a few from Alaska.

### **Dottie Garcia, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians**

- Continuing parenting classes
- Looking at a Youth Leadership Program
- Food Pantry and Close Closet for tribal members.
- New chief elected as of Sunday Warren Brainard.
- LIAHP funding for tribes – inequity of the tribes compared to the state.

### **Leroy Jackson, Klamath Tribe**

- Prevention Coordinator passed certification
- Third full-time pharmacist recently hired makes total of three and have two dentists.
- Received a Harris Grant to work with children's dental issues.
- Periodontal assistance is going well.
- Hired a full-time family nurse practitioner for the clinic.
- Finished year two of a five-year meth grant.
- Wimbley House plans to get a new facility built.
- Diabetes (SPDI) program is going well.
- DV program and mental health best evidence-based practice are having some issues of not getting referrals from the probation program in the Klamath Falls area. Discussions are on-going. Working toward a resolution.
- Leroy has been selected to serve on the Environmental Justice Task Force Committee. Leroy has minutes from the past two meetings for anyone interested.

### **Jolene Walters, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs**

- Children's Mental Health Outreach Specialist has been hired.
- Juvenile Substance Abuse Specialist was also hired.
- Two positions are still open for LTC, MSW and an RFT open for a psychologist and a psychiatrist.

### **Eric Metcalf, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw**

- Budget process is on-going.
- A new dentist has been hired and accepting new patients.
- Awarded a tribal management grant for ambulatory or urgent care facility in the Florence area for 2009.
- Intern Sarah Brown has been hired full-time as the assistant director to begin January 1, 2009.

### **Drew Adams, Coquille Indian Tribe**

Unable to hear discussion on recording.

### **Cheryle Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde**

- Mark Johnson will receive the Health Director of the Year Award through the Indian Health Services.
- Would like to have the Government-to-Government Summit meeting moved in order to review the state report prior to the summit.

### **Ron Hudson, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde**

- Will be having a gang awareness and chemical use prevention program in the spring.
- Working on a plank house at the powwow grounds.
- Evidence-based practices meeting will be held on December 8 in Portland to present information and get feedback.
- Title IV-E bill passed – money directly from the government instead of passing through the states.

### **Mark Johnson, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde**

- Biggest issue is the lack of public transportation to get tribal members to specialty appointments in Salem.
- Have been looking at ways to reduce costs and be more efficient. Have expanded some opportunities for limited podiatry and cardiology services.
- Have trained office staff to help patients fill out applications for pharmaceutical companies.
- Chronic pain management pain contracts development with patients. The goal is to reduce the amount of pain medication and keep it out of the hands of children.
- Self-limited insurance plan that funds all of our employees and members. Looking at making that more efficient.

### **Susan Frye, Umatilla Tribe, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center**

- Finalizing negotiations with a new doctor and have hired a family nurse practitioner, so are looking to be fully staffed soon.
- Have Internist from Pendleton one day/week.
- Shortage in the Behavioral Health Prevention Department. Finalized negotiations on Monday for a Prevention Coordinator and will be hiring a Prevention Assistant.
- Have a vacancy in the community health department.
- Working with White Bison on bringing the Wellbriety program to the Umatilla Reservation.
- Community Health Program hosted a cancer education support day that was well attended.
- Medical department is focusing on immunization program to reach out to get everyone immunized.
- Business office inundated on Medicaid like rate reports for the federal government and finishing up information for IHS.

- Working with tribal administration on a new clinic and wellness center. This is in the preliminary stages, possibly 2010.

#### **Judy Muschamp, Confederated Tribes of Siletz**

- Required notices are being sent out today for Medicare Part D eligible people who use the clinic pharmacy.
- Clinic replacement project will be 32,000 sq. ft. and expandable up to 45,000 sq. ft.
- Recruiting for a physician – interview on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and still recruiting for a community health director.
- Thanks to Medicare like rate savings, ending this year in the black. Reviewing CHS deferred services and prioritizing those deferred cases that can be approved move forward.
- Tribes Restoration Celebration of 31 years at Chinook Winds this Saturday in Lincoln City.
- Clinic electronic health records is moving slowly, but implemented.
- Emergency Preparedness Planner is receiving training on new satellite phone.
- Flu shot clinics in the casino, clinic and area offices and are actively getting everyone immunized.
- Awarded a grant of \$400,000 by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program three-year mental health grant for a part-time licensed social worker to provide youth services in our area office and are currently recruiting.

#### **Rebecca Williams, Confederated Tribes of Siletz**

- Health and Family grant will host White Bison to Siletz.

#### **Shawna Gavin, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation**

- In the process of writing a pain management policy.

#### **Roberta Queahpama, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs**

- Currently recruiting three public health nurses and a social worker.

#### **Tawna Sanchez, NAYA**

- Working on independent living program to help foster youth from transitioning out of foster care and becoming homeless.
- Working with DHS to get a position at NAYA to recruit more native families to become foster families.

### **Sonciray Bonnell, NPAIHB**

- Immunization Conference will be held on December 3-4 at the Indian Center at PSU.
- The Region X will be held on November 20 at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board to discuss tribal emergency preparedness.
- The Oregon Health Fund Board draft report was looked at by Jim Roberts and Sonciray and made some comments and suggestions like inserting suggestions made to federal laws, enrollment and eligibility; and to include the work done by the nine Oregon tribes to develop the report in the executive summary. The report then went out to tribal chairs, delegates and tribal health directors.
- Legislative updates (Indian Health Care Improvement Act) nothing to report so far. New legislative report will be posted in January.
- New administrative officer Jacqueline Lefthand bull ??? (bio in newsletter).

### **Caroline Cruz, Addictions & Mental Health Division, DHS**

- Has been working on the certification prevention specialist training. Preparing people to take this test.
- Working on policy updates.
- Tribal best practices meeting on December 8. Will be validating some of the cultural best practices that have been worked for many years.
- Leadership academy (Northwest Addiction Center) is looking for nominations for two scholarships for each tribe to attend leadership training.

### **Rita McMillan, Addictions & Mental Health Division, DHS**

- Have had some issues with residential treatment admission and continued stay for a specific level of care. Would like to get a community coordinating committee to work with the tribes when they have a high level of need for a child while they are in treatment and help when the child is ready to go home. Could help define if a child meets the criteria for residential treatment. Asking for volunteers.

### **Jeff Puterbaugh, Addictions & Mental Health, DHS**

- Information is available on funding sources for building housing for persons with addictions or mental health issues.

### **Mary McNevin, Children, Adults & Families, DHS**

- 30<sup>th</sup> year since the passage of ICWA and much work still needs to be done. The ICWA Conference this year was co-hosted with the Coquille Tribe and

was the largest with about 280 participants. The 2009 Conference will be co-hosted by the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribe. The date for this conference has yet to be determined.

- ICWA procedures manual is available on the DHS website.
- Tribes can enter into a Title IV-E agreement directly with the feds as of 2010 or can continue with the state. A number of conversations regarding this have been held.
- Casey Family Programs and DHS have entered into an agreement on disproportationality. A conference call was held a week ago and another meeting on this is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2008.
- ORCAS is the new case management system that will be replacing SACWIS. Last week, one day was set aside specifically for ICWA and all the requirements for ICWA were put into the system. It is still an on-going process for the development of the system. It is also a system the tribes can use for access and use for their own case management system.
- Child welfare tribal positions are now being posted on the DHS website.
- Friday, November 14 is the ICWA Advisory meeting at the tribal office beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**Barbara Carranza, Oregon Commission on Children & Families**

- OCCF now has a permanent position for tribal liaison around juvenile crime prevention.
- OCCF has been working on relationship building with the tribes and making plans for the future. Contact information is in the handout.

**Judy Bowen, Senior and People with Disabilities Division, DHS**

- Presented at the National Indian Council on Aging conference in Tacoma.
- Co-hosted the Native Caring Conference. Next year to hold it at Warm Springs.
- Looking for evidence-based care giver program dollars.
- Will be holding a spring staff training at Kah-Nee-Ta for care giver coordinators, elder coordinators and staff from the Area Agency on Aging.
- Worked with elder's coordinators to develop procedures for the care giver program and the feds have approved them.

**Ruth Kimmy, Department of Consumer and Business Services**

- Nothing to report.

### **Jeanny Phillips, Division of Medical Assistant Programs**

- MMIS is scheduled to go on line December 6. The web portal will be available with a PIN number that will be mailed out soon. There will also be an automated voice response system available. A team is available to assist if a PIN number is lost.
- OHP Standard Program has mailed out 30,000 applications to date. The last round of applications has now gone out. Approximately 8,000 new people have been added to the OHP program.
- The Governor wants to expand the OHP Standard and open it up to anyone who qualifies. He also wants to pass and fund the Healthy Kids Program.
- Received a grant from Centers for Medicare Medicaid Services for a health records bank. The grant is to create a central repository for physicians and hospitals could send health records and it could be accessed by other physicians or hospitals. The patient would have control over who can access their information. Hoping to have a pilot up by summer 2009.
- The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) program extended the states out, but not renewed it. The reauthorization of the SCHIP is at the top of the new administration's list.

### **Randy Blackburn, Federal Financial Policy Analysis, DHS**

- A second economic stimulus package may be discussed by Congress next week. This may increase the state FMAP by 5%.

### **Accomplishments This Past Year, Rick Acevedo**

- Sharing of information, which is helpful
- Tried to carve out numbers for the native population on the OHP
- Evidence-based practice
- Networking
- Participation and communication from DHS has improved
- Christie School
- ICWA procedures manual with tribal participation

### **Accomplishments next year**

- Equality to all tribes regarding access to programs
- Appreciate the department heads attending the SB770 meetings; would like to have the director attend.
- Would like to go into more depth on issues such as economic issues with the tribes and problem solving. Possible subcommittee?
- Sustainability

**Next meeting:**

The next SB 770 Health Services Cluster meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 25, 2009 at the Department of Consumer and Business Services. When the date is finalized, notice will be emailed.