

SB 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting
Salem, Oregon
June 22, 2009

Attendees:

Richard Acevedo	DHS, Director's Office
Randy Blackburn	DHS, Office of Federal Financial Policy
Judy Bowen	DHS, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Rick Cady	DHS, Addictions and Mental Health Division
Janice Clements	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Caroline Cruz	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Martha Decker-Hall	Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services
Nicole Delgadillo	Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services
Jim Edge	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Karen Elliott	DHS, Public Health Division, Immunizations
Bruce Goldberg	DHS, Director
Linda Hettinga	Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center
Ron Hudson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Elizabeth Jackson	Klamath Tribal Health
Leroy Jackson, Jr.	Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Deborah Jackson-Alvarez	Indian Health Services, Warm Springs Services
Daneka Karma	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Alan Kramer	Oregon Housing and Community Services
Sherril Kuhns	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Jacklyn Langley	Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center
Chris Larson	ChristieCare
Jack Lawson	Oregon Youth Authority
Kelle Little	Coquille Indian Tribe
Richard Leman	DHS, Public Health Division
Debbie Mosher	DOJ, Division of Child Support
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Carey Palm	DHS, Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Elwood Patawa	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Tamara Peterson	DHS, Public Health Division
Roberta Queahpama	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Martirai Ramsey	Indian Health Services, Warm Springs Services
Clyde Saiki	DHS, Director's Office
John Spence	NW Indian Training Associates
Sharon Stanphill	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Michael Stickler	DHS, Office of Federal Financial Policy
Jolene Walters	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Michael Watkins	NARA NW, Inc.
Diana Woods	DHS, Director's Office

Introductions and Welcome

Rick Acevedo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DHS Budget and Legislative Update, Bruce Goldberg

The Legislature is likely to adjourn in the next week or so. The economy has been the driving force. The legislature has had to deal with a \$4 billion budget deficit. Oregon is receiving close to \$1 billion in federal stimulus money, which is helping to narrow the gap. There has also been an increase in transportation and gas taxes and fees, a 1% increase in the upper limits on personal income tax, as well as an increase in the corporate tax structure will help to increase revenue, and over \$1 billion in reduction in services.

Although the DHS budget is not yet final, we will see about an 8% decrease from what is needed to maintain current service levels. DHS has been experiencing dramatic increases in case loads over the past year and we will not be able to meet that increased need. There will be some reductions in services.

There were no major reductions to treatment for mental health and addictions, but there were reductions to the prevention side. The Strengthening Families program is one that is slated for reduction, however the tribes and smaller counties will be held harmless.

Children, Adults and Families had cuts over the past year with reductions in employment related day care and the ability of families to qualify for the TANF program.

Developmental Disabilities will have some reductions in family support.

It is unclear how soon the economy will recover. Unemployment in Oregon is currently at 12% where it was only 6% a year ago.

Concern was expressed about the five-year lifetime limit on TANF and what can be done to mitigate those families once they reach that five-year mark. Bruce recommended this item be placed on the agenda for the next SB 770 and have Erinn Kelley-Siel or one of her staff attend to discuss this.

Concern was also expressed that there are still issues in securing mental health services for the tribes through Acumentra. Similar issues have been experienced with adult mental health.

DHS is working on trying to fill the gap in mental health services that exists in Indian Country. Meetings are being held with the Children, Adults and Families Division regarding BRS beds and other community-based services; then have a discussion with ChristieCare to do what we can to fill the gap in services.

Action Item:

Rick will have DHS staff contact St. Charles Medical Center and make sure they understand that Warm Springs is their own Mental Health Authority and that Jefferson County should not be involved.

Tribal Updates

Dottie Garcia, Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribe of Indians

- Yesterday opened a Community Center.
- Starting the School-to-Work program today.
- Have had a recent increase in ICWA cases.
- Unemployment rates are clearly going up and this is a concern.

Kelle Little, Coquille Indian Tribe

- We are beginning implementation of electronic health records which is being funded by an IHS tribal management grant.
- Developing an early childhood carries prevention program funded through an OR Maternal and Child Health Grant.
- Received ARRA funding from IHS to improve the energy efficiency of our facility and upgrade exam tables in the clinic.
- Submitted an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant, which if funded, would expand our youth prevention program which is supported by OR State AD70 and Juvenile Crime Prevention Grants.

Sharon Stanphill, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

- Remodeling the clinic in Roseburg with stimulus money.
- Looking to build a new satellite clinic in Canyonville. In the interim, the tribe has acquired a small trailer to begin the clinic sooner.
- Meth Prevention and Suicide Prevention grant was submitted last week.
- Want to hire an LTSW to round out the mental health program.
- Diabetes prevention program is doing well along with Klamath and Coquille Tribes – in fifth year. Working at developing a training program for other tribes.
- Have been doing Electronic Health Records for the past three years. Now doing own like-rate pricing and electronic billing.

Sonciray Bonnell, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

- The Quarterly Board meeting scheduled for July 21-23, 2009 – website has all the details.
- Most of the work lately has been around ARRA. Results of some of the stimulus money to tribes are posted on the website.
- NPAIHB was successful in getting on the Health Resource Witness List and Andy Joseph, Jr. will be testifying on June 25.
- Working very hard on Health Reform.

Roberta Queahpama, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Pleased to announce the hiring of Caroline Cruz as the new general manager for human services.
- Working with Indian Health Services staff on developing an overarching tribal health plan.
- Looking at selecting three private sector commissioners to serve on the Indian Health Commission.

- Working with the Northwest Indian Health Board on inclusion of natives on health care reform.

Caroline Cruz, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Received a \$1.2 million inventory grant to renovate the counseling as well as the health and wellness center and other buildings.
- Submitted for a meth grant and are hoping to receive this.
- The tribe has a \$4 million deficit for this fiscal year. Will be doing some major cut backs.
- Warm Springs hosted seven meetings two weeks ago.
- Working with Mountain View Hospital in Madras to do a pilot program on reverse lunches in hope that it will develop healthy eating habits for children.
- Working with veterans and home care.
- Honored high school and college graduates.
- Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days is scheduled for June 26-28, 2009.

Janice Clements, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

- Starting electronic dental records in July.
- Meeting was held on chronic pain and arthritis treatment.
- National conference will be held on August 17-20, 2009 in Oklahoma City.
- Emergency Preparedness Conference is scheduled for July 28-29, 2009 in Tulalip, WA.

Michael Watkins, NARA NW, Inc.

- Received two HRSA stimulus grants, one is expand services at the primary care facility and the other will remodel the old outpatient building to provide adult mental health services in October.
- Applying for competitive HRSA stimulus construction package to consolidate all of NARA buildings into one campus.
- Providing technical assistance around the Access to Recovery program.
- Expand residential program to telemedicine with teleconferencing for intake and discharge. We will be looking for tribes to pilot this program. Have applied for a grant to cover the costs of equipment and supplies.
- Delta Park PowWow was held June 20-21, 2009.
- Partnering with service providers in the Portland area. Looking to do this with the tribes as well.

Angie Wilson, Wembly House

- Wembly House employs about 30 staff. The residential aids are all nationally certified through the University of Oklahoma Outreach Center, counselors are state certified Drug and Alcohol Abuse counselors and the entire clinical staff has been trained as a pilot project for the Trauma Focus, Conference of Behavioral Therapy through the University of Oklahoma Outreach Center.
- NARA is working with Wembly House for intervention and prevention.
- American Indian Act Recovery provider. Also sit on the AIAR Advisory Board.
- Looking at the possibility of holding a Northwest Behavioral Health Conference.

- Working with Rick Acevedo to get kids enrolled on the Oregon Health Plan. Many kids served by Wembly House are from out of state and are not eligible for the Oregon Health Plan.
- Work a lot with ChristieCare and have made some referrals.
- Hosting the Oregon Indian Council on Addictions meeting on August 21, 2009.
- Presenting at the IHS conference on adolescence drug and alcohol treatment.

Ron Hudson, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

- Background checks is a problem when the state police cannot release background results without permission from the person the background is on.
 - This topic needs to be referred to the Public Safety Cluster.
- Gang Summit was held.
- Preparing for the Canoe Journey on July 20 – August 8.
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency is planning a conference in the northwest.

Woody Patawa, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla

- Contract health service funds are about 80% obligated.
- The tribe recently hired a consultant firm to review employee benefit package.
- Fun Run held in April was very successful. Former Portland Trailblazer Chris Dudley was in attendance.
- Physician is leaving in June, will be recruiting.
- Recruiting for two mental health counselors.
- Management is reviewing employee evaluation process to make it more effective.
- Converting to electronic health records.
- In the planning stages for a new clinic and wellness center.

Leroy Jackson, Jr., Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services

- Working on Electronic Health Records.
- Ordered some pharmacy equipment.
- In process of hiring another patient's coordinator.
- Walk-Runs will be held throughout the summer, just held one with over 500 participants.
- Sports camp for the youth.
- Renew some buildings using grants.
- Meth project to get alcohol and drug counselor.
- Car seat program is going well and staying busy.
- Recruiting for a new dentist and started negotiations with another physician.
- Getting a new fitness center going.

Judy Mushchamp, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

- Governor came to Siletz on Friday and was given a tour of the clinic and shown the plans for the new facility.
- Environmental assessment completed and submitted to Indian Health Services. Hopefully breaking ground by August.
- Ten years as accredited.
- Hired a new 477 director, Charmane Cook.

- State alcohol came and approved program. Decision was made to license the satellite offices individually.
- Eight catastrophic cases so far this year. The CHS program is probably going to have to cut back for the remainder of the year.
- All providers in the clinic have converted to electronic health records except one.
- Received ARRA funding to purchase laboratory equipment.
- Last week the youth center gymnasium opened. Lots of summer activities are scheduled for youth.
- Diabetes program kicked off summer exercise challenge and so far 350 people have signed up.
- Purchased digital radiology equipment for the clinic and also contracted with a company out of Minnesota to have next day radiological reports.
- New Community Health Director Lindsay Taylor will begin next week.

Swine Flu Debrief, Mel Kohn, Public Health Division

Mel discussed concerns of the swine flu when it returns in the fall. Public Health is watching what is happening in the southern hemisphere where the flu season is currently happening.

A vaccine is being produced and should be available by October or November. There will not be enough vaccine for everyone, so care will need to be taken as to who receives the vaccine. Communication will be very important as we get closer to flu season.

Social gatherings were not cancelled in the spring, but certain precautions were taken, such as hand washing and not attending a gathering if a person is sick. Those precautions should be observed again this fall if the virus returns.

For information regarding the flu, please contact the Public Health Division.

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

The Oregon Health Plan cuts will result in a reduction to the dental services and eye exams and glasses for the Plus program. This change does not affect pregnant women.

The legislature also passed HB 2116 which puts a 1% tax on managed care plans to fund the Healthy Kids program. That provider tax will be matched with federal funds and this will provide 116,000 kids in Oregon with health insurance. DHS will expand the upper level from 180% of poverty level to 200% of poverty level to qualify for health insurance. For those up to 300% will be eligible for reduced cost insurance. DHS will begin a media campaign to get the word out to everyone.

Another part of the same bill is a higher health provider tax on hospitals. That money will provide an expansion of the OHP for adults. We should be able for increase the number of individuals on OHP to 60,000. The process should be similar to the last opening of OHP, so that the process is fair and equitable.

HB 2009 has passed the Legislature and it is a health reform bill. This bill would move Oregon closer to health care coverage for all citizens. The bill requires some restructuring of the health

care divisions. It would create a Health Authority that the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP), Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) and Public Health Division (PHD) will become a part of, as well as other departments that have a health care component. The Legislature has given the agencies involved two years to decide how to accomplish this. Discussions will begin in the next month or two with input from the tribes as well as other stakeholders.

ARRA, Michael Stickler, Office of Federal Financial Policy

Michael discussed how the ARRA funds flow into the state and to the tribes. The National Congress of American Indians has a website that breaks it down very well and how the funds flow to the tribes. Some parts of the funding specifically lists tribes as eligible other parts do not, while others only go to states and the states must partner with tribes in order for the tribes to receive those parts of the funds. ARRA was a positive step in funding some tribal programs.

The federal government is committed to transparency with the ARRA funds. Each state's report can be found at www.recovery.gov and for state specific information, go to the DHS website at www.oregon.gov/DHS/ and click on the Oregon Way near the bottom of the page. For additional information contact Michael Stickler at (503) 947-5413 or email at michael.d.stickler@state.or.us

Safe Kids Program, Tamara Peterson, Public Health Division

The goal of Safe Kids Worldwide is to decrease unintentional accidents worldwide in children from birth to age 14. Safe Kids Oregon would like to do more outreach with the tribes and communities in Oregon. Coalitions are located in many communities around the state. If any tribe would like to partner with Safe Kids Oregon and to have training on the prevention of unintentional accidents for children, please contact Tamara Peterson at (971) 673-0968 or email tamara.g.peterson@state.or.us

DHS Cluster Liaisons Reports

Sherril Kuhns, Children, Adults and Families, OPPR

- The four Tribes that have an approved Title IV-E waiver had been notified that the Title IV-E waiver was ending on June 30, 2009. The Legislature has voted to allow the Title IV-E waiver program to be extended to match the actual date the Title IV-E waiver was expected to end, January 31, 2010. We are working very quickly to update the contracts to extend the end date.

Judy Bowen, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division

- About two months ago the National Alliance for Care Giving Awards Program committee asked us to apply for the diversity award for \$25,000 and we got it.
- The next Native Caring Conference is scheduled for October 22-23, 2009 at Kah-Nee-Ta.
- Judy is willing to assist with outreach for the prescription drug program with the tribes.

Mary McNevens, Children, Adults and Families Division

- DHS and the Casey Family Programs began a pilot program to address the issue of overrepresentation of minority children in foster care.

- The Native Summit was held on May 23-24, 2009. The plans that were developed are now posted on the website.
- The new case management system is called ORCAS. Working hard to make sure everything is included in the new system.
- The five year plans that lay out the tribes' goals and objectives are due on June 25, 2009. The final instructions came out this last week.
- The ICWA Conference is scheduled for October 27-29, 2009 and will be co-hosted by Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribe of Indians and it will be held at Three Rivers. Workshops will be 60-90 minutes each and best practice workshops are preferred.
- In May, Dottie Garcia and Mary McNevins were invited to present at a conference sponsored by the Children's Bureau in Washington, DC.
- Dottie Garcia was appointed by the Governor to the Overrepresentation of Minority Children in Foster Care Committee. Anyone with ideas or suggestions can contact either Mary McNevins or Dottie Garcia.

Alan Kramer, Oregon Housing and Community Services

- There is a lot of information on the Oregon Housing and Community Services website especially for weatherization. The ARRA funds are intended for those people who are hit hardest by the recession.

John Spence, ChristieCare

- There are 13 Native staff working at the Cedar Boughs program. The input of the cultural part has been wonderful for the children. The elders are also involved in the advisory council.
- NARA has received the Native Youth Suicide Project grant for the fifth year. One component of the grant is to have an Elder's Advisory Committee. The committee has now met five times.
- NARA Youth Project held their first three-day youth camp and it was fantastic. There were kids from eight of the nine Oregon Tribes and it was held near Lincoln City.

Chris Larson, ChristieCare

- Chris expressed her gratitude to everyone who worked so hard and collaboratively to get the cultural specific program up and running, specifically to Rick Acevedo and John Spence.

Jack Lawson, Oregon Youth Authority

- Interim Director Bobby Mink will be ending his term this month.
- Collette Peterson has been interviewed by the Governor and will possibly be the next Director.
- The Governor's Summit this year will be around disproportionality in November. Save the date flyers will be out soon.

Daneka Karma, Division of Medical Assistance Programs

- We have a meeting immediately after the SB 770 meeting that is more specific to the Oregon Health Plan and the Division of Medical Assistance Programs. A summary of the

meeting will be available by email. For copies, contact Daneka Karma at (503) 945-6926 or email at daneka.karma@state.or.us

- Just received notice that the all inclusive encounter rate has gone up to \$268 which is a \$15 increase per encounter and is retroactive to January 1, 2009. Tribes should be receiving a remittance by next week.

Karen Elliott, Public Health Division

- Immunization training clinics will be held on September 23 and will be an all day training at Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles. The same training will be at Lane County Community College in Eugene on September 30, 2009.
- The State has asked the coalition for access to immunization during the economic downturn.
- A stakeholder workgroup is currently being formed. It will be charged with identifying more access to immunizations around the state. If anyone would like to volunteer to be on this committee, please contact Karen Elliott at (971) 673-0285 or by email at karen.r.elliott@state.or.us

Tricia Tillman, Office of Multicultural Health

- New to DHS; came from Multnomah County. Tricia has worked in health and social services for 14 years and is looking forward to meeting with the tribes.
- The Office of Multicultural Health is currently working on addressing racial and ethnic disparities.
- Tricia was able to meet several people during the lunch hour and will be accompanying Rick Acevedo out to each of the tribes.
- Offering mini grants up to \$5,000 for health promotions and is accepting applications through the end of the federal fiscal year. For more information, please contact Alexis Asihene at (971) 673-1283 or Tricia Tillman at (971) 673-1285.

Next Meeting:

The next SB 770 meeting is scheduled for August 19 in Warm Springs at Kah-Nee-Ta.