



**SB 770 Health Services Cluster Meeting  
Warm Springs, OR  
August 19, 2009**

**Attending:**

Richard Acevedo	DHS, Director's Office
Peggy Biery	Indian Health Services, Portland Area Office
Sarah Blount	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
Sonciray Bonnell	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Judy Bowen	DHS, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
Kathryn Burke	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Barbara Carranza	Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Frank Charley	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Judith Charley	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Caroline Cruz	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Jim Edge	DHS, Division of Medical Assistance Programs
Roberta Frost	Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Dottie Garcia	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
Marvin Garcia	Klamath Tribes
Elton Greeley	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Cecile Greenway	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Karlene Hatley	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Ron Hudson	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Deb Jackson	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Elizabeth Jackson	Klamath Tribal Health
Jeremiah Johnson	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Leroy Jackson, Jr.	Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Alan Kramer	Oregon Housing and Community Services
Sherill Kuhns	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Marilyn Langley	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Nalia McLaughlin	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Mary McNevens	DHS, Children, Adults and Families Division
Amanda Mellentine	Klamath Tribes
Eric Metcalf	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
Judy Muschamp	Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Carey Palm	DHS, Public Health Division
Sheila Parkins	Oregon Housing and Community Services
Clyde Saiki	DHS, Deputy Director of Operations
Leslie Squiemphen	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Tawna Sanchez	Native American Youth and Family Center
Michael Stickler	DHS, Federal Financial Policy

Twila Teeman	Burns Paiute Tribe
Jolene Walters	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Rebecca Williams	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Diana Woods	DHS, Director's Office
Collette Young	DHS, Public Health Division

### **Introductions and Welcome**

Caroline Cruz welcomed everyone to the meeting and Frank Charley gave the invocation. Roundtable introductions were made.

### **CMS Update, Cecile Greenway, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

Cecile Greenway briefly commented that CMS Medicaid, Medicare and Children's SCHIP programs are very beneficial to the tribes and if there is anything she can do to assist with these services, please contact her at 206-615-2428.

CMS, Seattle is currently out visiting with the Tribes in the Region X area.

There have been some recent changes in Medicaid, SCHIP Reauthorization and ARRA. These have a dramatic impact on the tribes. Several grants are available with some being tribal specific. Please contact Cecile for details.

The citizenship documentation rules for Medicaid have been revised to allow tribal documents as identification retroactive to 1996.

### **Tribal Update**

The Tribal Representatives gave a brief overview of what their programs have been doing this quarter.

Dottie Garcia asked that more DHS administrators from the social services programs, primarily CAF and SPD attend the SB 770 meetings.

Ron Hudson expressed concern about the five year lifetime limit for TANF. He has not been able to get an answer on what happens to these folks once the five years is up.

### **Action Item:**

Rick Acevedo will meet with Ron Hudson regarding the five-year limit to TANF.

### **Oregon Housing and Community Services, Alan Kramer & Sheila Parkins**

The USDA Food and Nutrition Program is very beneficial for the Tribes. Housing is currently working with the Umatilla Tribe. For more information, please contact Sheila Parkins (503) 986-2062.

Another program is called "Move it and Lose it" which works with teams for exercise and weight loss. Information on this program is also available from Sheila Parkins.

### **DHS Budget and Legislative Update, Clyde Saiki**

The DHs budget took some reductions but not as bad as other agencies. The Legislature decided to fund the Healthy Kids program. There are three signature petitions going on that will affect the general fund and could overturn the tax increase for upper level income earners and corporate taxes. If these initiatives go through and the ballot measure passes, DHS could see a significant cut in general fund dollars. Another petition is going around repealing the hospital tax increase that would pay for the healthy kids program.

HB 2009 would restructure DHS and HB 2116 relates to cost containment of health care. It creates the Oregon Health Authority and would move the Oregon Health Plan, DMAP, Addictions and Mental Health Division and Public Health from DHS to the Oregon Health Authority and it also adds PEBB, BEBB and several other agencies. DHS would then consist of SPD and CAF. The Legislature has given us two years to make this change.

DHS is establishing a stakeholder group that would give input to policies and have one or two tribal members participate in this group to help advise DHS on the transition.

Two people have been appointed as the point people to help with the transition, Tina Edlund from the Oregon Health Authority and Senator Margaret Carter for DHS. Senator Carter will resign her position with the Senate and begin with the Department of Human Services on September 1, 2009.

### **H1N1 Update, Clyde Saiki**

Clyde Saiki gave an update on H1N1. The modeling and predictions are indicating upward of 40% will contract the flu. In any given year, there are about 36,000 deaths nationally from the normal flu virus.

The Governor's Office is hosting a flu summit on Friday. The morning will be an overview and afternoon will consist of break out sessions.

### **Immunization (H1N1), Collette Young**

Collette Young discussed the immunization program. Pregnant women, infants six months through young adults and health care workers are recommended for the H1N1 vaccine. Seniors are not currently scheduled to receive a vaccine.

Pre-registration is the first week of September. The CDC is running this program, so everything comes from them. H1N1 vaccine will be available by November, but some limited doses may be available sooner. This is a new vaccine and we want to track it very carefully. All adverse events will be recorded and followed up on. Seasonal vaccines are now available. Health clinics have begun administering them. The seasonal vaccine can be combined with the H1N1, but need to be administered to different arms.

For more information, please visit the website: [www.flu.oregon.gov](http://www.flu.oregon.gov). Another source for information is the Health Alert Network. Contact Carey Palm for information on how to access the HAN.

### **Oregon Health Plan, Jim Edge**

Jim Edge discussed the Healthy Kids Program which began in July with an extensive outreach campaign to reach out to all eligible children. We are looking to reach 300,000 children or 95% coverage. Cathy Kaufmann has been hired to administer this program.

OHP Standard Expansion Project will begin open enrollment starting in October 2009. We will randomly draw 3,000 names per month until the total number enrolled in OHP Standard reaches an average of 50,000.

People who registered for the last open enrollment will be sent a letter to see if they would like to be on the new list. If they did not get on the Oregon Health Plan during the last open enrollment, they will still be considered for the next opening.

The Oregon Health Plan is a demonstration project and is up for renewal. This request to renew, when approved, will be for the next three years.

The next SB 770 meeting is in conjunction with the Government-to-Government Summit.