

Tribal Advisory Committee

A collaboration between the Early Learning Division and Oregon's Nine Tribal Nations

Mar 08, 2023 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Pacific)

Meeting Agenda:

This will be a virtual meeting. Access to the TAC meetings will be provided on the ELD website following each meeting, please visit the ELD Website to learn more. Only written testimony will be accepted. Please submit written comment formatted as a Word or PDF document to Dorianne.Houser@od.oregon.gov by Tuesday, March 7, at 5 p.m. (pacific)

- I. **TAC Advisory Committee (TAC) Welcome** – 5 Mins
Valerie Switzler, Chair, Warm Springs Tribes Rep

- II. **Roll Call** – 5 mins
Valerie Switzler, Chair, Warm Springs Tribe Rep

- III. **TAC Breakout Session & Recap** – 20 Mins
Valerie Switzler, Chair, Warm Springs Tribes Rep

- IV. **OTELA Metrics Discussion** – 30 Mins
Dr. Alicia Maio, Director of Data Strategy and Management
Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Director

- V. **DELIC General Updates** – 15 Mins
Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Director
 - OTELA Manager Update
 - Website Vendor Update
 - OTELA Legal Entity Update
 - Small presentation for LCIS

- VI. **Closing and Adjournment** – 5 mins
Valerie Switzler, Chair, Warm Springs Tribe Rep

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TAC Members:

VALERIE SWITZLER, Chair, Warm Springs Tribes Rep

SANDY HENRY, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep

ANGELA BLACKWELL, Early Learning Council Rep.

JULIE SIESTREEM, Legislative Commission on Indian Services Rep. & Coos, Lower Umpqua Siuslaw Tribe Rep.

DIANE TEEMAN, Burns-Paiute Tribe Rep.

MICHAEL CHERRY, Grand Ronde Tribe Rep.

ANGELA FASANA, Grand Ronde Tribe Rep.

ALYSSA SEVERSON, Coquille Tribe Rep

KRISTINA SIMPSON, Coquille Tribe Rep.

JENNIFER JACKSON, Klamath Tribe Rep.

MELISSA MONTERO, Klamath Tribe Rep.

LLOYD COMMANDER, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Rep.

MODESTA MINTHORN, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Rep.

SONYA MOODY-JURADO, Siletz Tribe Rep.

ALISSA LANE-KANE, Siletz Tribe Rep.

(1) **OPEN**, Warm Springs Tribe Rep.

(1) **OPEN**, Burns-Paiute Tribe Rep.

(1) **OPEN**, Coos, Lower Umpqua Siuslaw Tribe Rep.

(1) **OPEN**, Cow Creek Tribe Rep

Early Learning Division

VALERIA ATANACIO, Early Learning Division Rep

Tribal Advisory Committee | Minutes

Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	03/8/2023
Facilitator:	Sandy Henry & Valerie	Meeting Time:	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM PT
Minutes / Time:	Jonas Moses	Meeting Location:	Virtual / Zoom

AGENDA ITEMS:

- i. **TAC Welcome – 5 Mins**
Sandy Henry, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep; Valerie Switzler, Committee Chair, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Notes / Actions:

- @JulieS provided welcome.

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- ii. **Roll Call – 5 Mins**
Sandy Henry, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep

Jonas conducted roll call in Sandy's absence.

Valerie Switzler, Committee Chair, Warm Springs Tribe Representative
Sandra (Sandy) Henry, Committee Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Representative
Angela (Angie) Blackwell, Committee Member, Early Learning Council Representative
Julie Siestreem, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative
Diane Teeman, Committee Member, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative
Michael Cherry, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative
Angela Fasana, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative
Alyssa Severson, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative
Kristina Simpson, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative
Jennifer Jackson, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative
Melissa Montero, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative
Lloyd Commander, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative
Modesta Minthorn, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative
Sonya Moody-Jurado, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative
Alissa Lane-Kane, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative
Alyssa Chatterjee, Early Learning Systems Director, Early Learning Division Representative
Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Manager, Early Learning Division Representative

Others present:

Dori Houser
Dr. Alicia Maio
Gabby Hernandez
Karla Branson

Notes / Actions:

- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes)? Yes (6/9 tribes present, but no chair of vice-chair).
 - Lloyd and Sonya joined a little late.
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iii. TAC Breakout Session & Recap – 20 Mins

Sandy Henry, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep; Valerie Switzler, Committee Chair, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Notes / Actions:

- In the absence of both the chair and vice-chair TAC members decided against holding the TAC breakout session.
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iv. OTELA Metrics Discussion – 30 mins

Dr. Alicia Maio, Director of Data Strategy and Management; Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Director

Notes / Actions:

- **@Valeria** – Dr. Maio here to give an overview of some data points, she has been able to look at the metrics identified by the TAC back in September. She can help frame conversation of potential collection of data of the work ahead, and how we can strategize about how we collect the data and communicate it.
- **@Dr.Maio** – Thanks Valeria, and thanks for having me. I am currently the director of data strategy and management. As we start to transition to DELC I will be managing our data and analytics. Before I went back to school I spent about a decade or so doing data management, then shifted my focus to human development and early childhood development. So, I come to this work with both lenses. Glad to be here to start a conversation and discuss how I can be of service. Valeria shared the data metrics, I have a number of general reflections. E.g. The number of license providers, that is something at the state level we can support. For the other pieces, we can think about how the data is useful and if it doesn't currently exist, we might want to support the collection of the data either

ongoing / systemically or as a one-time collection if it's something we are looking for at a certain timepoint. Things like waitlist or enrollment or attendance those are things that are locally useful for folks, and for different reasons. Things like accessing public funds or family engagement in order to help decision making, those are things we can support. Really I want to be thoughtful about new data collections, I want to ensure we are doing it in a way that is supporting your needs.

- **@Valeria** – Just as a reminder for folks, I put the metrics in the chat.
- **@Dr.Maio** – Thanks Valeria. There's some data that is held more locally, that we currently don't collect at the state level, I'd be happy to support any collections you would like to see and talk through the pieces.
- **@Valeria** – Valeria re-iterates what was captured in September:
 - Number of Licensed Providers
 - Enrollment
 - Waitlists
 - Attendance
 - Curriculum
 - Kindergarten Prep
 - Parent Education
 - Language/Culture Activities
 - Tribal providers accessing public funds
 - Tracking of grievances (type & resolution)
 - Professional Development for Alliance members
 - Family Engagement
 - E.g. Decision making process, community input (surveys)
- **@Valeria** – I think a question that had come up before – do we know the data the tribes currently collect on these areas? Are there any thoughts on increasing the ability for tribes to utilize or help inform the work of OTELA that is driven by those local needs and gaps we see in numbers. We definitely have a history with data and history creating systems, so I also want to be aware of that upfront so when we are think about these items in the chat, do we have initial thoughts on how we are collected this, how it's helping the work or maybe you want to ask different questions on how OTELA is helping or bridging some of the areas across Oregon. Anyone want to share if there currently looking at the data and if it is helping? Want to ensure we are capturing the intent of the metrics captured. This is a first brainstorm, want to start the conversation. For example, when I look at tribal providers accessing tribal funds, is there someone that helps track the grants? What does that access look like? Is that something OTELA can assist with. Correct if I'm wrong Dr Maio, but we do collect a lot of information related to grant administration that has a lot of overlapping areas when it comes to demographics, enrollment, waitlist. Is there a better way we can capture that info in one report? That can give you a visual look into tribal families are participating in public funds.
- **@JulieS** – Valeria is it okay to make a comment? For the Confederated Tribes of Coos, lower Umpqua and Sius we've been going through a changing time with

our Education Director and Social Services Director, so we have new folks in those positions. Yes of course we have these different tracking devices (curriculum, enrollment). We have spoken about a G2G meeting with the tribal council, maybe we make the connections, introduce DELC to tribal leadership. Then we can do a follow up with the new people who can participate, that way the information comes directly from the folks working in those specific areas.

- **@Valeria** – Yes, thank you for suggesting. We'd like to do more those types of meetings. Coming in helping introduce the concepts being built and putting forward the voices in this space, and make sure we have things on the states side ready to create more of that connection with folks directly involved in the work.
- **@JulieS** – we have time Thursday evenings. We have zoom available. Maybe in a month or so?
- **@Valeria** – thank you for the invitation, Julie, we can connect and get that scheduled.
- **@JulieS** – I'll send you an email with the new contact person.
- **@Dr.Maio** – I wanted to add, when I think about being of service in this space related to data, is to be helpful in whatever capacity might be needed. For example, designing surveys that you may need or if you need data consultancy or collaboration might be helpful from the ELD, or to help interpret data or data strategies. All those types of things are ways I can be helpful in this space. When I think about different grants and public funding and how we might be able to align data on the state side to make things easier. Some of that is starting to be formed with the new infrastructure being set up in DELC. I am hopeful for some of those alignments on the data side. Just wanted to add that.
- **@AlyssaC** – Dr Maio do want to share about that data infrastructure? I am wondering if we can get a sense of what we think as DELC we'd have the capacity to collect if the TAC would be interested in that vs where we are limited and where we would have to rely on tribes that might help folks think about what OTELA will want to focus on.
- **@Dr.Maio** – what's happening at the agency right now, is this background internal data infrastructure that were developing, it involves a few different systems – A grants management system, and provider management platform, and the data infrastructure is making it possible for those systems to align and work together and allow the data to speak to each other so we can on the backside be able to associate cases, grantees from different platforms/sources together. We need this to make the data alignment possible and increase efficiencies across data sources so we don't have siloed systems and reduce manual effort to link data sources that results in human error. These types of systems are under project development, and over the next 1-2 years that infrastructure will be stood up. Some gaps we have now, have to do with things like individual research surveys to parents children and families that might be more at like a child level enrollment at a statewide level. That's a different type of scale compared to more local surveys. State level enrollment systems is an area where we are still working on developing the plan for the infrastructure, so we currently have a gap.

- **@Valeria** – thank you Dr Maio, that's a great segway, but I'd like to ask folks – would it be helpful for us to develop a visual of the infrastructure that is being built for DELC, eg the different systems that were mentioned. Then putting these categories of metrics you've identified and putting them where they fall and what kind of information we can pull from those various systems, giving the us the picture of your programs and work. Would that be helpful? I am just thinking out loud.
- **@Dr.Maio** - I see some head nodding. That is something I can bring back / follow up.
- **@Valeria** – Yes, thank you for joining us Dr Maio we look forward to continuing the conversation and gaining a sense of what's possible with these metrics. I do want to respect this space, noting that we don't have our chair and vice chair, do we want to continue the meeting as planned? Is that okay with everyone? (heading nodding).
- **@Jonas** – Valeria, do we want to skip the TAC breakout session since we don't have Sandy and Val? Jump to DELV general updates?

Reporting Form:

- **@Valeria** – Yes. I see some head nodding. We want to share with you all that we are looking for your feedback related to the grant fund questions and give you an idea of what the report looks like. We want to collaborate and create the form together. It was requested by Val and Sandy that we use the early childhood equity fund for as a starting template because it is a form geared to impact to the community and how the funds are being used.
 - Valeria proceeds to demo the reporting template (see recording).
 - Please provide feedback by the end of March (March 30).
 - Are we asking the right questions?
 - Are the words we are using right?
- **@JulieS** – Just want to make sure I understand, we can use the form or speak to you directly?
- **@Valeria** – Yes, we want to make sure we are collaborating on everything with OTELA. At this point it's really to give you an opportunity to collaborate on the form, and yes happy to meet 1 on 1.
- **@Sonya** – The grant language does say the progress report will be on the approved form, so it's one of the few grants that says superficially it needs to be on an approved ELD form.
- **@Valeria** – Yes, the intention is we are creating within the TAC, so that's the approval process. We have a cheat sheet coming with new dates, so don't feel pressured or worried about that.
- **@JulieS** – to meet the reqs for the grant the form needs to be filled out?
- **@Valeria** – Yes. My question to you is – looking at this does that what this feels like? Or is it too much? That's the feedback we are looking for.
- **@Sonya** – did you say something was coming out with new dates? Would be helpful so we can share that with our teams.
- **@Valeria** – Yes, we can send that out asap. I want to ask Jonas to present the latest on the logo?

Logo Discussion:

- **@Jonas** – Yes, we were able to finalize the fonts / colors with Sandy and are down to 2 logos (sharing screen). We are hoping in this call to finalize the logo based on the 2 remaining options, and/or capture any feedback.
 - **@JulieS** – Jonas, are you able to tell us anything about the graphics?
 - **@Jonas** – Yes, both are relatively similar in design/colors the main difference being one is using the star quilt pattern and doesn't have a symbol representing the 9 tribes. The other is sweetgrass and has 9 braids representing the tribes. Do you need more time to decide? If so, we can send offline.
 - **@Sonya** – we should get consensus, so it would be better if you can send it out and get votes.
 - **@JulieS** – can I put my vote in the chat?
 - **@Sonya** – what is your preference, Julie? I like both.
 - **@JulieS** – Same, but I am going for the sweetgrass because of the 9 tribes.
- Option B**
- **@Alyssa** – I agree with Julie, option A is pretty but I like the meaning of the sweetgrass. And there going to clean it up right? I see some shapes are off.
 - **@Jonas** – Yes, we can clean it up. Good feedback.
 - **@Lloyd** - is that supposed to be sweetgrass? Would be nice if we can make it look more like sweet grass, looks like tulips.
 - **@Jonas** – Good feedback, we can adjust the logo + send out to get consensus.

Remaining Logo Options

Option A



Option B



- v. **DELC General Updates** – 15 Mins
Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Director

Notes / Actions:

- **@Valeria** – Giving OTELA/DELC updates:
 - **OTELA Manager Update** – We just closed video interviews. We asked 3 questions to candidates, next we will be reviewing and scoring. Will update next month. We had a great number of candidates pool – 27 total candidates, 12 invited to video interview.
 - **Website Vendor Update** – Everything is being processed with procurement, hope is to have a contract in place by April, to give us a good window to put a website together.
 - **OTELA Legal Entity Update** – We are still researching what the timeline looks like and how to set up a non-profit. Basically, two options we are thinking about – setting up OTELA as a 501c3 and/or looking at an existing non-profit that could absorb. I am researching how we can make the first option happen. Hoping to have a “how” by next months meeting. Please share if you have any ideas, feel free to reach out. Lewis & Clark is unable to help due to a conflict of interest.
 - **Small presentation for LCIS** – Basically an update small presentation to LCIS on March 15 at 11 AM. If any of you would like to join that, I am certainly happy to include you. I will be sending you all the ppt presentation itself. Let me know if you have any feedback, we want to make sure we are accurate. Julie will be there as the LCIS rep.
 - Julie thanks Valeria for leading.

- **@Valeria** - Volunteer to close us out?
- Julie S closed the meeting.