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INTRODUCTION

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) through legislative action has become two separate state agencies. In the past, both OHA and DHS shared this report; starting this year, separate reports from each agency will be forthcoming. DHS is pleased to share this 2012 Government-to-Government Report with the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, as required by Senate Bill 770. This report demonstrates DHS’ commitment to working with the tribes of Oregon to address the full-range of human services needs faced by tribal members.

Oregon’s Native American population is estimated at between 45,000 and 50,000. All Native Americans residing in Oregon, regardless of tribal enrollment also are Oregon citizens and are entitled to receive the services provided by DHS to Oregonians.

Key topics covered in this report include:

• Child welfare;
• Elder care;
• Additional human services issues as determined by the tribes.
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SENATE BILL 770

HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER MEETINGS

Senate Bill 770, passed in 2001 and entered into statute as ORS 182.162, requires state agencies to promote communications between the agencies and the tribes of Oregon. The Legislative Commission on Indian Services established a Health Services Cluster to meet quarterly with the tribes of Oregon to address intergovernmental and tribal issues. DHS is the lead agency for these meetings, which also include Oregon Housing and Community Services, the Commission on Children and Families, the Department of Business and Consumer Services and other agencies. DHS organizes and provides logistical support for the meetings. OHA provided the format for the 770 meetings agenda and locations, Programs at DHS are part of the 770 meetings discussion items. Given the importance of Indian Child Welfare (ICWA), a separate meeting with the Tribes of Oregon to discuss the needs of ICWA has been on going for over 30 years; this meeting is organized by DHS.

TRIBAL ACTIVITIES

BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE

The Burns Paiute Tribe invited the State Unit on Aging staff and the Harney County Area Agency on Aging to attend their Health Fair in June. The AAA will be expanding their services to include the tribal elders for the OAA Nutrition and Family Caregiver Support Programs. A Medicare Part D presentation was given to the elders through the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Program and the Harney County Senior Services Center. Members from the Tribe attended the 7th Native Caring Conference and scholarships were given.

The Burns Paiute Tribe is a member of a list serve for caregiver and nutrition education with the State Unit on Aging.
The Burns Paiute Tribe, the smallest in Oregon with fewer than 200 members living on the reservation located just outside of Burns, has a unique relationship with DHS Child Welfare Programs. The Tribal Court hears the Indian Child Welfare cases and DHS provides services to the tribe in the form of case workers, foster home payments and case management services. This relationship works well, protecting children while respecting the tribe’s sovereignty.

The Burns Paiute received $6,688 in Oregon’s System of Care funds to provide individual services to and promote safety of children in the foster care system and their families. Thirty-eight clients were served with these funds.

The Burns Paiute received a Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) of $2,669 to provide support services for the tribe’s child welfare program for members.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND Siuslaw INDIANS

DHS/APD State Unit on Aging staff offers technical support and sharing of resources for both the Older American’s Act Caregiver and Nutrition programs. Staff also encourages collaboration between the local Area Agency on Aging and the Tribe.

State Unit on Aging Staff, Area Agencies on Aging and the Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Tribes developed the Tribal Caregiver Guidelines for Title VI and held training on it. This increases Title III and Title VI coordination.

APD staff participates in the Native Caring Planning Committee with the Tribe. Staff also worked with the Elder Coordinator to write the Multicultural Health grant for listening sessions at the 7th Annual Native
Caring Conference. The $5,000 grant was received and a final report developed.

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians operate a Tribal Court. Children in need of child protective services receive those services through the DHS Child Welfare Programs. Through its local office in Coos Bay and through the ICWA manager, DHS partners with the tribe on Indian Child Welfare Act cases.

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians received a waiver and two grants to promote the safety and well being of tribal children and families:

- A Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) of $6,819;
- A System of Care (SOC) grant of $15,405, which served 142 clients.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

The local Area Agency on Aging Northwest Senior & Disability Services (NWSDS) is pursuing the Peer Counseling program at Grand Ronde. They also attended and participated in the Tribal Health Fair where 300 tribal members were in attendance.

DHS staff and NWSDS are involved with the intergovernmental agreement for monitoring of the three Adult Foster Homes on the reservation where elders are safe and living as independently as possible. SUA staff organized a visit to the homes with staff from the Portland Q Center representing the GLBT community. The Q Center is looking to pursue a similar project in Portland.

The 7th Annual Native Caring Conference was held and over 265 elders and caregivers participated with over 50% being at the conference for the first time. The conference focused on supporting family caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren. The outcomes from the conference are to increase independent living skills; increase caregiver knowledge of...
health promotion, nutrition and self care and to increase caregiver satisfaction (pre and post evaluation results).

The Native Caring Committee received a $5,000 grant from the Office of Multicultural Health to hold listening sessions on equity in health care at the conference and over 40 tribal members participated.

APD staff and Grand Ronde staff participated in the Native Caring Planning Committee in planning and implementation of the conference.

DHS/APD State Unit on Aging staff offers technical support and sharing of resources for both the Older American’s Act Caregiver and Nutrition programs.

Grand Ronde is a member of a list serve for caregiver and nutrition education with the State Unit on Aging.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received System of Care funding from DHS in the amount of $52,312 for safety, permanency, well-being and attachment services for children in care serving 343 clients. The tribe also received a SSBG grant for children in care in the amount of $35,803.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ

The State Unit on Aging staff offered technical support to the Elder Coordinator on care giving and nutrition programs. This increased the knowledge of how the Title III and Title VI Caregiver programs work in Oregon and increased collaboration between the Tribe and Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments which is the local Area Agency on Aging. Siletz Tribal staff was on the Native Caring Committee and sponsored members from the tribe to attend the Native Caring Conference
The State Unit on Aging staff, Elder coordinators and Area Agencies on Aging developed Tribal caregiver guidelines for the Title VI caregiver program and held full-day training at Warm Springs with other Oregon Title VI programs in September. This event increased collaboration, communication and coordination between Title III and Title VI Services with the tribes.

The Siletz Tribe is a member of a list serve for caregiver and nutrition education with the State Unit on Aging.

APD staff participated in the Native Caring Planning Committee with the tribe. The Siletz Tribe plays an active role on the Committee and the next Native Caring Conference will be held at Chinook Winds Casino in March, 2013.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz provide child protective services to tribal members in their service area. Indian child welfare cases are handled through the Tribal Court located at the tribal offices in Siletz. The tribe serves tribal member children in its care, control and custody and tribal member children who are in the care, control and custody of the DHS Child Welfare Programs. Child Welfare Programs has a strong partnership with the tribe for member children in the tribal system and in the state system.

The tribe has a contract for a Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) for $32,472 which assists the tribe in remedying neglect, abuse and exploitation of children. The grant provides for community-based, home-based or other less intensive forms of care.

The tribe also receives System of Care funds of $55,078 to provide for individualized services, to involve families in case planning, assist with community collaboration and establish custom services serving 186 clients.
The tribe is one of two in Oregon that runs its own Tribal TANF program. The funds do not pass through DHS. The tribe receives federal funds directly from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The tribe administers the program and uses its own system and methods for tracking data on the families its serves.

DHS has an agreement with the tribe to provide additional services to members who are receiving Tribal TANF assistance. These services include employment and training, work experience, and additional supports to families. They are paid with state funds and counted toward the TANF maintenance of effort requirement. The agreement requires the tribe to provide data on the number of clients served through the agreements.

**Con Federated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation**

APD staff, the Area Agency on Aging (CAPECO) and the Tribe worked to develop Tribal caregiver guidelines and held training in September. This increased Title III and Title VI Coordination and increased collaboration and communication on joint shared clients. CAPECO offered a Powerful Tools for Caregivers training at the Tribe and the SUA offered technical support to the Elder Coordinator on care giving and nutrition programs. This increased collaboration with a goal of people living as independently as possible and people staying healthy. The CAPECO Director is a member of the Native Caring Committee with planning and implementation of the conference and works closely with the Umatilla Tribe.

The Umatilla Tribe is a member of a list serve for caregiver and nutrition education with the State Unit on Aging.

The tribe received a Social Services Block Grant of $19,502 through DHS, so that children under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court and their families can receive effective child welfare services to reduce abuse and
neglect. The tribe also received System of Care funds totaling $31,255 to meet the individual needs of the children and their families in order to promote safety and permanency clients served were 266.

COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE

State Unit on Aging staff offered technical support to the Elder Coordinators on caregiver and nutrition programs that increased knowledge of how the Title III and Title VI Caregiver programs work in Oregon.

The State Unit on Aging staff, Elder coordinators and Area Agencies on Aging developed Tribal caregiver guidelines for the Title VI caregiver program and held full-day training.

APD staff participates in the Native Caring Planning Committee with the Tribe and they are active with planning and implementation of the conference. Staff also encourages collaboration between the local Area Agency on Aging (South Coast Business Employment Center) and the tribe.

Coquille tribe is a member of a list serve for caregiver and nutrition education with the State Unit on Aging.

APD and State Unit on Aging facilitated a meeting to discuss the feasibility of housing for elders on the reservation. Five staff attended and the outcome was increased collaboration and communication on joint shared clients.

The Coquille Indian Tribe operates a Tribal Court offering services to tribal members who are in the need of child protective services. The tribe received a Social Service Block Grant of $6,478 to provide effective child welfare services and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect.
The Coquille Indian Tribe receives $15,164 in System of Care funds through DHS to meet the individual needs of children in the tribal foster care system. These funds are used to promote safety, permanency and well being, and to employ a strength/needs-based philosophy and practice relative to child welfare; 23 families were served.

The Coquille Indian Tribe has an agreement with DHS for Title IV-E funds, an entitlement program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services passed through to the tribes that operate Tribal Courts to provide child protective services. Title IV-E covers the costs of room, board, food, clothing and related administrative costs. The tribe received $9,770 for services.

COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA INDIANS

DHS/APD State Unit on Aging staff offers technical support and sharing of resources for both the Older American’s Act Caregiver and Nutrition programs. Staff also encourages collaboration between the local Area Agency on Aging (Douglas County Senior & Disability Services Division) and the tribe. The AAA is offering a Powerful Tools for Caregivers in Southern Douglas County including tribal caregivers. Outreach has been accomplished with the tribe and there is an increased knowledge of caregiver programs resulting in people living as independently as possible.

APD staff participated in the Native Caring Planning Committee with the tribe.

The Cow Creek Tribe is a member of a list serve for caregiver and nutrition education with the State Unit on Aging.

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians works closely with DHS child protective services through a Child Welfare Program tribal liaison. The tribe received a Social Service Block Grant of $11,092 to reduce the risk
of abuse and neglect and to serve tribal families in need of preventive or intervention services.

The tribe also received $23,370 in flexible System of Care funds to meet the individual needs of children and their families; 328 clients were served.

KLAMATH TRIBES

DHS/APD State Unit on Aging staff offers technical support and sharing of resources for both the Older American’s Act Caregiver and Nutrition programs. Staff also encourages collaboration between the local Area Agency on Aging (Klamath Basin Senior Citizen’s Council) and the tribe.

The State Unit on Aging staff, Elder coordinators and Area Agencies on Aging held training on Title VI Caregiver Guidelines in 2011 and two Senior Program staff- the Coordinator and Supervisor attended. This training increased collaboration, communication and coordination between Title III and Title VI Services with the tribes. The training also resulted in increased knowledge on Caregiver programs in Oregon.

APD staff participated in the Native Caring Planning Committee with the tribe and many Klamath tribal elders were able to attend the 6th Annual conference and took part in the listening sessions for health care equity. The Klamath Tribes are a member of a list serve for caregiver and nutrition education with the State Unit on Aging.

APD and State Unit on Aging staff offered technical support to the elder’s coordinator on care giving and nutrition.

The Klamath Tribe has been dependant on the DHS Child Welfare Programs to provide protective services to tribal member children. In 2007, the tribe opened a Tribal Court to offer protective services to tribal member children in Klamath County. This program also expanded the
services of the tribal social services program to include child protective services.

The tribe funds child protective services to member children through three sources, all administered by Child Welfare Programs:

- Social Service Block Grant of $25,011
- System of Care funds of $22,824 to meet the individual needs of children, which served 176 clients;
- Title IV-E Administrative Payments $134,485

The tribe is one of two in Oregon that runs its own TANF program. The funds do not pass through DHS. The tribe receives federal funds directly from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, administers the program and uses its own system and methods for tracking data on the families it serves.

Under an agreement with the tribe, DHS provides additional services to members who are receiving TANF assistance from the tribe. These services include employment and training, work experience and additional supports to families. They are paid with state funds and counted toward the TANF maintenance of efforts requirement. The agreement requires the tribe to provide data on the number of clients served through the agreement.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS

The Office of Developmental Disabilities provided technical assistance with developing case management services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Regular site visits helped to establish DD case management for children and adults with developmental disabilities living with their families; the goal is for people to have access, information and referral to DD services.
The State Unit on Aging staff provides contract oversight and compliance for the Administration on Aging’s Evidence Based Living Well federal grant. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have developed ongoing programs for their elders and give presentations to help other tribes around the nation initiate similar programs. The Enhanced Fitness physical activity program results in improved health and decreased hospitalization and health care costs.

With assistance from the Administration on Aging, the State Unit on Aging, elder coordinators and Area Agency on Aging in 2010 developed tribal caregiver guidelines for Title VI caregiver program. There were six partner meetings during the year, which increases collaboration, communication and coordination between Title III and Title VI services with the tribes.

DHS meets quarterly with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the eight other Oregon tribes to discuss all aspects of the Title XIX program and provide technical support.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs received a Social Services Block Grant of $34,485 to assist with providing effective, culturally relevant child welfare services to Indian children and their families. Funds provided to the tribes for child welfare services provided by the tribes are not for prevention of abuse or neglect, but rather to meet the needs of children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs also received $49,579 for Oregon’s System of Care, serving 385 clients. System of Care is the product of an agreement among DHS, the Juvenile Rights Project and the National Center for Youth Law for the use of flexible funds to meet the individual needs of children and their families in order to promote safety, permanency and well-being.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs co-manages DHS cases with APD. The tribe and DHS are increasing their collaboration and
communication regarding shared clients to provide comprehensive and integrated client support. APD is participating on the Tribal Multidisciplinary Team and working with tribal law enforcement on background checks to provide a safer environment for seniors and people with disabilities.

DHS PROGRAMS THAT AFFECT ALL TRIBES OF OREGON
TRIBE-WIDE ACTIVITIES

DHS/APD STATE UNIT ON AGING

Background:
The Older Americans Act emphasizes coordination of Title VI and Title III services that are provided within the Title VI service areas of six Oregon tribes. Coordination helps avoid duplication of services and maximizes available resources for everyone. The primary goals of the Administration on Aging for seniors and elders are:

Goal 1 — Empower older people, their families, and other consumers to make informed decisions about, and to be able to easily access, existing health and long-term care options.

Goal 2 — Enable seniors to remain in their own homes with high quality of life for as long as possible through the provision of home and community-based services, including supports for family caregivers.

Goal 3 — Empower older people to stay active and healthy through Older Americans Act services and the new prevention benefits under Medicare.

Goal 4 — Ensure the rights of older people and prevent their abuse, neglect and exploitation.