

Tribal Advisory Committee | Minutes

Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	02/14/2024
Facilitator:	Sandy Henry & Sonya Moody-Jurado	Meeting Time:	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM PT
Minutes / Time:	Dorianne Houser	Meeting Location:	Virtual / In-person

AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

Open & Welcoming

Sandy Henry, Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep; Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice-Chair, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Notes:

- Sonya provided welcoming words.

Roll Call

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice-Chair, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Sandra (Sandy) Henry, Committee Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice-Chair, Siletz Tribe Representative

Angela (Angie) Blackwell, Committee Member, Early Learning Council Representative, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative

Julie Siestroom, 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

Valerie Switzler, Committee Member, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Alissa Lane-Kane, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Jemiah Wassman, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative

Desiree Acosta, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative (for Jemiah)

DELC Team present:

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director
Paulina Whitehat, DELC Tribal Affairs Director
Dori Houser, Tribal Affairs Coordinator
Dana Castano, TAC Liaison

Notes:

- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes) **Yes, 7 of 9 tribes represented.**
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DELC Updates

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Notes:

- **@Sandy** - Staffing Update
 - TJ Cooper will be filling the second Cow Creek Tribal Rep position and will join next month.
 - Opening the discussion on the Tribal Hub.
- **@Sonja** -Recap of where we have been and where we are going.
 - Things have changed regarding the wording around the word “hub” and the meaning of that with this committee. We want to revisit.
- **@Sandy** – We want to make sure that we have reached consensus as a group, voices are heard. Paulina and Dana will capture the committees’ thoughts on slides.
- **@Sonja**- When this started, before DELC was founded, we were told that funding was given to LEA. This was addressed by ODE doing tribal set-aside. The committee began to figure out how to become a hub. That was supported legislatively. That has now shifted. There is not a system in place for most tribes to do this.
 - Deeper dive overview
 - I feel like DELC is honoring the sovereignty of all the tribes and not trying to do a “one size fits all approach” Let’s open this up for feedback and questions/comments.

@Sandy – We can have a side by side-point by point discussion about hub vs G2G sub-committee

@Valarie – When we first envisioned this tribal hub we weren’t getting the support that we needed. Financially and best practices. There were several reasons why we chose to seek out the hub. We found that there were different mechanisms. I still feel that if Alyssa left tomorrow, where would we be? Nothing is written. When we get a different governor? We may not have access to funding. I feel like we lost out by not having a hub, unless DELC has provided some kind of guarantee.

@Sonja-Excellent points which is why we are trying to get it codified, next biennium.

@Alyssa- Yes, we are trying turn this into something that can last.

- Working to get something into statute that is not dependent on personnel.
- Something can't just be undone. It must be brought before the legislature.

@Julie – One of the things I appreciated was our executive sessions. Where tribal reps could meet without the state there. Is that still possible?

@Alyssa –Tribal Advisory Committee, in statute, is technically advisory to the early learning council, and is subject to public meeting laws and do not qualify for executive sessions. Which was one of the reasons for the discussion of becoming a sub-committee. That would be a space dedicated to the tribes.

@Julie –Will set asides that tribes use to benefit their children, still be available?

@Alyssa – There is still the money allotted that would be distributed to tribes equally. The hope is to request a larger pot of funds. Needs to be linked to a plan like the AI/AN plan.

@Angela –. Is there anything prohibiting tribal reps from getting together on our own?

@Alyssa – If you are meeting to discuss work related to the Tribal Advisory Committee, it would fall under the public meeting laws.

@Angela – So a G2G subcommittee would be best to work around that

@Sonja-Would it be best to go to the side-by-side slides now?

@ TAC-Yes

@Paulina-First topic- considerations is how will tribal consultation occur, in each scenario-Hub vs. G2G sub-committee

@Sonja-More formality for G2G consultation

@Julie-G2G is tribal counsel in our tribe. Staff may sit in and share. I need to bring back to council, it's a group discussion.

@Sandy-What I am hearing is that for G2G we are speaking as reps for the tribe, But with a hub, that is not necessarily the case.

@Jennifer-G2G is speaking for tribe which I can not do, I am comfortable with speaking at program level in a Hub.

@Valarie-As far as G2G, we don't have the authority to make those type of decisions.

@Alyssa-I am hearing that either way, decisions would need to go to tribal council.

@Lloyd-G2G involves different groups, ODE, HECC etc. If we do a hub, we will work with DELC-more focused on early learning,

@Sandy-It sounds like we agree as a group that there is not much difference between the hub and G2G sub-committee-as far as our focus

@Julie-Angela-Yes

@Sonja-I want to make sure that there aren't any more questions, and if anyone needs more clarity? Does anyone have any pressing opposition to not having the hub?

@Julie-My concerns were clarified as to the public meetings law.

@Alyssa-DELC will not attend either meeting. Hub or G2G, unless asked

@Sandy-What does the funding stream look like in each of these? Hubs vs G2G sub-committee

@Alyssa-Sub-committee would look the same. DELC would still divide the funding between the 9 tribes. Hub would need to be funded. That funding would go to the hub

@Paulina-Is there a cost to operate the hub?

@Alyssa-Yes minimum, 1.25 (est) FTE. Administrative costs would come out of the total funding,

@Angela-In either scenario this TAC will be done?

@Alyssa-Yes

@Julie-I would like others direction. Which is in the best interest of the children?

@Sandy-We need to figure out which path creates an unobstructed funding stream to individual tribes. Which has the best outcome for the kids.

@Angela-In the hub model, Money will be lost to operations.

@Sonja-Agrees. How will it cost to operate the hub office? Who will be the fiscal manager? Our cost is 48%. Outside fiscal management is hard. Can one fiscal manager service all of the tribes?

@Angela-with DELC staff already in place, we can leverage more dollars.

@Paulina-Can a hub do more than what is already being done?

@lloyd-Need more info about what we would get. Costs?

@Val-What are we going to get that we don't already from non-native hubs?

A lot to think about

@Julie-agrees-need more time to decide

@Julie-Does DELC need this to be a sub-committee?

@Alyssa-We can do either way-

@Sandy-moving to a hub lessens the ability of g2g relationships. (point brought by Modesta in October)

@Julie-Less admin equals a more direct path

@Alyssa-DELC will put a draft together on advisory change, take tax structure and apply to advisory plan for everyone to look at if you would like?

@TAC yes.

@Sonja-Timeline?

@Julie-Middle of March will work.

@Sandy-ok We are going back to our tribal governments and having them help make this decision.

@Sonja-Next meeting (3-13-24) people can bring back feedback on what their tribes would like to see.

Adjourn

Next Meeting 3-13-2024