

Tribal Advisory Committee

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

Feb 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 gabriela.hernandez@ode.oregon.gov by Tuesday, February 7, at 12 p.m. (pacific)

- I. **TAC Advisory Committee (TAC) Welcome** – 5 Mins
Valerie Switzler, Chair, Warm Springs Tribes Rep
- II. **Roll Call** – 5 mins
Sandy Henry, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep
- III. **Raise-Up Oregon Engagement** – 20 Mins
Remy Watts, ELC Administrator
- IV. **TAC Breakout Session & Recap** – 20 Mins
Sandy Henry, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep & Valerie Switzler, Chair, Warm Springs Tribes Rep
- V. **Infant Early Childhood Mental Health** – 20 Mins
Katrina Miller, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist
- VI. **DELIC General Updates** – 10 Mins
Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Director
 - *Staff Updates*
 - *Welcome Dorianne Houser, new Tribal Affairs Coordinator*
 - *OTELA Manager PD*
 - *Website Vendor / Quotes*
- VII. **Closing and Adjournment** – 5 mins
Sandy Henry, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep

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TAC Members:

VALERIE SWITZLER, Chair, Warm Springs Tribes Rep

SANDY HENRY, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep

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

ANGELA BLACKWELL, Early Learning Council Rep

VALERIA ATANACIO, Early Learning Division Rep

ALI HOLSCLAW, Grand Ronde Tribe Rep.

ALYSSA SEVERSON, Coquille Tribe Rep

DEANIE SMITH, Warm Springs Tribe Rep.

DIANE TEEMAN, Burns-Paiute Tribe Rep.

JENNIFER JACKSON, Klamath Tribe Rep.

MELISSA MONERO, Klamath Tribe Rep.

KRISTINA SIMPSON, Coquille Tribe Rep.

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

MICHAEL CHERRY, Grand Ronde Tribe 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, Burns-Paiute Tribe Rep.

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

(1) OPEN, Cow Creek Tribe Rep

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Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	02/8/2023
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:

- @Val provided welcome.

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

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
Angela Fasana, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative
Alyssa Severson, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative
Alissa Lane-Kane, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative
Deanie Smith, Committee Member, Warm Springs Tribe Representative – Need to remove.
Sonya Moody-Jurado, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative
Diane Teeman, Committee Member, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative
Jennifer Jackson, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative
Melissa Montero, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative
Julie Siestreem, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative
Kristina Simpson, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative
Lloyd Commander, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative
Michael Cherry, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative
Modesta Minthorn, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative
Alyssa Chatterjee, Early Learning Systems Director, Early Learning Division Representative
Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Manager, Early Learning Division Representative

Others present:

Remy Watts-ELD

Sue Miller-ELC

Pooja Bhatt-Governor's Office

Katrina Miller-ELD

Julia Lafferty-ELD

Dorianne Houser-ELD

Karla Branson-ELD

Notes / Actions:

- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes)? **Yes, 7/9 Tribes**
 - [A] Jonas – Remove Alli and Deanie from roll call list
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iii. **Raise-Up Oregon Engagement** – 20 Mins Remy Watts, ELC Administrator / Sue Miller

Notes / Actions:

- **@Sue Miller** joined the call to speak about ROU 2.0 Oregon + TAC Engagement.
 - This meeting a prelude to future conversations over the next several months
 - Invitation for the TAC members to join the March 22nd ELC Meeting, where there will be time on the agenda to hear feedback from the TAC on the plan.
 - Strategies shared are drafts / examples. The TAC may come up with additional strategies.
 - Slides covered: (slides shared with TAC members)
 - Draft goals for RUO 2.0
 - Draft plan structure
 - Objective 4, goal 1
 - Honor and recognize the sovereignty of the nine federally recognized tribes within Oregon's borders and ensure strong G2G relationships to benefit Tribal Communities
 - Objective 8, goal 2
 - Families have expanded access to culturally and linguistically responsive and specific family preservation strategies, resources and programs focused on the prenatal-to-five population.
 - Examples of objectives supporting cultural responsiveness

- Next discussion will be held March 22nd. Please look at the goals, objectives and strategies and let us know what looks good, what is missing? Would love to get your feedback.
 - Link on the ELD where anybody can provide feedback on the draft RUO 2.0 Plan.
 - What we know, is that after having the plan exist for 4 years and our having 6 agency partners/sectors represented. The plan serves as a north star for agencies that are working with families with young children. The plan is used at legislative hearings, the Governor's office is aware of it and using it and likes that the agencies are reaching out to the tribes.
 - Anything to add Alyssa and/or Angie?
 - **@AlyssaC** – Angie, I look to you
 - **@AngieB** – Not much to add but want to reiterate it's not just a re-write of the existing plan, but also additions and actions we think are appropriate for the different objectives. The plan applies to all Oregonians, with some specific pieces that apply to tribes, and others that apply to equity. There are a lot of different pieces, and I am Hoping we could provide some feedback to the council on the 3/22 meeting.
 - **@AlyssaC** – I just want to acknowledge this was a glaring oversight in the current version of RUO (tribal consultation), we want to be intentional (about consultation) especially because we are becoming a new agency. We want to center that G2G relationship. We look to you all about how you do want to show up in the plan, whether that revising adding objectives / strategies. We want to ensure tribal nations have a voice in the states early learning system.
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- iv. **TAC Breakout Session & Recap** – 20 mins
 Sandy Henry, Vice-Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep; Valerie Switzler, Committee Chair,
 Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Notes / Actions:

- **@Val** - We would like to have a get together of the 9 tribes (OTELA). To work on the feedback for RUO 2.0. One of things that was noted in the breakout session, people expressed is that the state has been working on this a long time, but we are just now being asked to provide feedback in the next couple of months, this does not follow tribal consultation. We are willing to look at things to try to work out as much of the materials as we can. Sandy, did I do alright?
 - **@Sandy** – Yes, we would like to look at some actions under the objectives and strategies and help formulate those. Val is going to send

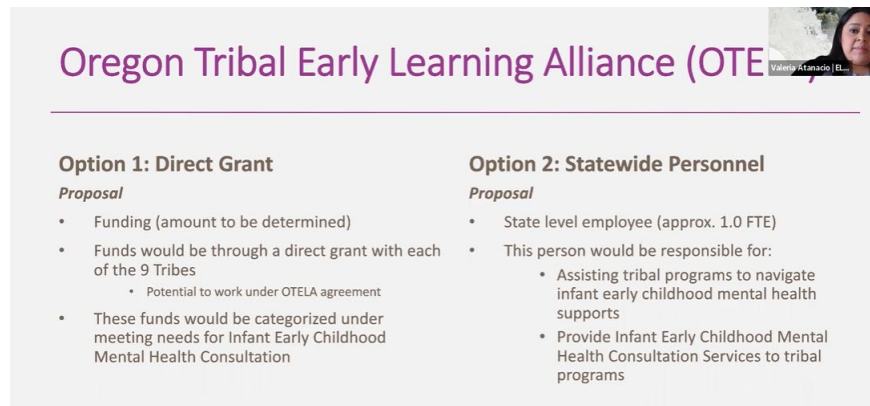
out a doodle pool so we can all get together, can you make sure we all have access to the draft plan, can you send it to us via email?

- **@Valeria** – Yes, we can do that
- **@Val** – instead of me sending the doodle pool can you send it out Valeria?
- **@Valeria** – Absolutely
- **@AlyssaC** – Are there any key questions or anything we can do to help? We'd brought this to the TAC last year and I knew we hadn't got a lot of feedback in the surveys. Is there anything else we should be doing? given the stretch capacity you have to make the best use of your time? Since we've not been able to get it right, and the hopefully center G2G consultation when we first started the conversation.
- **@Val** – that wasn't brought up in our breakout session, but we've been working so hard we never did comeback to revisit the RUO planning.
- **@JulieS** – Val okay to ask a question? Is 3/22 a hard and fast deadline or can it be pushed back?
- **@AlyssaC** – Yes, I was surprised to see the March date. The council meets monthly so we can work with the chair, but I imagine we can join any meeting between now and June. Council hoping to adopt the plan in June. We first came to the TAC in oct, then sent the survey in Nov, the hope is to continue engagement thru the next few months, then continue to refine during the summer, then in the fall it could roll out. There will be opportunity in the next phase to co-create to meet the needs of the family, providers, and communities we are serving.
- **@JulieS** – From now until June is working time? Summer is re-work, still working through things?
- **@AlyssaC** – yes, summer will be fine tuning, but we wouldn't see major changes. Would be clarifications and how to operationalize and communicate.
- **@JulieS** – It sounds like this will be a working document? So we can revise if we have different concerns? You'll work with us on that?
- **@AlyssaC** – yes, one of the exciting pieces about raise-up Oregon is that it's not just the ELD this is an opportunity to define what you want to see from healthcare or human services, so it really can be, what are the needs of the community and the families or providers you are working with.
- **@JulieS** – So the needs drive the design?
- **@AlyssaC** – Yes, absolutely, the skies the limit
- **@Val** – thank you for offering to help. It will be wonderful to get the 9 tribes together. There's a lot of synergy, we can certainly put a number of things down.

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- v. **Infant Early Childhood Mental Health – 20 Mins**
Katrina Miller, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist

Notes / Actions:

- **@KatrinaM** infant and early childhood mental health specialist, hired to help build out the program
- Located in Portland, background in Infant and Childhood mental health consultant.
- **@JuliaL** Grants coordinator, helping Katrina with the fiscal side of things.
- Katrina gave presentation on the Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Program (slides are available / shared with TAC).
- Decision for TAC: Option 1 or Option 2



The screenshot shows a presentation slide with the title "Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance (OTELA)" in purple. Below the title, there are two columns of text, each starting with "Option" and "Proposal".

Option 1: Direct Grant	Option 2: Statewide Personnel
<p>Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding (amount to be determined)• Funds would be through a direct grant with each of the 9 Tribes<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential to work under OTELA agreement• These funds would be categorized under meeting needs for Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	<p>Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State level employee (approx. 1.0 FTE)• This person would be responsible for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assisting tribal programs to navigate infant early childhood mental health supports• Provide Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services to tribal programs

- **@Valeria** – This is something that I have heard on other calls. That there's this interest creating support in preventing the pushout of native children in early childhood spaces, there's no process yet for native children who is being pushed out of program. Nothing to prevent that. Many programs currently have mental health support in other ways. We want to make sure we include the tribes in this. Some of you have been involved in this, back in the 20-21 legislative session.
- **@KatrinaM** – We want to start the conversation
- **@Valeria** – just want to add, like RUO this is an item that falls under consultation as well. There is multiple opportunities coming up to see other options, this is all very much draft and open to your input where comes to needs. I know a few tribes have programs / consultants at your nations, what could be your needs for that? This is an invitation to start that conversation, that will follow with an invitation to the advisory committee that's being formed. We are very early in our process for request for applications or what that would look like. So we can learn more about specific needs and tribes needs.
- **@AngieB** – Can I say something? Our program has a mental health practitioner within the program, and I use multiple funding sources to fund that person. I worry that smaller programs may not have other resources, and small grant may

not be enough. I like the idea of the dedicated person, I like both ideas, I just worry if the dollar amount is too small it might now be meaningful.

- **@Val**– Here in Warm Springs, in rural areas it is difficult to find these professional to come out to the reservation. What would that grant look like to competitive or entice someone to come out to the reservation? If we have those folks employed in Salem then visit other parts of the states, it's a lot of travel. Would it be a person on one side of the mountain then another person on the other side of the mountain? Those are the wondering I have.
- **@SonyaM** – I have the same concerns. How would it be possible for 1 full time unless it was connected tribes to available resources in their communities. The other thing that goes along with the grant dollars being smaller, it's the availability of finding someone. They're limited mental health people available.
- **@ModestaM** – Looking at both options, I think there's a combination that might work for the tribes. What we must remember the goal of each of our tribes is to be sovereign/independent, getting grant money allows us to make our own decisions. Put money in what we believe works. We learn as we grow and branch out and expand. Finding professionals could prove difficult, but if there was a person at the state who is dedicated to the tribes could be helpful as well.
- **@KatrinaM** – Yes, the drive is long. A wondering that I've had, if this position was at the central entity whether the person is physically located could we find someone to fill the role who could also supervise other consultants and expand the cultural responsiveness, of a broader group of consultants.
- **@julieS** – the person is fluid at the moment? The person could be someone like LCIS, a person representing all 9 tribes. That helps coordinate the needs for each tribe. Am I following your thought line?
- **@KatrinaM** – I think you are being a little more specific than I have been. The question would be whether be is this the individual who providing the services themselves and is connected to all 9 tribes? OR helping to facilitate the services.
- **@julieS** – I don't think 1 person could do all that. Each tribes has a wide variety of needs. Maybe? I don't know?
- **@Valeria** – I think it is worth mentioning, I like the idea of central navigator that could make those connections with folks who are already providing mental health support. We know there's a big movement around community health workers and people who help with healing. It could be those folks, it doesn't have to fall in a prescriptive category.
- **@Val** – what I hear is this could also be a non-traditional type, could be spiritual leaders? Could be Indian doctors?
- **@Valeria** – yes, absolutely. We will follow up with slides from both presentation and notes so you can keep thinking about this. We will also send meeting details in case you would like to join those conversations.

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- vi. **DELC General Updates** – 10 Mins
Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Director

Notes / Actions:

- Staffing
 - Dorian Houserd – the new tribal affairs coordinator. Looking forward to learning more and doing what is needed to help.
 - Karla Branson – Grants Manager who will support OTELA.
- Thank you to Sandy and Kristina for helping with the interviews for the OTELA Manager. Lots of great applicants.
- Any volunteers to review quote for website design?
 - We will take it offline / provide more information.
 - Julie will volunteer but would like to see more information.
 - Will send a DELC email update with any corresponding questions from this meeting.