



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

January 21, 2010

Dear Tribal Leader:

In a letter dated December 21, 2009 DSHS Secretary Dreyfus invited you or your representative to a Consultation and Roundtable meetings to seek input on how the Economic Services Administration (ESA) should distribute State maintenance-of-effort (MOE) funding to Tribal TANF programs. The meetings will be held as follows (please note corrected address):

Roundtable meeting: January 28, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Division of Child Support, Olympia Field Office
6135 Martin Way E.
Lacey

Roundtable meeting: February 18, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Division of Child Support, Olympia Field Office
6135 Martin Way E.
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Consultation meeting: March 18, 2010
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
4th Floor Lookout room @ OB-2
Olympia

As we shared with you in December, due to the bleak revenue forecast, reduction in State MOE funding, and likelihood of other Tribes starting TANF programs in the near future, the current model for allocating and distributing State MOE funds for Tribal TANF may no longer be sustainable. The Department is asking for the Tribes' assistance in evaluating the current model and need for a new distribution approach.


As a starting point for discussion, ESA developed five MOE funding options. Attached you will find a draft agenda, a series of Excel spreadsheets, and a narrative description outlining each option. In addition, we welcome any other options you believe should be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information. We look forward to seeing you at the roundtable meetings and consultation. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed documents or the upcoming meetings, please contact Colleen F. Cawston, Senior Director, Office of Indian Policy at 360-902-7816

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Sincerely,



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