

## ADSA Sub-Committee Minutes

April 9, 2008

Members Present: Liz Mueller (Jamestown), Trudy Marcellay, Brendt Apt, Kimberly Chabot, Julie Jefferson, Jeanne Johnson, Jonette Reyes (Hoh), Marge Phair (Lummi) Garnet Charles

**Conference Update.** Update was given about the NICOA Elders Conference to be held September 5-9, 2008, in Tacoma. There was a suggestion that information should be obtained about the nearest location for dialysis. Registration can be completed on line. IPSS is making 2400 lanyards in order to give one to each elder as they register. Some tribes have indicated that they did not receive letters about sponsorship of the conference.

**ADSA Meeting Between Tribes and AAA's.** As part of the 7.01 Plan we are to have quarterly meetings. In June there are several conflicting meetings that tribal representatives attend such as National Congress of American Indians, Centennial Accord, and Affiliated Tribes. Muckleshoot has offered to host the June meeting. This will be confirmed by Garnet. Brendt or Kimberly will work with IPSS to find a meeting date. Liz suggested having the September meeting the day before the NICOA Elders Conference, 10:00 am on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Colleen Cawston could check to see if the meeting can be held at the Puyallup Health Center. Liz will also invite Yvonne Jackson, Director of Area Agency on Aging; Office of Native American, Alaska Native and Hawaiian Programs.

**Burial Accounts and Copes.** At the last meeting it was suggested that IPAC draft a letter that could be sent to Congressional delegates by the Tribes re exempt income. Garnet is to check to see if this was done. It could be reviewed at the next meeting.

The state gets money from the federal government for the Copes Waiver Program and that their contract is up for renewal. There are plans to contact the Tribes, possibly through their Social Services Directors to ask for their input. IPSS should assist in getting this information to the tribes.

**Elder Abuse.** Rhonda Metcalf had suggested that maybe discussions could be started about the possibility of having an Indian Elders Act, similar to ICW, to protect our elders that live off reservation. At the last meeting Bill Moss said that he would check into whether or not the Tribe could be the account holder for families to cover funeral costs. Bill is not in attendance so this will be on the June's meeting agenda.

**Elders Codes.** Puyallup has their own tribal code. Tracey Gray would probably be the contact person for Puyallup. Some other examples of codes should be reviewed. Carol Sloan, Adult Protective Services Manager, could probably supply this information.

**DDD Issues.** Jeanne Johnson said that she had met with all the County Coordinators re their responsibility to include tribes. They know they have to follow the process included in the 7.01. It was asked why the contract has to be with the counties and not

directly with the tribes. Brenda said it is the WAC; counties charge millage that goes toward programs in the county for mental health issues.

Doug Washburn is the Office Chief for Supportive Employment Program in DDD. This program includes programs to assist persons with disabilities who can't get a job and sustain it. DDD is willing to go to each tribe to find out how to best deliver supportive employment services to them. This will be left to IPSS to decide the best way to approach the tribes. The next time Kathy Leitch is scheduled to attend IPAC she will speak to the issue about the Supportive Employment Program.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be July 9, 2008, beginning 2:30 pm. It will be held at OB-2, SLO3, the room by the cafeteria.