



## CA IPAC Subcommittee

**Date: June 11th, 2008**

**In attendance:**

| Name                | Tribe/Organization                     |
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| Cherokee Screechowl | Stilliguamish Tribe                    |
| Rosi Francis        | IPSS, Region 4/5                       |
| Nancy Dufraime      | CA, HQ                                 |
| Dan Schneider       | Region 4, CA                           |
| Tracy Bray          | Chehalis Tribe                         |
| Trudy Marcellay     | Region 6, IPSS                         |
| Garnet Charles      | Region 6, IPSS                         |
| Rebecca Peck        | Samish Nation                          |
| Dennis Beardontwalk | Squaxin Tribe                          |
| Robert Ludgate      | Samish Nation                          |
| Donna Burkhart      | Region 6 ICW Program Manager           |
| Renee Guy           | Skokomish Tribe                        |
| Colleen Cawston     | IPSS, HQ                               |
| Jim Sherrill        | Cowlitz Tribe                          |
| Carolyn Samuels     | American Indian Community Ctr. (phone) |
| Liz Mueller         | Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (phone)      |
| Linda Adkinson      | Region 1, Tribal Liaison (phone)       |
| Betsy Tulee         | CA, HQ                                 |

**MINUTES:**

| Agenda Item                             | Discussion   |
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| Announcements                           | Governor Gregoire declared November as ICW Month.<br>Steve Wickmark is retiring from CA; Randy Hart will act as Interim Field Operations Director.   |
| Nancy Dufraime, ICW Program Manager, CA | DASA is sponsoring a gathering for 300 to 400 youth to go to Yakima to be trained as Peer Educators this fall. Meeting participants agreed it would be great to recruit Indian youth to participate. |

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| <p>Disproportionately Commission, (SHB 1472)</p>      | <p>Phase 1 of Senate House Bill 1472 on disproportionately has been completed. The report came out 6-10-08. The first copy to the tribes was delivered at the Centennial Accord. Now entering Phase 2. This consists of developing a remediation plan. Input will be solicited.</p> <p>Jody Becker Green, Assistant Secretary for Planning, Performance and Accountability (new DSHS administration) will be responsible for coordinating and developing the remediation plan.</p> <p>A Commission consisting of 15 members was created out of HB 1472. Professor Tom Crofoot of Eastern Washington University was appointed by DSHS, Toni Lodge of the Spokane Indian Center was appointed by the House and Liz Mueller of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe was appointed by the Senate. Liz is also a Co-chair on the Commission.</p> <p>Jim Sherrill would like the CA IPAC Subcommittee to consider how the Citizen review Panel (CRP) might intersect with the work of the Disproportionality Committee. Liz Muller agreed.</p> <p>Trudy asked what statistics are across the country regarding disproportionately. Nancy noted that not all States across have our structures in place and statistics are not readily available, but disproportionality seems to be an issue where ever stats are kept. Identification also seems to be an issue across the country.</p> <p>It was noted that monies have been set aside for the 2009 ICW Symposium. This was brought up as it is recommended that disproportionality be a major focus at the Summit. It was also recommended that the ICW Symposium occur in June as the funds have already been set aside for this fiscal year in the amount of \$35,000.00.</p> <p>Secretary Robin Arnold-Williams will roll out the report from Phase 1 of SHB 1472 publicly on June 25<sup>th</sup> and it will be a major topic at the Disproportionately Symposium. Region 4 Disproportionality Committee and the UW Law School are sponsoring a Symposium in June 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>. Judge Thorn who has been a Judge in Utah and for tribal courts will speak. Liz stated that it would be good to see tribal participants at this Symposium to speak for Indian children and families. Nancy will look into logistics of the meeting.</p> <p>Jim Sherrill asked if the Commission meetings regarding HB 1472 are open to the public. Liz said yes-tribal representation is welcomed.</p> |
| <p>ICW Case Review Roll Out</p> <p>Nancy Dufraine</p> | <p>The Regional ICW Liaison's and the CA IPAC Subcommittee has prioritized the primary areas to be focused on from the ICW Case Review. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of Indian children,</li> <li>• ICW workload issues,</li> <li>• ICW Policy clean up,</li> <li>• ICW issues re FAMLINK</li> </ul> <p>Some of the work done has included updating forms to be for FAMLINK inclusion (Indian Ancestry Chart, the Indian Identification form, and Inquiry forms to the BIA and to tribes) and updating the list of US and Canadian tribes also to be included in FAMLINK.</p> <p>Currently working on caseload/workload issues.</p>   |

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|   | <p>Jim Sherrill noted tht while attending LICWAC he has gotten the impression that not all supervisors are familiar with the ICW Case review.</p> <p>Nancy noted tht it has been presented to RA's. This could also be included at 7.01 meetings as well.</p> <p>Jim noted that LICWAC can be used as a resource to provide feedback on how a given office is doing with their ICW service delivery.</p>   |
| <p>Citizen Review Program (CRP)</p> <p>Colette McCully, CPS Program Manager, CA</p> | <p><b>CRP BACKGROUND:</b><br/>Per the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), each state is required to have Citizen Review Panels (CRP) . The number of CRP's is dependant on the state's population.</p> <p>Washington State has 3 CRP's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region 2 Oversight Committee</li> <li>• Child, Youth and Family Services Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Indian Child Welfare Subcommittee to the Children's Administration Indian Advisory Council.</li> </ul> <p>The requirements of a CRP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee is composed of volunteer members</li> <li>• Meetings occur at least quarterly</li> <li>• Examine CPS policies and procedures, and where appropriate specific cases.</li> <li>• Submit an annual report and include a summary of the panel's activities, as well as the recommendations of the panel based upon its activities and findings. The report is due to the Federal government in April (if this group becomes a CRP the report would be required in 2009).</li> </ul> <p>This CA IPAC Subcommittee/ICW group has already agreed to serve as a CRP.</p> <p>Colette is not aware of any other ICW CRP across the Nation.</p> <p>For more information on CRP's, visit the National CRP website at - <a href="http://www.uky.edu/socialwork/CRP/success.htm">http://www.uky.edu/socialwork/CRP/success.htm</a></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a Washington State CRP website (Colette).</li> <li>• Committee consensus is that disproportionately be a main focus and that liaisons be utilized to cross communicate at all CRP's.</li> <li>• The committee agreed to utilize the CA IPAC Subcommittee meetings as a venue for the CRP meetings (can start earlier if needed) and that Jim Sherrill and Liz Mueller will co-lead. Jim is involved with the Statewide CRP and Liz's involvement on the Disproportionality Commission will add great value and insight.</li> </ul> |

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|   | <p>Ideas for the primary focus of the CRP will be solicited with an email that includes Colette's handouts.</p>   |
| <p>NCIC Security Agreement between Tribes and CA</p> <p>Janelle DeCoteau And Gretlyn Dawson Children's Administration</p> | <p>Janelle DeCoteau is head of the CA's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Access Unit. Gretlyn supervises .....? NCIC is national federal registry of crimes. CA and criminal justice systems are transitioning to new way of doing business to ensure compliance with the Adam Walsh legislation. CA must develop information and disclosure protocols to ensure compliance with narrow federal mandates. CA is given access by a security agreement with very strict guidelines developed by the FBI. If the agreement is not strictly adhered to, our State's access can be pulled by the Federal government. CA has very limited authority to share the NCIC checks even with courts/judges.</p> <p>There are two different access codes.</p> <p>Purpose Code X is used to conduct background checks for emergency placements done within the first 24 to 48 hours. This must be followed by fingerprinting.</p> <p>Purpose Code C is utilized for child and worker safety during CPS investigations. Currently the Washington State Patrol, CA, the AAG Office and the FBI are engaging in discussion regarding tribal access to NCIC background checks.</p> <p>The AAG's office is currently working on a security agreement for tribes that would like access to NCIC information. If any tribe would like access to NCIC information they will be required to enter into the security agreement. The draft of the security agreement will be brought to the July CA IPAC Subcommittee for review by the CA IPAC Subcommittee.</p> <p>Tribes will not be required to enter into these agreements. Tribes that have tribal courts and who do their own child pick up's and placements would likely candidates to enter into this agreement. The agreements will be non-negotiable and any lack of compliance could lead to the withdrawal of access to the NCIC registry for the entire State of Washington. Tribes will be required to pay a monthly fee for access and also will be required to purchase specialized equipment to receive the information and to ensure compliance with strict confidentiality guidelines.</p> |

