

**Aging and Disability Services Administration
Meeting with Washington State Tribes and Area Agencies on Aging**

Tuesday, October 23, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thurston County Fairgrounds Expo Center

Minutes

- **Meeting Purpose** – Bill Moss, DSHS/ADSA: The meeting purpose is to begin and continue dialogue between the AAAs and tribes. He has heard a number of good things that are working well and some that aren't working as well. The meeting is to gain a better understanding of what we need to do to partner together to provide services.
- **Framework for successful tribal/AAA working relationships & Primer on tribal sovereignty and cultural sensitivity** – Shelly Zylstra & Ethyl Warbus, Northwest Regional Council, gave a presentation on "Long-Term Care in Indian Country: Barriers and Benefits of Collaboration". Ethyl answered questions and described her tribal relations duties for the NWRC. A long-standing concern of the tribes is burial funding, which is a federal regulation. Bill Moss suggested sending a letter to congressional delegates from all the tribes and AAAs. He will continue the discussion at the next IPAC meeting.
- **OAA Title 6** – Terry Duffin & Chisato Kawabori, Administration on Aging Region X, discussed the Older Americans Act and Emergency Preparedness. Gina Beckwith, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, wanted them to be aware of the risk-sharing issue between the tribes and AAAs.
- **HCS Management Bulletin regarding 7.01** – Bill Moss provided a brief overview of MB H05-093, November 2005, regarding DSHS Administrative Policy 7.01/Area Agency on Aging Tribal Relations. There was a question as to who follows up on the area plans. The response was the State Unit on Aging reviews area plans and monitors the AAAs. There was also a question regarding unreimbursed long-term care services, and Bill requested specific examples of services that meet the service definition. He would like to review the examples, as the department may not be aware of all the services the tribes are providing.
- **Centennial Accord/Contracts Discussion/7.01 Planning** – Colleen Cawston & Doug North, DSHS Indian Policy, discussed state and federal Indian policies. There were several questions regarding DSHS contracts. It was suggested that tribal representatives work with ADSA staff to streamline contracts, and Dan Murphy requested anyone with specific issues contact his staff. There have been instances where contracts have been amended as requested by the agency and tribes. Federal and state auditors have found these contracts to be in compliance.

- **Open Dialogue and Next Steps**

- Colleen Cawston hopes that the AAAs and tribes are meeting locally. There was a comment that previous meetings between the tribes and AAA directors were very helpful.
- ADSA staff will send the names of AAA staff that are working with the tribes.
- Anyone who would like 7.01 training should contact Colleen. She sent a sign-up sheet around the room.
- The National Indian Council on Aging Conference will be held at the Tacoma Convention Center September 5-9, 2008. The planning committee is seeking assistance and volunteers.

- *Qtrly meetings.*
- *Contracts*