

HRSA /DASA Tribal Workgroup  
Tribal Identified Issues  
Sept 6, 2007  
Board Notes

### Consultation

Lack of consultation with tribes regarding fund distribution change  
Lack of enforcement of 7.01 policies  
ADATSA issues/funding being pulled into one pot  
Written communication - Why does DASA need a communication protocol specific to their division  
G2G contracts- terms, reporting requirements, falls under consultation protocol  
Children's' Impasse process – Disagreement between tribes and admin- should go to the next level  
Tribes consider... a break in consultation protocol  
HRSA needs to reinforce consultation protocol

### Communication

Workgroup can address consultation topics issues  
Calls aren't being returned or referred by DASA staff  
DASA staff are blaming the lack of communication on the reorg and doesn't make sense  
OAO9 Contracts-Need consultation w/ tribes-issues need to be vetted  
There is regular administrative turnover- tribes are being treated disrespectfully when not allowed to participate in the decisions  
Need to connect tribes with HR. Tribes need to participate on the review committees or development of the questions that will be used during the interviews for those positions that affect or work with tribes  
Internally within DASA. The administration needs to learn to recognize changes that impact the tribes  
Program Managers need to be trained on working with the tribes  
DASA needs to not have their own communication protocol or system.  
G2G/DSHS tribal contract requirements – Issue was about “How “ the information was communicate, not “what” was communicated  
State needs to Request – not require- from the tribe needed information and in a good way.  
Reporting systems are cumbersome to the tribes. Tribe needs staff to provide services, not struggle with software and data requirements  
Reporting is extremely time consuming for limited staff  
Tribes want to see the authority for funding

### Funding

Want to see the requirements for each funding stream  
An issue regarding the ADATSA money being in one pot. Can hurt smaller tribes  
10 % indirect needs to be negotiated. This is not a federal requirement  
90 days to bill can hurt some tribes who utilize dollars in the summer  
Redistribution of funding- \$290,000 returned to feds when other tribes could have used it  
Perception that tribes that have Casinos have money when they don't  
How did the block grant occur  
Cultural definition of prevention different for the tribes than the administration  
Spending plan- \$'s need to be spent in a biennium- what is quarterly  
In regions 3 the Request for an increase in dollars goes to an oversight committee  
10% admin costs limit for SAPT \$was put into the pot from a different funding stream than the grant- Indirect rate for the tribes is an issue

## **Prevention**

Best practices applying to tribes is an issue. Most best practices are not normed on native populations

Tribes and state need to be on the same place on best practices applying to tribes. Tribes are advocating on this issue at the national level

## **Treatment Services**

Contract staff need to be aware of fiscal decisions and how that funnel down to program impact

Need more info on the SAPT block grant

Need to understand how policy decisions impacts the tribal community

Is there a committee that advises on the grant? Citizens advisory committee