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The Economic Services Administration (ESA) and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Indian Policy and Support Services (IPAC) sub committee entitled “The ESA/DVR Subcommittee”, consisting of Tribal Representatives; Rosi Francis Chairperson of The ESA Subcommittee representing the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe; Marilyn Olson of the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe and Luella Anderson of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation met quarterly (unless otherwise arranged) to discuss Tribal service delivery development. Strategically The Sub Committee designed methods to bring about change to social services delivery systems when authorized by state law or Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Programs were administratively and fiscally realigned to meet the tenants of the Centennial Accord and American Indian Policy 7.01, resulting in improved Government -To-Government relationships between the Department of Social and Health Services, Tribes and Recognized American Indian Organizations in Washington State. Equally important, The ESA Subcommittee supported and assisted Recognized American Indian Organizations (RAIO) as they strive and continue to deliver culturally appropriate professional social and health services to the Urban Indian Population in Washington State.

Assisting the Tribal Representatives with the above cited tasks were Sam Senn, Interim Assistant Secretary of the Economic Services Administration; Colleen Cawston, MPA, Director of Indian Policy and Support Services (IPSS); Deb Marley Assistant Secretary (Former), Dori Shoji, Interim Director of Employment and Assistance Programs; Tom Berry, Senior Policy Analyst from the Division of Employment and Assistance Programs; Lynnae Rutledge, Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Ester Bennett from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Brady Rossnagle, Manager of the Division of Child Support (DCS) Tribal Relations Team; David Johnson, DCS Executive Assistant; Sarah Sotomish, Director of the ESA State Tribal Relations Unit (STRU); Rebecca Henrie, Project Coordinator, Division of Employment and Assistance Programs and Bob Brisbois Regional Manager for Region One Office of Indian Policy and Support Services.

Over the past year Tribal and State committee participants have presented an array of social service program changes that collectively were delivered to the Indian Policy Advisory Committee for consensus and or delegate approval, which resulted in policy and or service delivery change.

The following list highlights important Government to Government program developments, which in turn supports the customer in Tribal, RAIO and State communities;

- >Development of the Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Family’s (TANF) Washington Administrative Code (WAC) development workgroup,
- >Ongoing use of the newly approved Consultation and Communication Protocol,
- >Tribal Child Support and TANF program access to Employment Security wage and unemployment data,

- > Planning for a pilot to test expanding services provided by TANF Tribes. This is a proposal for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe to determine eligibility for Basic Food and Medicaid for families, children and pregnant women, subject to federal approvals.
- > Tribal access to ACES - there is now a process in place for Tribal TANF tribes to request access to acs online to help them administer their Tribal TANF programs.
- > Tribal input with the reorganization of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, fostering better understanding and local collaboration,
- > Tribal input on the reorganization of tribal child support from the ESA STRU back to DCS.