

Indian Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC)
Economic Services Administration/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Subcommittee

Revised: May 2010

Current Issues								
Issue/Date	Activity Review Date	Expected Outcome	Budget	Outcome Based Performance Measures	Variance	Action Plan to Address Variance	Due Date	Assignment State/Tribe
1	Better resource sharing at the local level with CSO; i.e., training, data, employment	4/07 3/09 11/09 5/10				Quarterly updates from regions. OIP & CSD will present proposed format and plan	Ongoing	David Rendon Colleen F. Cawston
2	Tribal TANF WAC Development	In progress 3/09 11/09 5/10	Working collaboratively with Tribes to develop WAC for Tribal TANF	Formal consultation between tribal leadership and Secretary Dreyfus in late summer/early fall followed by next step of rule-filing process upon successful completion	Address concerns presented by Tribes about scope and intent of the project	Sept 10 th letter to Tribal Chairs seeking input on next steps	Ongoing	Sarah Colleen Sotomish Mike Mowrey, Sandy Jsames
TOP THREE PRIORITIES:								
Policy Identification: Priority: Immediate/Urgent/High – To be determined by Exec. Comm.								
Respect for Government to Government Relations								
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3	State Tribal cooperation & coordination quarterly meetings First Thursday on month after IPAC at 10 am (February, May, August, November)	4/07 11/09 5/10		Regular meetings. OIP will explore scheduling meetings to coincide with a half day meeting with another DSHS Administration				
4	Determine use of Tribal Eligibility pilot reports	4/07 5/6/10					Ongoing	STRO
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Regulations								

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5	Can we define fair and equitable and develop methods for calculating the amount?	11/07 3/09 5/6/10	Reserved for each tribe to negotiate with state.		Secretary Dreyfus will send a letter to Tribal Leaders proposing continued individual negotiations in recognition that these agreements are a result of negotiations between 3 sovereign governments (tribal/state/federal)		Ongoing 11/09	STRO
6	Seek exception to hiring freeze to preserve out-stationed staff at tribal clinics	5/06/10			Update at next subcommittee meeting			CSD
7	Include interested tribal representatives at CSD teleconferences regarding the Disability Lifeline program (formerly General Assistance)	5/06/10			Distribute CSD contact name and number		Ongoing	David Rendon

Completed Items

- 5/6/10: Asst. Sec. Troy Hutson to attend at least one ESA Sub-Committee meeting; completed 5/10
- 5/6/10: Tribal reps serve on Customer Services Advisory Committee; completed 5/10
- 5/6/10: Pilot project for a TANF Tribe to determine eligibility for Basic Food & Medicaid for families, children and pregnant women; completed 5/10.
- 5/6/10: Incorporated various provisions in the final draft Tribal TANF WAC related to government to government relations, regulations, funding, reporting, working agreements, content and communication for consideration by state and tribal leadership during the consultation; completed 5/10.
- 8/11/08; Tribal input into ESA Strategic Plans; ESA will provide the plans prior to the next meeting; Sarah Colleen Sotomish will seek tribal input; completed 12/08.
- 8/11/08; Tribal representatives to serve on our advisory committees; recruitment Tribes will have representatives to voice concerns; Rebecca Peck, John Stevens will attend, with Jolene Sullivan as alternate; completed 12/08.
- Further development of vocational rehabilitation; DVR assigned to ESA Subcommittee, DVR reorganized into three areas and 3 managers hired; will ask Lynnae Rutledge to be at 10/08 IPAC meeting.; completed 10/08.
- 11/6/08: funding for emergent needs, i.e. significant caseload increase; completed 3/2/09
- 11/6/08: Provide additional funding for tribe to continue serving past 60 months; completed 3/2/09.

Regular Tribal VR meetings with Colville and Yakama. Ron Falberg, David Hankinson, Teresa Kutsch, Avreayl Jacobson. Completed 3/2/09.

- 11/08; Tribal VR staff will be invited to participate in DVR staff training; Enhanced staff skills and customer service; Staff's improved skills will lead to services that better meet customers' needs; Dona Furst, Avreayl Jacobson, Kelly Franklin. Completed 3/2/09.
- 11/08; Annual meeting to review and update MOU with American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Programs, DVR and the Department of Services for the Blind; Continued refinement of shared values, program expectations and teamwork opportunities; Changes to MOU occur as needed. Strengthened working relationship continues. Opportunity for formal discussion and decision making is institutionalized; The 2008 meeting occurred in Yakima Dec. 9th. The 2009 meeting will be scheduled earlier in the fall. Lynnae Ruttledge, Kelly Franklin, Avreayl Jacobson; completed 3/2/09
- 11/08; Support to Tribal VR programs that lost Federal grant funds; Chehalis and Skokomish will receive money to continue serving current clients; DVR will support the continued services to current Tribal VR customers; Lynnae Ruttledge, Lorie Christoferson, Avreayl Jacobson. Completed 3/2/09.
- 11/08; Governor's appointments to the State Independent Living Council (SILC) and Washington State Rehabilitation Council (WSRC); Lummi Tribe representative on SILC.
- Colville Tribe Representative on WSRC; Mutual opportunities for extended learning and discussions will enhance policy and service development; Lynnae Ruttledge, Kelly Franklin, Avreayl Jacobson. Completed 12/08.
- 11/08; DVR will support and send leadership and field staff to the Yakama Nation's 2008 Disabilities Conference; DVR staff will have opportunities to improve their cultural competence and understanding of the needs of Tribal VR programs and community members; Mutual opportunities for extended learning and discussions will enhance policy and service development; Lynnae Ruttledge, Kelly Franklin, Avreayl Jacobson. Completed 12/08.