

CA IPAC Subcommittee

Date: April 8th, 2009

In attendance:

Name	Tribe/Organization
LouAnn Carter	Region 3, DCFS
Ronda Metcalf	Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
Colleen Chinn	WPCANN
Linda Adkinson	Region 1, CA
Liz Mueller	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Betsy Tulee	CA, HQ
Nancy Dufraine	CA, HQ
Betty Taaffe	Quileute Tribe
Trudy Marcellay	Region 6, IPSS
Jim Sherrill	Cowlitz Tribe
Gayla Johnson	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Jane Jorgenson	CA, HQ
Martha Holliday	Colville Tribe
Julie Jefferson	Region 3, IPSS
Helen Fenrich	Tulalip Tribes
Dennis Beardontwalk	Squaxin Island Tribe
Dan Schneider (phone)	Region 4, DCFS
Rosi Francis	Regions 4 & 5, IPSS
Garnet Charles	Region 6, IPSS
Jerry Meninick	Yakama Nation
Monica Reeves	JRA, HQ
Lyn Craik	CA, HQ
Asia Goins	Ca, HQ

Next meeting: Wednesday May13th, 2009

Location: DSHS/OB2

Room: SL03 (in basement near cafeteria)
1115 Washington St.
Olympia, WA. 98504

Conference Call in number: 360-407-3780 pin number 402219#

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Agenda Item	Discussion
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<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Liz Mueller noted the Hood Canal Bridge will be closed May 1st through June 7th this year for repairs.</p> <p>ATNI is scheduled for ? In Reno NV.</p>
<p>JRA-CJAA contracts</p> <p>Monica Reeves</p>	<p>JRA Tribal Notification: Monica Reeves, Tribal Liaison for the JRA, presented the finalized tribal notification form that JRA will use to notify tribes when an affiliated youth enters JRA. Helen Fenrich, asked about additional notification going to tribal representatives other than the Chair, as well as notification to tribes even when a youth is not living on a reservation. Monica reported that a letter was sent out to the Tribal Chairs and IPAC delegates in February, requesting an additional point of contact for the notification forms. Monica reported that approximately 7 of the 29 Tribes have responded. Betsy requested the information, as well as a suggestion to add the IPSS Program Managers to the distribution. In Region 3, JRA community programs have agreed to notify all affiliated tribes when a youth lives in the Region.</p> <p>CJAA Contract Update: Monica reported that the Community Juvenile Accountability Act (CJAA) grant applications have not been sent out yet due to the uncertainty of the State Budget. Monica presented some language that is being developed to explain to the tribes that funding is uncertain at this time, but we would like to go through the application process, so as to be ready to process contracts once official information is received on funding options.</p> <p>Other Grant Opportunities: Monica announced that there are many tribe-specific grant opportunities being advertised through the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) web site. Some of the grants being announced are specific to juvenile delinquency with tribal youth and could provide additional funding to enhance the CJAA contract programs.</p>
<p>ICW Case Review</p> <p>Lyn Craik And Asia Goins</p>	<p>CA is committed to move forward with second statewide ICW Case Review. A review will occur in each region. Due to current concerns regarding the budget, there will be consideration in reducing some of the travel costs without compromising the quality of the review.</p> <p>The reviews are scheduled to occur in September and October of 2009; each will last for four days. A one-day training will happen in both eastern and western Washington in August. Letters will be sent to tribal chairs informing them of this.</p> <p>This review will be similar to the last one. The questions will be the same. Each region will pull about 25-35 cases for review. The CA Quality Assurance team will lead the review. In addition to the Quality Assurance team, each review will include two tribal social workers and two state ICW social workers. A state and a tribal social worker will pair up, read a case and collaborate on the case ratings together.</p> <p>A regional report will be written for each of the six regions as well as a final Statewide report. Most regions had representation in the last review. Dan Schneider said he was not working with the Office of Indian Child Welfare in Region 4 during the last review but stated he would ensure that there is representation from his Region in the next review process.</p> <p>Liz and Helen emphasized the importance setting dates as soon as possible as calendars get booked up quickly.</p>

<p>Washington State Indian Child Welfare Act (WSICWA)</p> <p>Liz Mueller</p>	<p>Liz Mueller is working with Jack Trope Association on American Indian Affairs (AIAA), NICWA, and Tom Tremaine in the continued development of the WSICWA. (Jack Trope had helped in the development of the Federal ICWA, the Washington Tribal-State Agreement and has provided technical assistance to many other tribes and States regarding ICWA policy and law).</p> <p>Liz is also are applying for a grant with the Stewart foundation to help locally. The workgroup wants to make sure the Act is comprehensive and avoids any pitfalls found in other states' acts. Liz noted it is important that we be sure the WSICWA will not conflict with Federal law so as not to cause legal challenges that would actually weaken ICW laws and policies.</p> <p>The goal is to have it ready for the legislature by September 2009.</p> <p>Helen noted she sent it to their lobbyist and attorneys at Tulalip for review and comment.</p> <p>Tom Tremaine is the gatekeeper for changes, updates and communications. They try to have monthly conference calls which usually fall on Tuesday afternoons.</p> <p>Liz noted that the Tribal-State Agreement can be a foundation and that this is crucial to get done especially in light of SSB 5943. Tribal support is needed. She also encouraged Tribes to work on their Local Agreements as it will strengthen the government to government relationship and service delivery to our children and families.</p>
<p>Citizen Review Panel (CRP)</p> <p>Liz Mauler and Jim Sherrill</p>	<p>The CRP report was distributed for CY 2008. Feedback was solicited for recommendations of how CA can support the CA IPAC CRP in CY 2009.</p> <p>Jim suggested;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the 2009 ICW Case Review make recommendations to CA as to which systemic issues are priorities for corrective action in 2010. • Include tribal access to FAMLINK.
<p>Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)</p> <p>Deborah Reed, CA</p>	<p>The Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) are conducted by the Children's Bureau, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to help States improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children and families who receive services through the child welfare system. The CFSRs monitor States' conformity with the requirements of titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act. The first (and last) CFSR in Washington State was in 2004. A five year plan was developed called the Program Improvement Plan (PIP). All PIP goals were met by 2007.</p> <p>Two phases to the CFSR process includes the Statewide Assessment and the on-site review. This will result with the Program Improvement Plan. The State has five years to meet the goals of the PIP.</p> <p>The next round of CFSR for this State will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 2009 May 2010 Statewide Assessment <p>This phase includes working with stakeholders, tribes and across state divisions to assess how we are doing and how others think we are doing. Data used includes NCANS, AFCARS, Ombudsman reports, youth surveys, caregiver conferences, the ICW Case Review tool, interviews of clients, tribal partners etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 13, 2010: On site Review <p>The on-site review will occur in 3 locations across the State including the largest metro area. Sites have not yet been determined but since Seattle is our largest metro area we can count on a site visit there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2011: Program Improvement Plan implemented • Spring 2013: PIP Completed

	<p>Deborah asked if the CA IPAC would be willing to provide on going collaboration and oversight. This includes an invitation for tribal participation on the Statewide Steering Committee. The CA IPAC indicated interest.</p> <p>Discussion was held about the intersection of the CRP and the CFSR; it was felt the recommendations from both could dovetail with one another.</p> <p>In the last CFSR the tribal voice was separated out form the systemic and included at the end as a stand lone.</p> <p>The group recommended including a tribal specific measure for each of the systemic measures. Thread ICW throughout the CFSR.</p> <p>Deborah also noted that tribal/ICW participation is welcome on all subgroups such as mental health, court systems, youth issues etc.</p> <p>Further information can be obtained about the reviews, including reports from the first round, on the Child Welfare Monitoring section of the Children’s Bureau Web site at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/index.htm#cfsr.</p>
<p>Indian Children in Foster Care</p> <p>Trudy Marcellay and Betsy Tulee</p>	<p>Carolyn Jones who is heading up this project was not available to attend today as she was in Wapato getting footage from Yakama Nation for this film.</p> <p>The 45 minute film is intended primarily for non-Indian foster parents caring for Indian children to impart the importance of cultural and tribal connections for Indian children.</p> <p>The film is nearing completion. Carolyn emphasized the importance of completion soon so the funding for it will not be cut. Tribes, RAIIO’s, CA staff and foster patents collaborated to make the film. The cut off date has passed to make changes to the script.</p> <p>Trudy is heading a workgroup that is developing an insert to accompany the film that will provide more information beyond the film. Input is welcome on this part of the project.</p>
<p>Concurrent and Exclusive Jurisdiction documents</p> <p>Cindy Trokey</p>	<p>During the September CA IPAC SC meeting (at the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe) discussion was held regarding the typos and missing pages on the Concurrent and Exclusive Jurisdiction documents. Roxanne Finney located missing pages. IPSS graciously agreed to clean up these documents.</p> <p>Cindy Trokey of IPSS has been working on the clean up and has now finished the Exclusive Jurisdiction document. She is still working the Concurrent Jurisdiction. Trudy is assisting in the process.</p> <p>This is a huge process. These documents that are crucial to the care and protection of Indian children and families and support the Government to Government relationship. Much appreciation is given to IPSS for this work.</p>