



CA ICW Monthly meeting minutes (CA-IPAC subcommittee)

Date: March 12th, 2008

In attendance:

Name	Tribe/Organization
Roxanne Finney	CA, Region 4
Helen Fenrich	Tulalip Tribes
Nancy Dufraire	CA-HQ
Betsy Tulee	CA-HQ
Alretta Howard	Snoqualmie Tribe
Matthew Mattson	Snoqualmie Tribe
Sandra Kint	Quileute Tribe (phone)
Leslye Revey	Lummi Tribe (phone)
Rebecca Peck	Samish Nation (phone)
Matilda Sampson	AICC (phone)
Jane Jorgensen	CA, HQ (phone)
Doug Meyer	Makah Nation (phone)
Julie Jefferson	IPSS Region 3 (phone)

Next Meeting: April 9th, 2008

Location: DSHS/OB2

1115 Washington St.
 SL04 (in basement near cafeteria)
 Olympia, WA. 98504

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Conference Call in number: # 360-407-3870 pin number 714967#

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Agenda Item	Discussion
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<p>ICW Case Review Roll Out</p> <p>Nancy Dufraine, ICW Program Manager, Children's Administration</p>	<p>All but one of the regional ICW Case Review reports has been submitted. There have been about 6-8 areas identified as areas to focus improvement on. Nancy would like to see that broken down to 2-3 areas to start with.</p> <p>Helen F. asked what some of the identified area are. Nancy noted that the following are some of the target areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early (Indian) identification • Identification of Indian ancestry at each stage of the case, • Notification to tribes, • Attention to paternal side of the family, • Documentation in the Service Episode Record (SER), • Contacting all tribes a child is affiliated with, • Policy review and updates <p>Nancy is working with Region 3 to ensure their ICW Case Review report is completed. There has not been ICW PM coverage as Janice Banning is covering a supervisory position.</p>
<p>Partners for Our Children (POC)</p> <p>Mark Courtney Ph.D</p>	<p>Mark Courtney introduced himself and provided description of Partner's for Our Children (POC). He is the Director of POC and also a professor at the UW School of Social Work. POC is a formal partnership between the UW, DSHS and the private sector. Right now the private sector is from the philanthropic community but also plan to bring the business sector on board as well. All entities contribute money and other resources. Dr. Courtney answers to a Board of Directors that reflects the above entities. Currently the POC is focused on families currently in the DCFS system. POC is focusing on 4 strategies including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an understanding what it is we are trying to solve, • Working with people in practice communities to find promising practices and see about building those areas into Evidence Based Practice models, • Strengthening and supporting the workforce, • Communication and public information dissemination, getting important stakeholders to understand and engaging communities to take responsibility for children as well. <p>POC is also working on developing the priorities. Those will include birth families and their children, reunification of children with thier families/communities, foster parent recruitment and retention and solution based casework evaluation.</p> <p>He noted that POC is new and is a work in progress.</p> <p>Helen Fenrich asked if the priorities can be put in writing. (He agreed)</p> <p>Concern was raised that people on the Board are not people of color.</p> <p>Dr. Cpurtney said he welcomes more board members.</p> <p>Rebecca Peck said she hopes that POC will be cognizant of the extreme</p>

		<p>disproportionality of Indian children throughout the child welfare system. Dr. Courtney agreed.</p> <p>Marie Ramirez hopes that POC can focus on the causes of the disproportionality and will look at the impact of historical trauma.</p>
	<p>Rebecca Peck, Samish Social Services</p>	<p>Rebecca indicated that since she has been working as Director of Social Services at Samish Nation she has been concerned that Samish has not been getting CPS referrals involving Samish children and families from CA. The Samish Tribal Council passed a resolution to provide all minor names to CA to run to see if there are any outstanding referrals or children/families being served that Samish is not aware of. It was found that an overwhelming number of referrals on Samish children (who were already identified by DSHS as Samish) were never sent to Samish Nation (10 out of 21) and none were sent within required timeframes (one working day). 21 additional Samish children had CPS referrals and had not been identified as Samish (14 who had referrals in the past two years). 11 more children had inadequate data to review and make sense of. In total 53 (25% of the in State Samish children) had CPS involvement of some kind.</p> <p>Region 3 Regional Administrator Randy Hart will contact the other Region 3 Tribes and offer to do this for them if they so choose.</p> <p>After Samish met with some State representatives, Representatives Jeff Morris and Ruth Kagi wrote to Robin Arnold-Williams about this issue.</p> <p>Helen Fenrich noted she has approached Tulalip Tribal Council to see if they would agree to do the same.</p> <p>Nancy provided this information to all of the RA's and the Management team. She noted that the Governor is aware of this issue as well.</p>
	<p>General Discussion</p>	<p>Nancy noted that IPAC passed resolution to allow the CA IPAC Subcommittee to become a Citizen Review Panel (CRP) as constituted by CAPTA legislation. The CA IPAC Subcommittee will pick one area of focus that is related to child protection to analyze and to make recommendations for improvement.</p> <p>Discussed concern by a social service representatives from a local Tribe that a private agency (PA) failed to provide proper legal notification to them that a member of their tribe was in the process of being adopted out. The PA also failed to inform the Tribe in timely manner of the plan.</p> <p>Nancy noted the contracts contain provision that PA's comply with federal and state law including ICWA. It is not clear who develops and delivers this training for PA's. She put forward idea that the CRP adopts the project of developing a desk reference for PA's to support ICWA service delivery.</p> <p>Nancy is also in the process of gathering information on all of the trainings delivered in CA offices with the goal of integrating ICWA into those trainings.</p>

