



CA ICW Monthly meeting minutes (CA-IPAC subcommittee)

Date: April 9th, 2008

In attendance:

Name	Tribe/Organization
Dana Matthews	Samish Tribal Council
Helen Fenrich	Tulalip Tribes
Nancy Dufraigne	CA, HQ
Jonette Reyes	Hoh Tribe
Cheryl Miller	Skokomish Tribe
Kimberly Miller	Skokomish Tribe
Garnet Charles	Region 6, IPSS
Rebecca Peck	Samish Nation (phone)
Monica Reeves	JRA, HQ
Jane Jorgensen	CA, HQ
Donna Burkhart	Region 6 ICW Program Manager
Di Dougerty-King	UNIATF
Trudy Marcellay	Region 6, IPSS
Jim Sherrill	Cowlitz Tribe
Liz Mueller	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Ed Fox	Squaxin Island Tribe
Pam Hammond	SPIPA
Michelle Pullen	Quileute Tribe
Linda Adkinson	Region 1, Tribal Liaison
Betsy Tulee	CA, HQ
Cheryl Rich	Region 5, Area Administrator

Date: June 11th, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Location:

Mt. Hood room (third floor)

DSHS/OB2

1115 Washington St. 98504

Conference Call in number: 360-407-3780 pin number 508613#

MINUTES:

Agenda Item	Discussion
<p>Announcements</p> <p>Nancy Dufraigne, ICW Program Manager, Children's Administration</p>	<p>The ICW Summit was successfully completed. Approximately 307 persons participated, 50% of participants turned in evaluations. Most rated the eval at 4.5 to 4.8 out of 5-primarily positive.</p> <p>During the next year and next legislative session a section of the agenda on the CA ICW meetings will include section for budget and legislation including X Bills (CA sponsored legislation). Nancy noted that this last session that CA did pretty well-the budget and bill were sent via email; the volume is so great that the document has only been sent via email. Nancy said to let her know if you did not receive it and would like to.</p> <p>The workload study helped to get additional staff to assist in getting workload down. The initial priorities were to get the 24 hour emergency response time implemented for emergent CPS referrals and 72 hours for non-emergent referrals and to bring down workload. One of CA's current primary goals is to ensure that kids are seen every 30 days.</p> <p>Nancy reminded folks that tribal/RAIO staff may attend the Academy. Right now there are many new hires and both tribal and CA staff have been asked to hold over a month on occasion (new Academy sessions have also been added to help with overflow).</p> <p>Region 4 Disproportionality Committee and the UW law School are sponsoring a Symposium in June 26 and 27th on disproportionality. Judge Thorn who has been a Judge in Utah and for tribal courts will speak. Liz stated that it would be good to see tribal participants at this Symposium to speak for Indian children and families. Nancy will look into logistics of the meeting.</p> <p>Liz also mentioned how staggering the disproportionate the statistics are for Indian children are.</p> <p>Jim Sherrill asked if these meetings regarding the Legislative committee on disproportionality are open to the public.</p> <p>Liz said yes-next one is May 14th in Spokane and is hosted by Native Project (Toni Lodge).</p> <p>Liz said tht David Simmons of NICWA indicated a report was done in the early 90's; Liz suggested that David and Cheryl Stephanie be invited to the June 11th CA ICW meeting (this is one day after Centennial Accord).</p> <p>Di noted that in 1992 a report was done on Active Efforts vs. Reasonable Efforts by NICWA and DSHS.</p>

		<p>Nancy Dufraime discussed doing the ICW Case Review every two years which will allow for measurement of the changes. Liz Mueller suggested every 18 months.</p>
	<p>CA IPAC Subcommittee Matrix</p> <p>Trudy Marcellay, Region 6, IPSS</p>	<p>Trudy noted that the matrix is a working document, primary issues listed at top. Some of the items have included the Summit, ICW case review, etc.</p> <p>IPAC will determine the two highest priorities.</p> <p>Liz suggested including the Summit, the ICW Case Review implementation plan and meeting with the Secretary (Cheryl Stephanie) and the RA's.</p> <p>LICWAC training also recommended and perhaps the Local Agreements.</p> <p>Jim Sherrill indicated that he sits on LICWAC and finds he has to spend much time training staff on basic requirements and spends less time on cultural and case planning advice.</p> <p>It was suggested that the ICW Case Review tool be given to staff to use as a guide. Liz Mueller has used it as a training tool and the staff found it very helpful.</p> <p>Nancy also noted that she is in the process of tracking all CA training and integrating ICW into the trainings.</p> <p>Liz also recommended that the ICW questions be expanded in the general CA case review tools.</p> <p>Cheryl Miller indicated that she is concerned about lack of training for AAG's and other court personnel. While working in Region 5 she delivered training to CASA/GAL's, judges and attorneys.</p> <p>Trudy updated the Matrix and will distribute via email listserve.</p>
	<p>Samish Indian Nation and CPS referrals</p> <p>Dana Matthews Samish Nation Councilwoman And Rebecca Peck Samish Nation Social Services Director</p>	<p>Samish Indian Nation Social Service Director Rebecca Peck stated she had concerns that they did not seem to be getting CPS referrals regarding Samish children .Randy Hart, Region 3 Administrator offered to run the names of Samish children through the State system to determine when/if referrals to the Tribe were made.</p> <p>She approached Samish Nation Tribal Council and asked if they would approve running a list of all enrolled Samish Indian children. Samish Indian Nation Tribal Council passed a resolution agreeing to this. They provided all of the names and birthdates of Samish Indian children under 18 yrs old to Region 3 CA. A total of 209 Samish children reside in Washington State. 53 of those children had some type of CPS call made on their behalf. Those children were from approximately 41 families. 21 of those children were identified as Samish. None of those referrals were sent within required timeframes. 10 of those cases had no tribal notification at all. 21 of the children who had CPS referrals were not identified as Samish Of those cases 14 referrals had been</p>

		<p>made in the past two years.</p> <p>Samish Indian Nation wrote a letter to Governor Gregiore about this. It was forwarded to DSHS Secretary Arnold-Williams and then to CA Assistant Secretary Stephanie. Samish Nation also spoke with State Representatives while at the ICW Summit. The State Representatives wrote a letter to DSHS Secretary Arnold-Williams, instructing her to address the issue. Dana Matthews, Samish Council member, encouraged other tribes and tribal leaders to consider doing this as well.</p> <p>Nancy indicated that this will also be shared at IPAC.</p> <p>She also put forth question as to what are the next steps; will this be an on-going process? Rebecca passed out a working list of possible steps that CA could implement as solutions.</p> <p>Helen F. informed the group that the issue was in front of Tulalip Tribes Board this given day.</p>
	<p>Citizen Review Program (CRP)</p> <p>Colette McCully, CA CPS Program Manager</p>	<p>Nancy acknowledged Colette McCully for her collaboration with tribes and ICW staff including integrating ICW into her various areas of work. An example of this is when she noted the the Mandated Reporting Guide did not speak to ICW issues. Colette and Nancy are currently working to get it updated.</p> <p>Colette stated that the each State is required to have Citizen Review Panel (CRP) as per the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). The number of CRP's in a given state is dependant on the population; Washington State is required to have at least 3 CRP's. One is in Region 2 and the other is a Statewide group (The Child, Youth and Family Advisory Committee).</p> <p>This CA IPAC Subcommittee/ICW group has already agreed to serve as a CRP.</p> <p>The requirements of a CRP include; meet at least on a quarterly basis; develop goals which at least a portion would relate to CPS policies and procedures; and submit a report that highlights efforts of the group and includes the CA response. The report is due to the Federal government in April (if this group becomes a CRP the report would not be required until 2009).</p> <p>The group agreed to state narrowing down the specific area to focus on at the next meeting.</p>

