



CA IPAC Subcommittee

Date: September 10, 2008

In attendance:

Name	Tribe/Organization
Di King	United Indians of All Tribes
Angel Peterson	SPIPA
Trudy Marcellay	Region 6, IPSS
Rebecca Peck-by phone	Samish Nation
Gwen Gua	SPIPA
Colleen Cawston	IPSS, HQ
Dennis Beardontwalk	Squaxin Island Tribe
Nancy Dufraime	CA-HQ
Liz Mueller-by phone	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Leslye Revey	Lummi Tribe
Betsy Tulee	CA, HQ
Kimberly Miller	Skokomish Tribe
Jim Sherrill	Cowlitz Tribe
Julie Jefferson	IPSS, Region 3
Roxanne Finney	CA, region 4 (by phone)
Helen Fenrich	Tulalip Tribes
Cheryl Miller	Skokomish Tribe

Next meeting: Wednesday October 8th, 2008

Location: DSHS/OB2

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

Conference Call in number: 360-407-3780 pin number 538952#

Agenda Item	Discussion
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<p>Announcements</p>	<p>The conference call line was experiencing technical difficulties which caused spotty participation by those who called into the meeting. The meeting went until 12:00 instead of 3:00 and agenda items ‘Family to Family’ and the Video Project on Indian Children in Foster Care were tabled for a future meeting as the presenters had planned to call in.</p> <p>Cheryl Stephanie will be at the next IPAC meeting (October 9th, 2008).</p>
<p>Disproportionately Commission Update</p>	<p>Liz notified the group that the next meeting dates for the Disproportionality Commission are set for September 17th and 18th and will be held at the Casey Family Program in Seattle. No agenda has been set yet, it will be sent out once it is completed.</p> <p>Liz said that public participation is welcome. Time will be set aside for public comment.</p> <p>Nancy noted the Commission is gathering input from community members including foster parents, parents, relative caregivers, etc. for the Remediation plan. She also noted that there will be a Caregivers Conference in Yakima on 9/22 and 9/23 (formerly known as the Foster Parent Conference). A presentation on the disproportionality will be delivered there as well.</p>
<p>Citizen Review Program (CRP)</p> <p>Jim Sherrill And Liz Mueller</p>	<p>Jim suggested waiting to see what the Remediation Plan looks like to further address this topic. This (CRP) topic will be tabled until a later date.</p>
<p>ICW WAC Review Trudy Marcellay And Helen Fenrich</p>	<p>Tulalip Tribes hosted a meeting to discuss WAC definitions of Indian child and review of the Tribal-State Agreements (exclusive and concurrent). About 20 participants representing 9 tribes gathered at Tulalip on September 5th.</p> <p>Discussion was held on how to pull in the AAG’s and the WAC revision team from Central Offices. Craig Dorsey an attorney on retainer for the Samish Nation said the Tribal-State Agreements are consistent with the ICWA and recommended they not be changed. He also reviewed three WAC definitions of Indian child and recommended changing only one. Some of the recommendations that came out of the meeting include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribes can hold the State accountable. • Looking how we make the system improve, • How to keep kids alive, • Tribes need to complete Local Agreements, • Include tribal recommendations in ISSP, • Add a piece back into the ICW Manual that was taken out in the last revision; it was a piece that stated when there is inconsistency between the ICW Manual and other CA policy and procedure manuals the ICW Manual should take precedence and supersede the other manuals(s) .

Trudy said she will ensure complete minutes of this meeting will be distributed.

Helen noted that a subcommittee of 4 to 5 person will work on developing a draft of the revised WAC.

Kimberly noted that issues regarding training are often brought up and asked what the requirements are for state workers.

Nancy said her office, in conjunction with other CA divisions, are currently looking at what is being trained regarding ICW to see where it needs to be improved.

Cheryl noted that when she worked in Region 5 she provided training to state workers and to CASA/GAL's and other court personnel. For state workers she often provided training on the nuts and bolts and local interfacing with tribal staff. She included training on 7.01 policy, and Local Agreements.

Di said she and Lorraine are willing to assist with training. She suggested waiting until staff has been on board a few months as it will help the new worker develop a foundation and have context in the learning process.

Colleen suggested that a significant portion of a future meeting be set aside to discuss training issues as this is a topic that generates many questions and suggestions.

The group agreed to this and set it for the January meeting.

Rebecca Peck said she met with Yen and Laurie regarding disproportionality but there has been no follow up. Rebecca has concerns regarding Region 3's lack of follow through with this issue and other issues specific to Tribes and ICW.

Nancy did note that the Disproportionality Commission including the Remediation Plan is not CA driven. Also, tribes-or anyone can provide input. She also noted that there is really no way a comprehensive plan can be developed and put into place in six months-it is more of a 'plan to plan'.

Liz agreed.

Nancy recommended that tribes (and any other interested party or individual) directly contact her (nadu300@dshs.wa.gov) or Tarachel Benjamin at bntr300@dshs.wa.gov to provide input into the Disproportionality Remediation plan.