



Minutes JRA/CA IPAC Subcommittee

Date: December 8, 2010

In attendance:

Name	Tribe/Organization
Lorraine Parlange	Kalispel Tribe
Daryl Toulou	OIP, Region 2
Shelly Antoine	Kalispel Tribe
Tawhnee Colvin	Spokane Tribe
Amy Finkbonner	Lummi Nation
Tracy Rios	Quileute Tribe
Gina Lowry	Quileute Tribe
Jim Sherrill	Cowlitz Tribe (phone)
Mike Yates	Cowlitz Tribe
Nancy Dufraime	CA-HQ, Lead ICW PM
Betsy Tulee	CA-HQ, ICW PM
Trudy Marcellay	OIP Region 6 South
Brent Borg	CA, Region 1
Linda Adkinson	CA, Region 1
Lynette Jordan	United Indians of All Tribes
Roxanne Finney	Ca, Region 4
LouAnn Carter	CA, Region 3, Supervisor (phone)
Helen Fenrich	Tulalip Tribes
Phillip Ambrose	OIP, Region 2
Amelia Acosta	Kalispel Tribe
Veronica Hinojosa	CA, Region 5
Don Milligan	STOWW
Felice Keegan	Upper Skagit Tribe
William Lay	Quinault Tribe
Monica Reeves	JRA, HQ
Laura Munn	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Juliette Knight	CA, HQ
Scott Steuby	CA, HQ (during CFSR discussion)
Sandy Jsames	ESA,CSD, HQ (during ESA discussion)
Kerry Judge-Kemp	ESA,CSD, HQ (during ESA discussion)
Stacey Bushaw	ESA,CSD, HQ (during ESA discussion)
Sophie Tonasket	American Indian Community Center

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Location: TBD

Call in Conference number: (760) 569-9000 pin code 748429#

MINUTES:

Agenda Item	Discussion
Announcements	A Z Bill was sent out to tribal leaders by post and to the ICW listserv by email regarding changes to child fatality laws. A meeting will be held for further discussion today at 2:00.
Washington State Indian Child Welfare Act Helen Fenrich And Nancy Dufraine	Helen F; a meeting was held with five or six legislators-they indicated they want to go forward with the WSICWA. Tribes are really ready for the Act. Trudy noted the bill is up to 96 pages; Senator Hargrove said it is too long to pass. Tom Tremaine is still the lead for tribes on the bill. Those working on the bill must keep in mind that the budget deficit is the top priority for the legislature. Liz Mueller was not available to meet today but Nancy will ask her to get a briefing/status update to send out.
2SHB 2106 Update	Trudy; meetings continue to plan and discuss-still State law, still moving forward Draft RFP went out for comments. The RFP will be for non-tribal entities that will be competing for contracts, not for tribes. Tribes' will not have to compete for contracts due to government to government relationship. But tribes are welcome to review and provide feedback and suggestions. It has been sent to tribal leaders and tribal social directors along with stakeholders. Tribes have been asked to send a model of how they propose to provide services; tribes need to think about who they will serve and what their service area will be. Trudy; we have asked agencies interested in becoming master contractors to contact tribes. Tribes should be ready to work with MC's including by subcontracting. Daryl T; we can message out to tribes to go through OIP. Trudy can bring this up at the next meeting (upcoming Tuesday). Nancy D; all tribes will have option to participate in the four options included on letter sent out that was a request for intent. Those four options are; <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Become a Master Contractor2. Sub-contract from a Master Contractor3. Expand current Intergovernmental Agreement by adding additional services not currently being provided by your tribe4. Provide no services Jim Sherrill noted that they have been contacted by one organization-one potential bidder. Lynette Jordan noted they have been contacted by three potential bidders. Also attended a meeting held for small grassroots organizations. Four agencies who may bid for MC were

	<p>present who shared information and talked about their services. They also met individually with the smaller organizations.</p> <p>Jim asked if Cowlitz was invited in Region 4.</p> <p>Lynette Jordan noted that they always share that Cowlitz Tribe has services in Region 4.</p> <p>Nancy D. noted that bidders will have to provide detail how they will work with tribes.</p> <p>Nancy also noted if pertinent legislation comes up, including on 2106, it will be set out on email listserve in red. Nancy reminded that if something is critical and/or needs quick response it will be sent out in red.</p> <p>Region 6 tribes/RAIO's said they have not been contacted by potential bidders.</p> <p>Lorraine Parlange noted that if there are contracts requirements with tribes to make sure they are measurable with specific remedies and sanctions.</p> <p>Trudy noted that a collaboration plan will be required each April on a 7.01 type matrix.</p> <p>Nancy noted that the Transformation Design Committee (TDC) has included compliance measurements with bonuses for compliance and sanctions for lack of compliance.</p> <p>Sophie asked if RAIO and tribes will be treated the same.</p> <p>Nancy said she does not now-will try to find out and will let folks know.</p>
<p>Recommended CA Policy Change (last minute agenda item added)</p> <p>Betsy Tulee</p>	<p>Children's Administration (CA) is recommending the discontinuation of the requirement that inquiries to Indian tribes be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested. These inquiries are used to determine if a child is Indian and if so, what their tribal affiliation is. The policy change will be to; 03.30 B. 'Identification of Child's Indian Status' in the Indian Child Welfare Manual. It currently reads '<i>The inquiry letter must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and documented in the file.</i>' The change will be to remove this sentence/requirement.</p> <p>The cost for sending to tribes in the United States is between \$5.00 and \$8.00 dollars and \$15.00 and \$18.00 to send to Canadian tribes. Reducing an unnecessary step will allow staff to focus on other necessary tasks related to safety, well being, and permanence, as well as saving a substantial amount of money.</p> <p>Many tribes have asked that these inquiries be faxed, emailed or mailed by standard postal mail particularly to local tribes. When they are sent certified mail return receipt requested tribal staff may have to go to the post office to retrieve the mail. This is an additional cost and workload for those tribes.</p> <p>Determining a child's tribal affiliation continues to be a top priority for CA. Social workers will still be required to send inquiries to tribes regarding tribal affiliation. Documentation is also required.</p> <p>Suggestions from participants;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA must make sure when faxing or emailing that the fax and email are secure and that the Tribe accepts these methods. • Make sure that when we provide information in any format that we provide it to the correct person and that we document who we send to, what we send and when. • Remind staff that this is specific to inquiries not legal notice. <p>This will be sent out on the ICW listserve for notice and feedback.</p>

<p>Child and Family Services Review Update</p> <p>Scott Steuby, CA</p>	<p>CA is currently waiting on the final report back from the federal government. Then CA will have 90 days to create the Program Improvement Plan (PIP). Handout distributed laying out the themes (will be emailed out to all on listserve). These themes are the areas of improvement we want to emphasize. This is still in the planning stage and CA welcomes input. They will fall under two main categories including Overarching Themes and Program Themes. Overarching Themes may include Racial Disproportionality and Training and Practice Consistency. Program Themes may include Child Safety, Timely Permanence, Family Engagement and Purchased Services.</p> <p>Scott noted that the federal reviewers were impressed with the ICW Case Review. CA welcomes tribal/RAIO input into the PIP development and plan to have a statewide symposium on January 18 with tribes and stakeholders. The goal is to include many of the folks who were involved in the CFSR. Scott asked best way to include tribal/RAIO input. CA is open to suggestions on how to accomplish this. Scott noted that Jann Hoppler is working with Region 10 to improve the CFSR-including the ICW portion and looks forward to consulting with IPAC.</p> <p>Helen Fenrich noted that the ICW Case Review is every other year-one meeting then a report. She would like to have the review every year. She also noted child fatalities are a huge issue in Indian country. She said sometimes clients do not feel safe, they need a safe place-maybe a consortium of tribes can meet this need.</p> <p>Jim Sherrill feels the ICW Case review sample is too small and it should happen every year-it is good but needs improvement. He also recommends each office review two ICW cases per month.</p> <p>Trudy Marcellay hopes that long term guardianships can be considered a permanent plan. She asked Scott to keep next CA-JRA IPAC Subcommittee open which is January 12, 2011. Scott asked for feedback as to what will work best in working with IPAC, tribe's and RAIO's.</p> <p>Jim Sherrill requested that tribes see the draft PIP document and be involved in the development.</p> <p>Phillip Ambrose advised CA team working on PIP to adhere to the Consultation and Communication Protocol contained in the 7.01 policy.</p> <p>Scott welcomed input, and/or questions. He can be reached at email scott.steuby@dshs.wa.gov or phone 206-923-4901.</p>
<p>JRA Updates Monica Reeves</p>	<p>Monica Reeves gave an update of the Tribal CJAA Workgroup that has been working to develop outcomes measures for the Tribal CJAA grants. With the implementation of Performance Based Contracts, the development of performance standards or "measurements" is key to awarding the grants. Monica Reeves will forward a copy of the measurement matrix to the committee for review and feedback. The application will also be changing for this new contract period coming up in July, with specific language changes to eligible youth, historical program data, and budget breakdown. Applications for the FY 2011-13 contracts will hopefully go out by March 1, 2011.</p> <p>Monica also updated the committee that Maple Lane School will be closing sometime between March and June of 2011.</p>

<p>Sandy Jsames, Economic Services Administration</p> <p>WorkFirst Time Limit Changes</p>	<p>Under federal TANF rules, a family’s TANF cash assistance must end when an adult on the grant has received at least 60 months of TANF cash assistance unless the adult qualifies for a time limit extension. From September 2002 to the present, all WorkFirst adults qualified for an extension. Starting February 1, 2011, there is a new set of WorkFirst time limit extensions and fewer adults will qualify. Up to 5,000 to 7,000 families may lose TANF cash aid.</p> <p>We reviewed the types of resources available for families who lose cash aid and confirmed we don’t end Medicaid and Basic Food. Emergency cash may be available to the family once a year within available funds. We also reviewed the rules for kinship caregivers, teen parents and two-parent families and how kinship caregivers may continue to receive cash aid for the children if they take themselves off the grant.</p> <p>Adults that have a child in court-ordered dependency for the first time may be approved for an up to six-month extension if the family is making progress towards reunification and for up to six months after the child returns home. In two parent families when both adults have 60 months or more of TANF, if one has had a child in dependency before, the state can keep the TANF open if the other adult has never had a child in dependency before.</p> <p>State staff will be screening cases for any state or tribal child welfare involvement. As agreed at the meeting, they will contact the tribal child placement system if it appears there is a first-time child dependency to get the confirmation needed to keep the case open. TANF or child welfare tribal liaisons can help identify a contact person for a case and Children’s headquarters or Phil Ambrose, Region 2 Office of Indian Policy also volunteered to assist.</p> <p>There was discussion about how this and other budget reductions may impact low-income families in Washington State. Please see a 2008 MDRC report for more information about other State’s TANF time limit policies, implementation and effects on families at http://www.mdrc.org/publications/481/full.pdf.</p>
<p>Independent Living (NYTD)</p> <p>Juliette Knight</p>	<p>Tribal Independent Living Program Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder was given to Tribes about the memo sent November 8 with an update about changes to the Independent Living Program. Tribes who submit for reimbursement and have not submitted the names and date of birth for youth being served in the Tribal IL program will not have their request processed until this information is provided. • Tribes also asked about the NYTD survey email alert they are receiving for youth turning 17; at this time the work around for this issue is to delete the email, our I.T department is aware of this issue and is working on a correction.

Foster care Licensing
Standards; DLR
WAC Revisions

Randy Roberts

Randy joined group to engage tribes/RAI's in WAC revisions to licensing out of home placements. The WAC revisions are specifically to WAC 388-148, 388-16 and 388-176; these apply to child foster homes, child placing agencies and group homes.

A 'draft, draft' has been developed and Denise Revels Robinson wants to ensure that CA that there is wide input starting with tribes and RAIOS.

Suggested Meeting Format

Subcommittee recommended that DLR host two meetings with the tribes in February to review the "draft" draft. One meeting will be held on the east side and the other on the west side (TBD).

Input from Subcommittee on Revision Project

- Review the 7.01 policy
- Be mindful of travel issues
- Meeting in person is preferable
- If possible, host meetings where tribes can meet together to review and edit.

Continuing Tribal Involvement

Subcommittee recommended that the tribe stay involved with the revision project beyond the February meetings by providing input to the revision project. DLR and IPAC will jointly determine further meetings with tribes.

Input from Subcommittee on Revision Project

1. DLR will review "first steps" plan with IPAC in January
2. DLR will schedule two tribal meetings in February to accommodate the east side and west side of the state.
3. DLR will release "draft" draft to tribal groups in February – prior to the first scheduled meetings.
4. DLR and IPAC will jointly determine format for continuing to receive input from tribes.