



JRA-CA IPAC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9th, 2009

In attendance:

Name	Tribe/Organization
Helen Fenrich	Tulalip Tribes
Lynette Jordan	United Indians of All Tribes
Laura Munn	Lower Elwha, Klallam Tribe
Jim Sherrill	Cowlitz Tribe
Monica Reeves	JRA, DSHS
Tom Tremaine	NW Justice Ctr.
Francis Cacalda	Muckleshoot Tribe
Linda Adkinson-by phone	ICW PM, Region 1
Summer Puckett	ACF, Region 10
Jane Jorgenson-by phone	CA, HQ
Nancy Dufraime	CA, HQ
Betsy Tulee	CA, HQ
Trudy Marcellay	DSHS, IPSS Region 6 South
Liz Mueller-by phone	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, IPAC Chair
Leslye Revey	Lummi Tribe
Don Milligan-by phone	STOWW
Robert Ludgate-by phone	Samish Nation
Roxanne Finney-by phone	ICW Program Manager, Region 4
Chris Robinson-by phone	Area Administrator, OICW, Region 4
Lyn Craik-by phone (case review discussion)	Supervisor, Statewide Case Review Team
Dana Phelps (TDC discussion)	CA, HQ
Jan Hoppler (TDC discussion)	CA, HQ

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Agenda Item	Discussion

<p>CA ICW Case Review</p> <p>Lyn Craik</p>	<p>Regional reviews occurred in all six regions during months of September, October and November. 217 cases were reviewed including CPS, FRS, FVS, and CFWS and included in home and out of home placement cases. 176 cases were reviewed during the 2007 case review. Some of the feedback in 2007 was to increase sample size so this was done. Each case was read by two persons, the questions remained the same as the 2007 review. Each review had about 10-12 reviewers including 15 volunteers from tribes and Recognized American Indian Organizations (RAIO's), two from the Office of Indian Policy and 17 CA staff including AA's and one RA. There will be regional reports and a statewide rollup. Hope to get it out sometime in January 2010.</p> <p>This review looked at additional elements this time including how many children were in foster care versus relative/fictive kin placements and how many children were from Washington State tribes and how many from out of state tribes.</p> <p>The report will report on strengths and areas needing improvement.</p> <p>Don M. asked about children who may be Indian but are not identified as Indian in the CA system. Lyn reported that this is addressed in the general case review through questions regarding inquiry into Indian status for all children in the CA system.</p> <p>Liz acknowledged and thanked the case review team.</p>
<p>Introduction of Denise Revels-Robinson</p>	<p>Denise Revels-Robinson introduced herself; she is the new CA Assistant Secretary. She looks forward to working in CA. Some of her priorities include safely reducing the number of children in out of home care and addressing disproportionality of Native American and African American children in our system. She is open to feedback, collaborative working relationships and has respect for tribal sovereignty. She assisted the development of tribal-state agreements in Minnesota, worked on including ICWA training and worked closely with the ICWA compliance officer and tribes in Minnesota. She found a need to work on early identification of Indian children and the importance of training supervisors.</p>
<p>Transformation Design Committee</p> <p>Dana Phelps And Jan Hoppler</p>	<p>All subcommittees have met. Trudy attends the site selection committee; Nancy is on the Outcomes committee; Gwen Gua participates on the finance committee and Liz is on the legal and practice committee. Dana noted there will be two phases to this; the first one is focused on performance based contractors and determining to what degree the practice model will be a part of the contracts that private agencies hold. The Practice Model includes solution based casework. Phase two will focus on the demonstration site. There will be two demonstration sites; one east of the mountains and one on the west side.</p> <p>The contractors will partially use FamLink; a firewall will need to be implemented between the payment and case management portion of FamLink.</p> <p>Liz said we need to ensure that ICW is weaved throughout the contracts and that the private agencies understand the need to contact and engage tribes.</p> <p>Trudy noted that tribes and RAIO's will have the opportunity be a part of the demonstration site.</p> <p>During the first phase we will change how we contract statewide; CA social workers will retain casework management but we will change how we purchase services. By 2011 we will revert to performance based contracts and reduce the number of overall contracts.</p> <p>The TDC is in the process of gathering a group of key communicators and hope</p>

	<p>that IPAC can assist by providing key communicators.</p> <p>You can access further information on an ongoing basis at the following website: www.accountabilityinchildwelfare.org</p>
<p>Washington State Indian Child Welfare Act (WSICWA)</p> <p>Liz Mueller And Tom Tremaine</p>	<p>The proposed legislation-WSICWA is intended to protect Indian children and families. Liz noted that a meeting was held with ten tribes represented who reviewed and made edits to this document.</p> <p>Tom said he spoke with Jack Trope and David Simmons who stated that it is important to clarify that this is not intended to terminate tribal state agreements or policies.</p> <p>Some concern was raised about giving LICWAC legal standing-it might be a real or perceived threat to tribal sovereignty. Clarify that tribal involvement takes precedence.</p> <p>Trudy asked about next steps; Tom said final edits will be made then it will be handed off to legislative sponsors.</p> <p>Nancy noted that this should go through the Office of Indian Policy.</p> <p>Liz will ask for an informal review by AAG's.</p> <p>Nancy noted this must be a tribally-driven effort because it requires the Tribes to lobby their legislators</p>
<p>JRA Updates</p> <p>Monica Reeves</p>	<p>The Governor's proposed budget was released that identified proposed impacts to JRA residential programs. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing two wings at Green Hill School • Closing a unit at Maple Lane School • Closing 2 units at Naselle Youth Camp and maintaining 50 beds for Dept. of Natural Resource work crew beds. • Regarding CJAA, a 5% reduction is proposed which will potentially decrease the tribal CJAA unobligated funds, which will not affect current tribal CJAA contracts.
<p>FamLink Updates</p> <p>Nancy Dufraime</p>	<p>Phase Two of FamLink is under way. Tribal access program is being developed. It will start with view only and then expand to input access as well. Tribes' will be able to check on children who are members or eligible for membership as well as other Indian children that reside on their reservation or that they have jurisdiction over. Training will be set up for tribes and then specific staff from tribes will be given access. Regional staff from CA will provide the training, technical assistance and trouble shooting.</p>
<p>Matrix Update</p>	<p>Reviewed and updated matrix. See attached matrix. The matrix can also be found at the following OIP website: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/oip/ipac.shtml.</p> <p>The group asked that tribes let CA IPAC know if the issue of the cost of background checks has been resolved. Please feel free to provide feedback on this topic.</p>