

## **IPAC Minutes**

April 12, 2007

**Invocation and Welcome:** Liz Mueller welcomed the members and Jim SiJohn gave the invocation.

**Roll Call:** Twenty IPAC delegates were present at roll call; four more delegates arrived later; we had a quorum.

Blake Chard welcomed the Delegates and discussed legislative activities. Of the ten bills the Secretary's office originally submitted for legislative consideration, one bill failed in the first cutoff, eight have passed the House and the Senate, and the last one is pending. Of note are the deficit reduction act (which passed), TANF, and the background check bill.

The recommended increase of \$1,782,000 for ICW has passed both houses, and allocation discussions have begun. IPAC will be included in that process.

A delegate asked whether the increased treatment expansion funding from DASA last session would be eliminated in next biennium. She expressed concern that Tribes had not been contacted for discussion on the subject. Blake pledged to respond by the end of the meeting.

### **Economic Services Administration**

Sam Senn, Deputy Secretary

Sam Senn announced ESA plans to meet with the Tribes during June and July to discuss WAC development for regulations affecting state and Tribal TANF programs. IPAC members signed up during the January meeting to participate in the roundtable discussions. Delegates who are unable to attend the meetings are invited to provide input by phone, email or letters to Sarah Colleen Sotomish at 360-725-4661 or [Sotomsc@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Sotomsc@dshs.wa.gov).

ESA will move 1.5 FTE to child support division.

The second annual ACF Region 10 Tribal – State Child Support Conference will be in Spokane June 11-14. Contact Nancy Mathieson at 206-615-3668 or [nancy.mathieson@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:nancy.mathieson@acf.hhs.gov) to register.

Sam discussed deficit reduction and changes in WorkFirst and Tribal TANF. Federal participation changes make it harder for states to meet requirements, which might reduce federal TANF block grants. Other changes include plans related to participation rate, additional state funding for pre-WorkFirst, and approval for more full time vocational participation.

A delegate raised the issue of rural accessibility to services.

David Stillman discussed the change in funding structure for child support. ESA has requested funding from the legislature to make up for the loss of incentives the deficit reduction act caused.

ESA will begin collecting co-pays and deductibles for medical support. ESA has traditionally enforced the health insurance regulation against non-custodial parents, which they now must enforce against custodial parents, as well.

The ability to “pass through” child support to families on TANF is scheduled for implementation October 1, 2008; Washington hopes to exercise that option. It will not be considered in calculation of TANF grants.

The state will now limit collection of child support to only the months the family is on assistance.

The noncompliance sanction policy started September 1, 2006. Employees have worked hard to successfully help people avoid sanction.

Rebecca Henry, Project Coordinator, discussed the Tribal Eligibility Pilot, which includes two Tribes that operate Tribal TANF Programs. Requests for RFPs were sent to Tribes January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>. RFPs are due April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be evaluated between April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>. Participation is welcome.

A delegate asked when ACES would reflect tribal affiliation. This is still in process, including education and training issues. Staff are working on it and will report to IPAC once it's done.

### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Kelly Franklin, Field Services Administrator

Kelly Franklin discussed a proposal to work with Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) programs on a particular technology program that would be available to current Tribal VR programs, and also stated there is an opportunity to talk with tribes that do not have VR programs about how to access the program. The system Kelly described has intake and case management pieces, and a Federal reporting element. Anyone interested in using the software may contact Paul Cox at 360-725-3639 or [coxpi@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:coxpi@dshs.wa.gov). The software was developed and is maintained by DVR.

Kelly said DVR is working to try to find increased access into the work force for people with disabilities.

### **Introductions**

Present: Liz Mueller, Helen Fenrich, Jim Sijohn, Lawrence Hall, Kathirine Horne, Elizabeth Griffin Hall, Gwen Gau, Julie Jefferson, Sandra Kint, June O'Brien, Ricki Peone-Haugen, Doug Meyer, Jonette Reyes, Jim Sherill, Marilyn Olson, Sharon Hamilton Curley, Martha Holliday, Ronda Metcalf, Judy Heinemann, Janeen Comenote, Rosi Francis, Cheryl Miller, Pat Gans, Norine Wells and Doug North

The Chair recognized the new delegate, Janeen Comenote, from United Indians of All Tribes. Janeen commented United Indians had been out of IPAC since Bernie Whitebear passed, and she is glad to be involved again. She congratulated Washington tribes for allowing Indian Organizations to be at the table. Many delegates welcomed Janeen and invited her to visit their Tribes.

## **10:30 Break**

### **Juvenile Rehabilitation & Children's Administrations**

Cheryl Sullivan-Colglazier

Discussion involved the need for shared resources between Tribes and JRA to assure youth are identified and their Tribes notified of their incarceration. The delegates discussed juvenile offenders who go through the Tribal court system; some will reoffend because there aren't enough resources to help them. JRA said they hope to work with the Tribe to try to find more resources.

Jim Sijohn discussed young people who are arrested in Seattle, for example, who will not self identify as Native Americans, with the result being the inability to notify the tribe that their youth is incarcerated. Jim asked that JRA staff contact the tribe to let them know where their young people are.

Cheryl said JRA is looking for ideas about how to more safely engage youth who are in the system. One way is to provide culturally relevant activities, such as a sweat lodge. JRA is open to ideas about how to help identify the Native Youth in order to notify their Tribes. Jonette said Tribal people need to address encouraging their youth to self identify when incarcerated and that Tribal and home leaders need to go to the facilities and help address the needs of their youth.

Marilyn Olson commented that the \$9,000 grant awarded each year wasn't enough to accomplish its intended goal.

Judy Heinemann stated Samish Tribe has decided not to reapply because the award is too small to adequately provide prevention activities. Tribes have asked for information on existing programs for youth leaving incarceration and about who follows up on the services they need after exiting the facilities. Youth who currently access those services tend to be those who participate in their culture during incarceration.

When Tribes/Organizations don't use their entire grant, the remaining funds can be distributed to other Tribes and Organizations. Liz suggested since grants are evidence based, maybe JRA and the Tribes/RAIOs should review how Tribes/RAIOs can use the money to provide better mental health services for their youth.

Funding is statutorily tied to the programs, but JRA is able to look at different funding streams and other ways to use the money. Those participating in assessment and other workgroups can review the process and options.

Liz asked for feedback on configuring the IPAC meeting without breakouts, or having two-day meetings twice a year. IPAC will address this with the DSHS if needed. Liz also asked whether delegates feel they have enough opportunity for input at committee meetings.

The first edited draft of Children's Administration's model agreement with a tribe was completed March 22<sup>nd</sup>; copies were included in delegates' packets.

The ICW Case File Review Team will review files in each region. The quality review, which has been used for several years, had five questions; the new tool has twenty-

eight. The reviews will be completed between June and August, with training for the six eastern Washington reviewers May 10<sup>th</sup> in Spokane and May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Seattle. Additional reviewers are welcome to volunteer by contacting Liz Mueller (360-681-4628; [lmuller@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:lmuller@jamestowntribe.org)) or Betsy Tulee (425-673-3269; [tube300@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:tube300@dshs.wa.gov)).

Nancy announced additional LICWAC trainings are being provided. The first was held in late March and had 60 participants, with at least one participant from each LICWAC. Twenty two questions were generated; Nancy will provide the answers to IPAC delegates, program individuals, and those attending the trainings.

A consultation is scheduled with the Tribes on May 30<sup>th</sup> to address funding distribution and the State/Tribal agreement.

The workgroup has been formed to develop a funding distribution methodology; the current funding distribution will continue. The workgroup's third meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup> in Olympia. The workgroup reviewed three funding options so far. The workgroup will meet twice more before submitting a proposal for Tribal consultation. The two formulae under consideration use BIA versus IHS population numbers. Delegates were asked to contact Nancy (360- 902-7578) or Colleen (360-902-7819) to submit any other ideas for consideration, or they can present it at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.. The results of the first workgroup were included in delegates' packets. The final draft will be released May 22<sup>nd</sup> so Tribal leaders can review it in time for discussion on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Liz urged delegates to encourage their Tribal Leaders to attend the May 30<sup>th</sup> consultation. The spreadsheets with the funding options under consideration have been emailed to the tribal delegates and workgroup members. Discussion followed related to the accuracy of BIA versus IHS population data.

Nancy discussed another item for consultation related to disparity in services, inter-regionally and intra-regionally. She suggested developing a template to identify the relationship and implementation of services available for all children in Washington, and mentioned Tribal children have more difficulty accessing the services. Common areas in the template would include definitions, introductions, etc., but the majority of information would be unique to the individual Tribe and local office.

Discussion followed about distribution. One option would be to disregard the historical allotments and compare 70/30 and 50/50 spreads based on BIA population numbers. This would eliminate the result of piecemeal distribution in past years that resulted in uneven funding

**The assembly broke for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.**

*Liz asked that all Delegates' and Alternates' resolutions be updated if necessary.*

Jonette Reyes announced the Hoh Tribe had acquired 162 acres of land.

Doug announced that Lisa Rey Thomas from University of Washington would present at the Indian Health Conference October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at Suquamish.

### **Aging and Disability Services Administration**

Terry Marker, HCS Assistant Director, for Bill Moss, HCS Director

Liz Prince from Home and Community Services Division (HCS) spoke about the Money Follows the Person Grant. Washington is one of seventeen states (38 applied) that were funded for this Federal grant, which comes with many strings attached. Ms. Prince hopes to meet with small planning groups over next few months; she can be reached at 360-725-2561, or [prince@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:prince@dshs.wa.gov).

Handouts in delegates' packets included an internet resource guide for kinship caregivers, a competition for children's writing, and an announcement about the September 6-9 NICOA conference in Washington, DC.

There are discrepancies in Tribal home healthcare billing; an internal workgroup has met to determine whether DSHS or the Department of Health (DOH) should work on the policy. IPAC Delegates will be notified of the May meeting; HRSA will provide individual training on billing for each Tribal clinic or program.

Marilyn Olson described an ongoing issue with the AAA, which resulted in a letter to the governor, who replied that DSHS would work on the issue. Terry said a resolution would be worked out by the July 12<sup>th</sup> IPAC meeting.

The HRSA Committee meets by conference call on the Tuesday before each IPAC meeting. Sharon Curley and Sharri Dempsey discussed working with Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) on 7.01 plans. Sharon and Sharri also discussed the need for AAAs to be held accountable to the contract in a meaningful way.

Terry asked delegates to contact Dan Murphy from the State Unit on Aging if an AAA is not participating. He discussed the May 24<sup>th</sup> statewide meeting between the Tribes and the thirteen AAAs (OB-2 Lookout Room). Topics would include better accountability for 7.01 planning and follow through.

Marilyn Olson reminded the group that Tribal Program Managers and AAA staff don't have decision making authority. She said for a more effective system, State officials should direct AAA to comply with contracts, just as Tribal Governments direct their people's activities.

**Assignment:** IPAC agreed to write a letter to Secretary Arnold-Williams reflecting the need for an agreement with ADSA.

### **Health and Recover Services Administration**

Doug Porter, Assistant Secretary

The Tribal Mental Health (TMH) workgroup has reformed; TMH workgroups are scheduled to meet April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> at OB2 in the SL-03 conference room. Steve Norsen will send information from the April 10<sup>th</sup> conference call about CLIP data will be sent to Delegates prior to the July IPAC. The Mental Health Division has committed to keeping IPAC delegates updated on any legislative activities and the MH workgroup will also provide quarterly updates. Tribes will receive information packets about what RSNs are doing in specific Tribal areas.

Tribes are encouraged to apply for the new Tribal Mental Health mini-grant.

The July matrix will include work on DASA's government to government contracting process related to tribes determining how they will use funds.

Blake asked delegates to bring issues to him sooner rather than later in order to address them as they happen.

Jonette Reyes discussed the time spent reporting data to DASA for the small amount of funding they receive. Blake will visit the Hoh Reservation May 15<sup>th</sup> and will spend time with Jonette on this issue. Blake wants to get more information about the process in order to help improve it.

Blake discussed DASA allocations, saying that in 2005, DASA allocated \$1,389,000 additional dollars for treatment expansion and Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) to Tribes using a distribution formula. The funding was for the current biennium only, and isn't guaranteed to be available for the 2007-'09 biennium. The Governor's budget recommended reduction in treatment expansion dollars, totaling \$1.9 million for children, and \$1.4 million for adults. The Senate budget recommended the same for adults; but for children, they targeted prevention dollars totaling \$3,468,000. As soon as Blake has final budget information he will communicate it to the Tribes. He will also continue to work with DASA's fiscal people, update IPAC and work to continue to improve communication.

Blake clarified he is not yet sure how the new \$1.389 million will be allocated. Blake requested an analysis (fiscal note) by April 13<sup>th</sup> about any impact the loss of funding would have on the program.

Judy Heinemann asked if a spend down would be required, and whether IPAC could submit a letter to the legislature. Liz answered that Tribes can write such letters but IPAC cannot. Jonette recommended Tribes applying their lobbyists to this issue.

Liz recommended that Tribes get their billing done related to DASA and ICW as funding is sometimes left over at the end of the year.

Richard Kellogg discussed the May 24<sup>th</sup> statewide Tribal/RSN meeting. The group agreed to decide on agenda items at the Tribal caucus on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and will email the agenda to Richard and the rest of the committee Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Building relationships with the RSNs is the main goal.

Roger Gantz discussed SHB 1201: Medical Coverage for Children Leaving Foster Care. This bill would extend medical coverage until age 21 for 18 year olds leaving the foster care system. A centralized Medical Eligibility Determination Services (MEDS) office will help track the extensions.

DSHS has a directive to assure continuity of coverage across programs for children. This will ensure continuity of coverage while the individual is between children's and adult systems.

Roger also provided an update on Medical Administrative Match (MAM) Cost Allocation Plan (CAP). MAM CAP allows Tribes to be reimbursed for providing outreach activities. In 2002 or 2003, HRSA submitted a cost allocation plan to CMS to align their contracts. (Washington's cost allocation plan is being used as a model for other states.) HRSA

contracts with 23 federally recognized Tribes. Delegates from Tribes that are not contracted but want to learn more or start the process are invited to contact Roger at 360-735-1626.

Todd Slettvet complimented HRSA on collaborating with the Tribes.

Roger provided an update on Primary Care Case Management (PPCM). HRSA met with Tribes April 5<sup>th</sup>, where they decided HRSA would develop a checklist for Tribes to meet CMS monitoring requirements, continue existing contracts through this year, and then new contracts would reflect CMS' additional reporting requirements.

Next, Roger reported on the Tribal billing workgroup. They are in a two year process to develop a billing document for Tribes to use to bill DSHS. Next steps will include inserting diagnostic codes. Roger clarified that when Tribes are paid by DSHS for MH services, it does not negate requirement for the RSN to provide services on reservations. Training for Tribal billing staff will continue in the fall.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Liz introduced Cindy Trokey, new Assistant for IPSS.

The meeting adjourned at 3 pm.