

TSCG minutes  
 Thursday, February 11, 2010  
 Juneau, AK

Minutes: **Agenda item for next TSCG= RED**

Topic	Discussions
<b>Cultural sharing</b>	<p>-Kristie Swanson spoke about her Norwegian heritage. Spoke about ethnic values, culture, respect for elders, and values</p> <p>- Vicki Koehler spoke about her Scandanavian/Norwegian/German/Irish heritage. Spoke about the relatives who were influential in her life.</p> <p><b>*next cultural sharing Maude Hopson &amp; Phil Kaufman</b></p>
<b>Caucus report outs</b>	<p>OCS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Statewide coordinator role/responsibilities: web pages</li> <li>2. Role of ICWA specialist, OCS will form committee to discuss the supervision contacts</li> <li>3. GANTT discussions</li> <li>4. Need for increase communication with tribes for GANTT</li> <li>5. Tammy’s outlined plan for “tribal case management”</li> </ol> <p>*Tammy thanked Lou Johnson for participating in Statewide Coordinator hiring process</p> <p>Tribes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tribal licensed FH ( in draft form)</li> <li>2. CIP- will forward 4 identified reps to Superior Judge overseeing CIP</li> <li>3. Open issues</li> <li>4. IV-B</li> <li>5. ASFA changes being incorporated into tribal licensing issues</li> <li>6. Placement notification issues, how to track             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issues that tribes not getting notices of changes, dates, addresses</li> <li>- ICWA compliance grant paperwork- addresses                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Intent is to increase placement preference</li> <li>b. Need to get copy of document requirements</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li>7. <b>“non-parental third party custody”</b>: Malinda Beiler discussed             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Washington state has a custody transfer to another person.</li> <li>b. No TPR</li> <li>c. parents have to agree</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Web page for TSCG- Tammy Sandoval will follow up with Susan Morgan and will update TSCG co-chairs</li> <li>9. Le spoke about other options of placement, bonding issues, commitment of placements with tribal resolution. Several people spoke about no late placement changes, this will be like the RFA. <b>Sue Frisby will do presentation about variance process</b></li> </ol> <p><b>*will be research and brought back- discuss at tribal caucus</b></p>

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Regional Intake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-OCS wants to move towards regionalized intake process.</li> <li>- Talking points handed out.</li> <li>- will “pilot” in NRO, will be supported by Manniliq, Barrow, Sharon, Maude, Jason</li> <li>- will “pilot” in SERO, will be supported by Tlingit-Haida and Ketichikan</li> <li>- with evaluation component</li> <li>- <b>Standing agenda item on updates for regionalized intake</b></li> </ul>
	<p>Tribal response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vicki Koehler (Bethel ONC), not in favor in centralized screening is in Wasilla (Bethel), she handed Tammy 2 –page summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. language issues/barrier</li> <li>b. unable to get all the information</li> <li>c. doesn’t believe that centralization is the answer</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Augie Kochuten, Ninilchick, votes no</li> <li>3. Malinda Beiler, APIA, willing to try something new</li> <li>4. Michele Dakai, manniliq, agree to regional intake, concerned of past history of intake, centralized call center would be more proactive in</li> <li>5. Vide Van Velzer from Kenaitze tribe, want state to contract tribes to so intake in their area</li> <li>6. Cindy Harrington, KANA, want local supervisor to be advised, but agree to better efficiency</li> <li>7. Tlingit-Haida, Le Florendo, questions being asked to reporter, about training issues and also stated that initial petitions should have all relative information. Would agree to a trial run somewhere.</li> <li>8. Sharon Sparks, Kawerak, wanted to make sure collateral follow up would be a part of the intake process, agrees to regionalized intake</li> <li>9. James labelle supports having education and evaluation process</li> </ol>
	<p>OCS workers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dennis stated that regional intake could standardize the process and support not allowing individuals to control outcomes</li> <li>2. Natalie Powers stated that regional intake could support being available all the time</li> <li>3. Linda Fiechtl stated workers can be trained for cultural competency issues</li> <li>4. Coleen Turner discussed reporters were majority from mandated reporters but they said they would call wherever they need to call</li> <li>5. Travis Erickson stated understanding both sides</li> <li>6. Kristie Swanson- local offices can speak with local folks but formal reports will come out of a regional office and resource allocation issues</li> <li>7. Tammy suggest possibly trying 1 region and problem solve</li> <li>8. Phil kaufman discussed that intake is highly specialized and that ARO has been doing this. Concerns that is not regionalized, then workers may not be specialized</li> <li>9. Steve Hudson states comes down to accountability</li> </ol>

<p><b>ICWA compliance grant w/ Sandi Benzel</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- passed out 1st quarter report</li> <li>- went over general information on process from Curyung to grants, will be on next TSCG in May</li> <li>- required to provide list of children in out of home (?) to grantees</li> <li>- service array, funding grants and contracts for all grantees to come to anchorage, for logic model training. Le Florendo stated that linear process of logic model is hard to make sense. Stated that meeting would be April 7-9</li> <li>- through e-grants grantees can send revisions</li> <li>- awaiting budgeting approval from legislation</li> <li>- request that "continuation grant" update ASAP from Sandi</li> </ul>
<p><b>Report outs</b></p>	<p><b>BBNA:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. have found 2 licensed Native Foster homes through the ICWA compliance grants.</li> <li>2. Monthly children's service staff meeting</li> <li>3. Quarterly OCS meetings</li> <li>4. Need update licensed FH for disaster plan</li> <li>5. Compare on data issues with BBNA and Sandi Benzel</li> <li>6. Was on the hiring for ICWA statewide coordinator job</li> <li>7. KWYA, late April</li> </ol> <hr/> <p><b>Maniilaq:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ICWA Brochure started in draft</li> <li>2. ICWA compliance grant money :       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. going towards ICWA trainings (3 days), would like Kotzebue OCS staff to be present</li> <li>b. will increase FH by 3</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. KWYA was completed in Kotzebue, went well</li> <li>4. Social services has: title IV-E, IV-B, and RSS grants</li> </ol> <hr/> <p><b>Tlingit-Haida:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ICWA compliance grant:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ICWA help desk- Betty Marvin (current)= checks tribal and regional Sealaska enrollment</li> <li>b. 5 possible new foster homes in process</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. SEARHC co-located a position in Tlingit-haida</li> <li>3. FASD conference next week in Juneau</li> <li>4. Marilyn Doyle on RSS: in home services, referrals from OCS, challenge to get referrals from OCS, now doing supervised visitation program</li> <li>5. Facilitated 1<sup>st</sup> family group conference- successful</li> </ol>

<b>Report outs:</b>	<b>APIA:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2<sup>nd</sup> annual urban culture camp was completed, need more teenagers. Open to anyone.</li> <li>2. ICWA compliance grant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Brought in 3 ICWA workers for licensing covers</li> <li>b. CORE foster parenting training</li> <li>c. 7 new native homes in process of license of in process</li> <li>d. Phone cards for family contacts</li> <li>e. Worker regional travel, case work, FH search</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Monthly King Salmon meetings with OCS are being missed</li> <li>4. Discuss needs of Unalaska OCS worker</li> </ol>
	<b>Chickaloon:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Had a ICWA reporter training</li> <li>2. Teleconference 2-23-10, Knik tribal office</li> <li>3. Working with CITC for ICWA compliance grants</li> </ol>
	<b>SERO ICWA:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Juneau field office and T&amp;H going out on initial assessment</li> <li>2. T&amp;H shared cultural foods and culture in gathering</li> <li>3. Wendy at KIC has been collaborating well</li> <li>4. (2) new icwa workers Marge Edais-yeltatzie in Metlakatla and Wendy Weston in Ketchikan</li> </ol>
	<b>ARO ICWA:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ICWA specialist will be posted soon</li> <li>2. ANFP unit vacancy will be posted soon</li> <li>3. Clinical consultant Joni Bennett is present</li> <li>4. Had first QA for ANFP unit</li> <li>5. Staff managers Kaufman and reed have switched supervisions</li> <li>6. PIP- drafting area response</li> <li>7. 3 native groups came to OCS to celebrate Native Heritage Month</li> <li>8. ARDT (anchorage regional disproportionality team) still meeting</li> </ol>
	<b>Nome:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New 58 page to empower tribal court issues</li> <li>2. Working on family services policy and procedure manual</li> <li>3. Recently hired Bruce Klein, helped with financial support, funding</li> <li>4. Nome currently looking to expand capacity to serve community with treatment center</li> <li>5. Anchorage office at OCS will be unstaffed until end of school year</li> <li>6. 5 of 7 beds filled in Nome Eskimo home</li> </ol>

<b>Report outs:</b>	<b>Ninilchick:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Augie (tribal worker) just started 11-2-10</li> <li>2. Working on building relationships with Kenai area offices of OCS</li> <li>3. No tribal court, 1 tribal judge</li> <li>4. Participates in CITC ICWA grant group</li> <li>5. Kenaitze is handling some Ninilchick cases</li> <li>6. Will look into IV-B information</li> <li>7. Have only 1 native foster home</li> </ol>
	<b>NRO OCS:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. KWYA workshops</li> <li>2. Tea gathering to honor 20 elders, guided by guy peters, will work in partnership, next Tea is April/2010</li> <li>3. RPC (residential placement committee), starting acute TDM's, no facility placement sin 5 weeks</li> <li>4. Need folks continuous quality unit</li> <li>5.</li> </ol>
	<b>Kawerak:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Radio spots, recruitment, engaging regional schools to develop calendar</li> <li>2. Create first foster parent association</li> <li>3. Working on internal programs</li> <li>4. Family fun night, family wellness programs</li> <li>5. Had KWYA and ICWA training</li> </ol>
	<b>ASNA:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed suicide training</li> <li>2. ICWA compliance coordinator position is vacant</li> <li>3. Will be getting CORE curriculum to Barrow</li> </ol>
	<b>SCRO:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Several staff hires, many turn over</li> <li>2. KWYA all over region</li> <li>3. Family Contact training completed</li> <li>4. ICWA liason Gwen started</li> <li>5. Family to family roll out in Matsu, permission to hire TDM facilitator</li> <li>6. ICWA specialist out on medical leave</li> </ol>
	<b>RSS</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bethel ONC in process of being added</li> <li>2. Nome will look into IV-B plan</li> </ol>
	<b>KIC (Ketchikan Indian Community)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More integrate work, now working with therapist and counselor</li> </ol>

<b>Report outs:</b>	Kodiak (KANA) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Internal agency communication</li> <li>2. Compliance grant working well</li> <li>3. Just got 1 new foster home</li> <li>4. Child protection teams</li> <li>5. Puts on child maltreatment conferences</li> <li>6. Loved the OCS PSA's</li> </ol>
	Barrow: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working on collaborations with children services: north Slope Burrough, OCS, Native village of Barrow, ASNA, etc</li> <li>2. No ICWA compliant grants</li> </ol>
	ICWA Help Desk: Beverly Oskolkoff <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New certifiers for KWYA</li> <li>2. Helping out with other ICWA help desk</li> </ol>
	CITC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supports ANFP unit, stabilizing well with new clinical supervisor</li> <li>2. Internal coordination, a general intake for all services</li> <li>3. ICWA compliance grant:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Working on regular meetings</li> <li>b. Staffing training issues</li> <li>c. 2 different ICWA help desk: gwen emil 232-8660 cell and Vide Von Vezelor</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Data</b>	James and Dennis discussed narrowing down statistics: native and non native <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. # of native children in custody</li> <li>2. # of placement moves</li> <li>3. Out of placements</li> <li>4. Length of care: out of home and legal custody</li> <li>5. Undetermined</li> <li>6. Broken down statewide and region wide</li> </ol> <p>*send to co-chairs, by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March from marcus gho</p>
<b>IV-B plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looking through OCS PIP, some prior goals were sent out to tribes, K Swanson did not get response, tribes please send response whether you agree or not</li> <li>- Tribes stated that when there is no response, tribally that means they are in agreement</li> <li>- CFSP goals copied and handed out</li> <li>- Would like to use Google docs, try to up and run by middle April, for updated plans</li> </ul>
<b>SKILS advisory Group</b>	Curriculum has been revised and enhance based on the feedback from advisory group, with intent to implement in March <p>*co-chairs will get a copy</p>

<b>KWYA</b>	Working on new calendar and working with ACFR center to have foster parents have access. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will send list of trainers and certifiers, calendars</li> <li>- Look into KWYA 201 process</li> </ul>
<b>Next WPIC/TSCG dates</b>	Monday 5/10/10- 1:00 pm ICWA compliance group
	Tuesday 5/11/10- work groups WPIC
	Wednesday 5/12/10- separate time with terry & Patty (am), WPIC (pm)
	Thursday 5/13/10- TSCG
	Friday 5/14/10- ICWA compliance group, IV-E

\*send cheat sheet of CFSP 5 year plan with minutes, abbreviation list, email list,

**AGENDA items for next TSCG:**

1. non-parental third party custody- handout on facts by Malinda Beiler
2. Sue Frisby will do presentation about variance process
3. next cultural sharing Maude Hopson & Phil Kaufman
4. Standing agenda item on updates for regionalized intake
5. ½ day ICWA compliance grants :
  - a. request that “continuation grant” update ASAP from Sandi
6. send data issues to co-chairs
7. Iv-B/CFPS 5 year plan, need a lot of time

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