

TRIBAL/STATE COLLABORATION GROUP
Spring Meeting – Anchorage
May 13, 2010

TSCG Meeting 5.13.10

- Blessing – Louisa, Arctic Slope Native Association, Barrow
- Introductions & house-keeping items
- Discussed what happens after August 1, 2010 (Tammy's resignation), Patrick Hefley believes that someone will be hired and State will not have to have someone in acting status. The hope is that OCS has committed to the WPIC work and will continue with the new leadership coming.
- Maude Hopson *Phil Kaufman did cultural Sharing
Next TSCG cultural sharing will be Vide Vanvelzor & Tarrin Reed

● **Data Presentation – Marcus Gho**

Group discussed where "race" is coming from in ORCA and if it is consistent. There are several places this could be captured, the internal message is that this need to be identified. Concerns were from the amount of "undetermined". Jason raised concerns that Marcus' out-of-home Daily Count Slide highlights institutional racism and is asking for more studies on this subject.

- OCS has posted a non-perm ICWA review position in Southcentral to fill in while Bridget is out on leave. Jennifer Showalter with Kenaitze would be interested. Possible future discussion of Tribal access to ORCA to help out with racial and tribal identification.

- **Regionalized Intake:** NRO and SERO have been involved in meeting communities and letting them know Regionalized intake will be active. SERO currently is engaged in this process. Anchorage has expanded its intake unit for more help. Discussions that there is a specialized curriculum training for intake and even though OCS cannot control reports, but if we screen in a standardized way we should be able to start to effect disproportionality.

- discussions of notices and referrals: OCS can send copies of screened-in PSR's , could be at intake or initial assessment level. The State has committed to have ICWA workers look at a standardized protocol (draft by June 30).

Afternoon Session – 5.13.10

Presentation on Facing Foster Care in Alaska – Amanda Metivier

- Rasmussen Grant and Casey funding to put together story telling
- Kristie gave a couple of highlights for the **Child and Family Services Plan Annual Progress Services Report**. She will also share at a tribal caucus meeting. There are new training reimbursement level for Tribal IV-E partners.

- A. Help with collaboration – how to collaborate with Tribes that do not attend TSCG
 1. Might want to look at working closer with BIA
 2. AFN is also a great collaboration resource
 3. Tribal Providers Conference has ICWA workshops
 4. Use of the radio in the North Slope
- B. Tribal IV-E Maintenance- State office is in process of drafting a plan
OCS should have some specifics outlined for the October meeting for Tribes to look at.

- **Tribal Concerns Flow Chart** (drafted by Dennis) was passed out
What to do from the very beginning of a concern, What to do if it doesn't get resolved
Recommendation to change: Tribe to Contact ICWA Regional Specialist and Staff Manager should read and/or Staff Manager

• August Meeting Dates (WPIC work, not Full TSCG)

Juneau
August 3, 4, and 5 (Tuesday through Thursday)
Friday the 6th will be a workgroup

More information will go out later
Encourage the Tribes to think about who they should be bringing
This is a mini-conference **and really should include direct service workers**

• NEXT TSCG is October:

Discussion about how long we need for the October meeting and Lou took chart notes about the pluses and minuses of this meeting:

Pluses were: Workgroups; Tribal caucus; cultural sharing; communication exercise; state caucus with Terry; leadership training; open and courageous conversations are happening; commitment to draft protocols to share information; and building good working relationships.

Minuses were: No time for dialog between OCS and Tribes; no time for regional groups; data needs to be provided in advance of the meeting; caucus priorities; address items within workgroups; hotel rates had gone up on May 3rd (just before this meeting); it is hard to reserve blocks of rooms when folks don't show up; and we need to have an orientation for new people.

●October TSCG Meeting

Grace graciously offered the use of the APIA building for our meeting, but she needs to check and make sure it's available. She will let Dennis know.

It was determined that TSCG activity needs to take place before any WPIC activity. CHINA court training has been scheduled for Wednesday 10/6. TSCG will have to be scheduled around that date (because many members wished to attend this training).

There should be a one-half to one-hour orientation for new folks on the first morning (in order to get them up to speed before TSCG).

The group came up with two different choices (based on Terry Cross' availability).

First Choice

Tuesday - 10/5	8:00 – 9:00 9:00 – 12:00 1:30 – 4:30	New member orientation Separate caucuses Joint TSCG report out
Wednesday - 10/6	All Day	Court CHINA training
Thursday – 10/7	8:30 – 12:00 1:30 – 4:30	TSCG WPIC Workgroup
Friday – 10/8	8:30 – 4:30	WPIC Work / Workgroup

Second Choice

Monday – 10/4	8:00 – 9:00 9:00 – 12:00 1:30 – 4:30	New member orientation Separate caucuses Joint TSCG report out
Tuesday – 10/5	8:30 – 4:30	TSCG
Wednesday 10/6	All Day	Court CHINA training
Thursday 10/7	All Day	WPIC Work / Workgroups

- **KWYA- Knowing Who You Are:** getting new facilitators, and increasing capacity. If anyone knows anyone who wants to attend, please contact Dennis

- Francine - Tribal concerns: Hanging Kaltag concern (case of an adoption where the court decided that the Tribe did not have the right to allow an adoption for a family who were not a tribal member)

To Do's for next TSCG:

1. re-schedule Sue Frisby for variances discussions
2. invite John Moller – Gov's rural advisor