

Wednesday February 8, 2012

Afternoon session:

Welcome/Introductions, house-keeping items, guiding principles

Rhea sailors – new deputy commissioner OCS

Presentation by Naomi Harris (Community Relations OCS) re: Legislative process (see handout and brochure)

Hearings are archived, you can get the audio version and share with your organization. You can get a MP3, transcript, or contact your local LIO to get you the information you need.

Don't underestimate the value and importance of your input. Sometimes it only takes one or two people to get things "rolling" when things are in session. Legislators love to meet with their constituents. Talking to them and inviting them to your organization will help you build a relationship with them and it will make it easier for you to talk to them about issues in your area.

Add to May's agenda the possibility of getting in touch with the Bush Caucus for court training.

Positive collaboration/success sharing:

Christy Lawton – shared a publication for DHSS, a handout – resource guide for parents and guardians, and partnerships annual report (see handouts).

**Contact Naomi Harris for copies of Resource Guides!!**

Posters, mouse pads and key chains have been made up that say "call your Tribal partner today".

Tribal Behavioral Health Person?

**Send Christy Lawton invitation to Regional Conference.**

NEC added second position to Anchorage office. OCS would like to have a Tribal partner located at the OCS office....contact Sarah Childress. (per Christy Lawton)

Send Naomi Harris an email to let her know my contact information so she can send more Resource Guides.

CASA training next week.

One position left on the Native Unit.

Go over QAR for IV-E with Kristie on Friday.

CINA rule went up for public comment, due March 7<sup>th</sup>. Go on [courts.alaska.gov](http://courts.alaska.gov) - second bullet on the top.

ONC – healthy families program is going well.

Recruiting more Native CASAs.

AN Unit supervisor went to Undoing Racism, will be trainer for KWYA.

LAMM training – week spent with some Tribal partners.

Reworking SKILS – basic and advanced training will roll out this summer. Basic – Anchorage, Advanced – in regions; job shadowing with workers. E-learning will be included into SKILS – introduction to ICWA. Interviewing for Western region CSM. FASD training 101 and 201 will be provided to workers at SKILS. There are 3 or 4 trainers for FASD currently.

Juneau office has had some turn over, several new staff members have been hired.

There has been a lot of relationship building across the board.

Regional meetings w/RSS grantees are in the process of happening. Building on strength-bases of the team is important. Francine – team will be doing more training on court process, etc. and other team members are tasked with different things so they can share the work load. Took a negative situation and turned it into a positive situation. Partnering with TANF, train child welfare and TANF team together starting in Feb.

Maniilaq – lots of interest in foster parenting. Recent travel to villages produced 27 interested people, they are processing 6 applications at this time.

Cultural sharing – Cindy Harrington

PCA Update:

OCS is doing TA with national organization. IA is not very solid, which makes the PCA difficult to do. Re-evaluating IA, safety plans need improvement, safety threats need more work. Need to put a halt on roll out of PCA so the foundation of safety can be complete. A big push and focus will be on safety. All workers are taught safety. There's an evaluation tool that is being used in innovation sites that are not being used elsewhere in the State. They will continue to do motivational interviewing throughout the State. Not sure when case plans will be completed yet. A unified case plan across the State is what OCS will move towards. It won't be called PCA, it is just learning how to do good work, and how to do a good case plan. There will still be an enhanced collaboration in working with Tribes.

Caucus report outs – did not finish for today, we will defer to tomorrow.

Please look at dates suggested for next TSCG and let us know tomorrow.

May 7, 21 and June 4 - Anchorage

Summer training August 14-16 - Juneau