

Tribal State Collaboration Group Meeting

May 7-9, 2013

Anchorage, Alaska

Co-Chairs: Francine Eddy-Jones and Kristi Swanson

Welcome & Check In

Introductions: Tribes, OCS, Region X, CASA

Guiding Principles: ready by Kristi

State Caucus Report Out-Christy Lawton

1. There will be a licensing supervisor attend next T/S, not both, or possibly Karilee.
2. Looked at the Out of Preference Placement Options and brainstormed the list.
3. Discussed ways to improve our relative searches. Child Support Enforcement Division will be providing assistance to OCS to search for family members. ICWA Specialists have been authorized to apply for a Facebook page.
4. Discussed how we can restructure Tribal State after WPIC—possibly one of the meetings would be a regional event. This would really get the line workers involved. Also having a cultural panel talks about a single topic such as how children are viewed.
5. The Way of the Human Being: Harold Napoleon—book club idea.
6. Possibly a joint training with something that benefit all of us.
7. FFCA representatives will attend all Tribal/State meetings.
8. Possible dates: October 14-17, Next to AFN October 21-23, November 4
9. KWYA: needs a further discussion. Need to get right parties together to discuss how to advance the work.
10. Next T/S: November 5-7 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Tribal Caucus Report Out-Francine Eddy-Jones

1. Cross Site Evaluator: Pirkko—people are encouraged to meet with her to give their input regarding how we are doing.
2. Co-Chairs are meeting with NARF, ALS, OCS and attorneys re: Tanana Decision changes.
3. Tribal Title IVE Maintenance Agreement update: the respective legal are reviewing, hope to be implemented with TCC in October 2013.
4. WPIC final event August 27-29 in Seward at Lodge. The participant list and focus is being determined.
5. Suggested gift ideas for WPIC folks: Map of Alaska with Tribal Values, Alaska Book AVCP book, Vial filled with dirt from each tribal area, collage of pictures, artwork, foods from respective regions, word cloud, traditional kuspuk.
6. Terry, Marketa, Lynn Biggs, Rudy, Valorie, AKay
7. Diligent Recruitment of Foster Homes: possibly will apply as a consortium.
8. Would like licensing supervisors to attend.

May 8, 2013

Cultural Sharing: Traci McGarry

Disproportionality Data: Kristie Swanson and Francine Eddy Jones

- Data comparison between 2009 and 2012.
- Data points: reports, screened in, substantiated, removed.
- If anyone has suggestions for how they want the data presented, contact Kristie.

Out of Preference Placement Reviews Follow Up Discussion: Natalie Powers

3 options for changing up how we do OOPs

Option 1: get rid of the policy and include placement preference questions (standardized questions) during all regularly scheduled admin reviews/TDMs or other team meetings.

Option 2: continue to require special OOP reviews on a monthly basis, but narrow the population of who would get reviews:

- Any child in a preference 5 placement: stranger foster care (not in a relative, native foster home or tribally approved home); and
- Other criteria could include but not limited to things like (we would need to decide);
- Children under the age of 5;
- Children in care longer than 15 months

Option 3: continue to require special OOP reviews under the following conditions:

- Once per month for the first six months a child is in care and is not in a relative, native foster home or tribally approved home
- Children in care longer than 15 months and not placed in a relative, native foster home or tribally approved home

Proposal and Successes for OOPs

Western

- Hybrid of Option 2 phasing into Option 1
- Build into AR, ICC and TDM, and not have OOPs every 30 days
- ICWA Specialist, Tribal Partner, PSM II, Supervisor
- Prior to meeting will share list of OOPs
- Document in a form they already have, need to add follow up tasks to form
- Tribe also likes to bring to the table any cases they would like to prioritize
- AVCP attends on behalf of tribes they are compacted with
- Also discussed possible standardized questions

Northern

- Option 3
- Add 9 months or PPC, instead of 6 months

- Optimistically we don't think we will need the 15 month OOP
- Caseworker, ICWA Specialist, Supervisor and Tribe
- Identify family and identify tasks which need to be accomplished
- ICWA Specialist will identify who meets this criteria, we would begin 2nd week of July
- Use a similar family tree with note section indicated if they have been asked or would consider placement
- Have specific days and times to have reviews such as Nome review day would be the day to do OOP
- We would like standardized questions, such as the ones from Jessica's unit
- Mary and Tammy working on a script to keep the group on task
- We need to make sure the invites go to the right people such as Lola for NEC, Sophia for TCC, Traci and Danielle for Kawerak, etc.

Southcentral

- Option 3: incorporate into monthly supervisory staffing to include Tribal Worker, and ICWA Specialist
- ORCA issues: tribal partners are not accurate and folks are not getting notices
- Preferential Placement Review, Placement Team Meeting, Relative Search Meeting—possible names
- Have the tribes take the lead on the meeting—scheduling, facilitating, etc.
- Monthly for six months, then reevaluating how often we should continue depending upon the case

Anchorage

- Option 1: get rid of current OOP Policy, no monthly reviews
- Standardized questions
- AR, ICC, TDMs
- At the end of each meeting the next OOP meeting would be scheduled. ICWA Specialist would send out the "plan" to all parties.
- Any legal party or tribe can request an OOP meeting through ICWA Specialist
- It is critical that tribes be at the table, and how do we increase participation of tribes

Southeast

- Option 2 with modifications
- Currently working on those in SERO who are in OOP and met with Family Services workers and found out the data needs to be cleaned up
- Working on protocol how to get OOPs up and running
- Trying to organize OOPs so that worker and tribe times for OOPs can be efficient

Tribal Co-Chairs will take the recommendations and write policy and determine protocols. The regions can begin working on adopting practice changes before these recommendations are approved.

Proposed Review Questions

- Who is important to the child?
- Why is the child in OOPP?
- What has been tried before that can be tried again?
- Asking more questions about how the relative search was done.
- Need to ask more inquiring questions about dad and his background.
- Add the placement search form back into ORCA.

Also need to notice Alaska Native Preservation Unit

Family Services Assessment (FSA)

- Rolling out to WRO, SCRO, NRO Rural, and SERO. We are currently piloting PCA (Protective Capacity Assessment) which is now FSA in Fairbanks and Anchorage. Training begins in July, 2013.
- New case plan in ORCA, October 2013
- FSA—meeting a parent where they are at, building upon a parents' strengths
- Getting rid of Placement Plan and Permanency Plan, rolled into Case Plan
- The model is behaviorally based—what behaviors need to change so that parents can safely parent their children without OCS involvement.

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Trauma Training with Lindsay

OCS Trauma Informed Initiative

Kim Guay

Natalie Powers

- 2011 Federal Law
 - Requires us to screen for trauma and more closely monitor psychotropic medications
 - The focus is that children should be better off when they leave our system, not worse
 - There will be regional trainings/meetings in May and June with OCS leaders and tribal partners
 - Each region will determine focus area and develop their own plan

New guidelines when children go to Level V acute Residential Treatment Facilities: API, North Star Hospital

- Requesting a court review when children are placed in Residential Treatment on an emergency basis
- The worker will notify AAG who will file a motion for a request for hearing
- This will allow for review by all legal parties, the effort is to make sure we are providing appropriate services
- Effective May 1, 2013

Dena Ivey's Cultural Sharing

Baby Veronica Update

- Dena insert paragraph here

Relinquishment Agreements

- Cultural Connectedness documents are new and more information will be coming from DOL.
- This will allow Indian/Alaska Native children who are adopted would stay connected to their culture.

Overview of Possible Legal Trainings

- Carla is willing to conduct any training that we think would be valuable, possibly follow up to the August Tribal Judicial Conference
- Tribal Caucus will compile a list of possible needed trainings

If there are regional tribal meetings and they would like key management team to attend, Christy is willing to entertain sending them to the convening.

WPIC Thank Yous

Gift Ideas:

1. Quality print of TSCG partners
2. Books: Way of Human Being by Harold Napoleon and Teaching of Our Medicines from ACVP Region
3. Poster: Map of Alaska with Regional Tribal Values

Others are invited to bring 7 gifts if they are so inclined. (Terry Cross, Marketa Walters, Mary Armstrong, Ashley K. Harding, Valorie Gaede, Rudy Soto, and Lynn Biggs)

Next meeting ideas:

- MEPA
- Cultural Panels
- ACES training through the Tlingit Haida lens
- Continue with positive report outs
- Training on bonding and attachment, CPTs
- Structure of meeting needs to be reevaluated