Tribal Advisory Committee | Minutes

Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	12/13/2023
Facilitator:	Sandy Henry & Sonya Moody-Jurado	Meeting Time:	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM PT
Minutes / Time:	Jonas Moses	Meeting Location:	Virtual / In-person

AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

Open & Welcoming
Sandy Henry, Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep; Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice-Chair, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Notes:
- Sonya provided welcoming words.

Roll Call
Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice-Chair, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Sandra (Sandy) Henry, Committee Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Representative
Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice-Chair, Siletz Tribe Representative
Angela (Angie) Blackwell, Committee Member, Early Learning Council Representative, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative
Julie Siestreem, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative
Diane Teeman, Committee Member, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative
Michael Cherry, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative
Angela Fasana, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative
Alyssa Severson, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative
Kristina Simpson, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative
Jennifer Jackson, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative
Melissa Montero, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative
Lloyd Commander, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative
Valerie Switzler, Committee Member, Warm Springs Tribe Representative
Alissa Lane-Kane, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative
Jemiah Wassman, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative
Desiree Acosta, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative (for Jemiah)

DELC Team present:
Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director
Dori Houser, Tribal Affairs Coordinator
Dana Castano, TAC Liaison
Jonas Moses. DELC team

Notes:
- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes) <mark style="background-color:#00FF00">Yes, 5 of 9 tribes represented.</mark>

DELC Updates
Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Notes:
- **@Alyssa** - Staffing Update
  - Tribal Affairs Director, Paulina Whitehat and TAC Liaison, Dana Castano both starting on Jan 4th
  - Dana is the current Equity Fund Grant Manager, brings a good fiscal background which will help when we discuss the Tribal set-aside components
  - Paulina has been a researcher at UofO but with extensive experience working with Tribes in Oregon doing research and as a teach and was raised on the Navajo Nation.
  - **@AngelaB** – I am really pleased with Dana, I thin she will do great
  - **@Sandy** – I think we will be very pleased with Paulina, good energy and really well qualified. I was taken with her interview, it was good.
- **@Alyssa** - TAC onboarding recommendations?
  - We've reached April OIE to use what they've put together, so we are not re-creating anything. Of course, the G2G Consultation guide we've adopted from the OIE education cluster training will be part of the onboarding.
  - **@Sandy** - Recommends watching Broken Treaties as part of the onboarding
- **@Jonas** - TAC summary report
  - Jonas provides overview of the TAC Summary Report
    - Walks the TAC through each section of the report and how the content can be used / digested going forward
    - Report will be saved by DELC so TAC can access anytime
    - Report will continue to be updated
  - Report Content:
    - Key Dates and timeline
    - Monthly summary slides
    - Key Slides
      - Funding
      - Organization document
      - Branding

- RUO 2.0 feedback summary
  - Some edits still to be made, hyperlinks within report still need to be updated
  - **@Julie** – thank you for giving us this timeline, it's comprehensive,
  - Multiple thank yous from TAC members
  - **@Sandy** – where will this document live?
  - **@Jonas** – There will be an internal location as well as the public facing website
  - **@Alyssa** – We'll have our internal structures; most will be on the website. It will all be on the website. What we need to work on is how we will display it, make sure it's accessible, and get TAC input on docs that can be easily accessed.
  - **@Julie** – The reason we are moving to the DELC website is because it was duplication of effort? It won't be it's own thing
  - **@Alyssa** – Yes, TAC decided from a website perspective TAC won't have their own website but will rather store docs and information on the DELC website (have their own page). TAC has moved away from wanted another entity to be the TELH, due to G2G relationship / consultation. This was discussed in Oct, where you may have not been present Julie
  - **@Julie** – That's right, sorry I wasn't there
  - **@Alyssa** – that's okay, Sandy and Sonya let me know, but we are still exploring what that means, an entity doesn't seem like the path.
  - **@Julie** – Thank you for getting me up to speed.
  - **@Sonya** – no need to apologize, the structure of what the hub was supposed to be doesn't really fit anymore. Other agencies have groups like our TAC and they move really good. DELC has taken a step further.
  - **@Alyssa** – Is there anything we need to add to the document?
  - **@Sonya** – This is incredible, I think this is comprehensive, will be beneficial for tribal employees to take forward to our tribes, a lot of turnover in tribes so this will help get new joiners up to speed
  - **@Alyssa** – do see this document as something we continue to add to, so we can continue to track?
  - **@Sonya –** Yes

Dana Castano joins the call

- **@Sandy** - We should probably introduce our new addition.
- **@Alyssa** – Yes, Dana do you want to introduce yourself?
- **@Dana** – Introduces herself.
- TAC Members welcome Dana

Tribal Early Learning Plan Actions/Outcomes (from AI/AN)
Sandy Henry, Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep

Notes:
- **@Alyssa** – sharing her screen to present the TEL plan crosswalk. I made a few updates to what we discussed last meeting. Per Sandy's request I created a separate tab to capture major programs and

their purpose, notes on who has access and noted if tribes are currently accessing. Hopefully this will help us identify funding sources and crosswalk the purpose of these programs with each of the metrics pulled from the AI/AN plan to get to the outcomes. What we talked about before was 2 paths, 1) how do we make sure programs includes funding specifically for tribes. Could mean the TAC or G2G cluster consulting on what % should be set aside for tribes (is it a specific % or sliding scale based on amount) 2) then what bodies of work really aren't captured by the funding streams and program structures within DELC, things that would be covered by a TEL fund, similar to some of the specific funds OIE has. We'll look at other department's set-aside models, to get a starting point. Once we can crosswalk these pieces we'll end up with a better sense of where we need to leverage investments in the future and where we need to look at program polices.

- Alyssa then goes over each of the programs on the list

DELC Programs			
Program	Purpose	Access Considerations	Tribal Access
Baby Promise	High quality infant toddler care (0-2)	Not statewide - 3 regions CCR&Rs	
Early Childhood Equity Fund	Kindergarten readiness, family support, tribal language preservation/revitalization	Not statewide - 18 counties	Yes
Employment Related Day Care	Increase child care access (0-12)	Voucher, not grant/contract	
Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation Fund	Kindergarten readiness & family support	Early Learning Hubs	
Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten	State Head Start model (PN-3)	36 grantees	Yes Tribal Head Start (federal)
Preschool Promise	High quality preschool (3-5)		Yes
Relief Nurseries	Therapeutic support services (3-5)	Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries	

- **@Alyssa** - Would the TAC be interested in a breakdown of professional learning investments we are making, and if there are bodies of work the tribes would like to tap into? Or put in a tribal early learning fund. Any reflection at this point?
- **@Sandy** – the baby promise, it's not a priority funding for the legislature, but were going to start adding pressure to the legislature to fund it on a state level?
- **@Alyssa** - Yes, we've tried 3 times, it's currently funded with federal funds, not state dollars. Because it's not funded with state dollars there hasn't been resourcing to expand it beyond the 3 regions.
- **@Sandy** – You'll let us know as tribal entities when we should start putting pressure on our lobbyists / start making noise?
- **@Alyssa** - Yes
- **@Julie** - you said you've taken it to the legislature 3 times, is that 3 years or all in 1 year?
- **@Alyssa** - 3 legislative sessions
- **@Dana** – I noticed the Healthy Family Program isn't on the list, is there a reason for that?
- **@Alyssa** – No, I need to add it. Not intentional, just missed one.

Julie S has to drop from the call.

- **@Dana** – what about a case where ODE might get the funds, but it could also be supporting the 0-5 range. Example, the early literacy bill and set-aside for tribal language. Would we also do a set-aside for tribes from the funds DELC gets? In parallel with ODE.
- **@Alyssa** – There could be overlap, we need to track that get a fuller picture of where those dollars are.
- **@Angie** – do you know how many tribes are participating in OPK? Grand Ronde may be the only one.

- **@Alyssa** – You may be the only one, I'll make sure to add the numbers.
- **@Dana** – Confirms Grande Ronde is the only tribe participating.
- **@Angie** – think about how other tribes begin to access those funds. I know there are other tribes want to, sometimes there's no expansion dollars.
- **@Alyssa -** That's something I can note in here, expansion pathways.
- **@Dana** – something to consider – use unobligated dollars for tribes, if possible. It's something that has been discussed.
- **@Alyssa** - A possible next step, once we identify the funding streams / programs you are looking at. Then we can look at existing resources we can allocate in a different way, where we'd need to adjust the way we administer the program to help use figure out is this about having a % of existing funding streams or is this about having a pot of funds specifically for tribes.

- **Data components**:

Items in red were added by Alyssa. All other content copy+pasted from September 2023 draft of ODE's AI/AN SSA Plan. Items in **bold** were added in the 11/15 TAC meeting.	
Data Collection	**Next Steps**
Number of AI/AN children enrolled in publicly funded programs	Review data collection methods Identify data infrastructure needs for consistent data collection
Number of AI/AN children suspended or expelled from child care or early learning programs	Review data collection methods (PDG survey) Identify data infrastructure or funding needs for consistent data collection
Number of licensed AI/AN child care providers	Review data collection methods (CCRIS, PMP) Identify data infrastructure needs for consistent data collection

- **@Alyssa** – I'll get the next steps captured and sent out.

2024 Planning
Sandy Henry, Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep

Notes:
- **@Sandy** – We need to move forward with planning the 2024 schedule / meeting cadence. We do seem to accomplish more when we are face-to-face. I am open tot proposals to what that would look like. I recommend we continue to meet monthly for the first half of the year, then get together face-to-face once quarter, depending on the work that needs to be done. Should the Face-to-face coincides with the G2G?
- **@Sonya** – may not have time.
- **@Sandy** – maybe the month before we have face-to-face?
- **@Sonya** – You're recommending still meeting monthly?
- **@Sandy** - Yes, for awhile
- **@Sonya** - That could work, January could be virtual. Would the face-to-face still be hybrid?
- **@Sandy** - Yes, I think we have to.

- **@Sonya** – good that will help with quorum.
- **@Sandy** – So Feb and May face-to-face, then commit to monthly meetings until June, that gives a half a year with our 2 new staff members. Do the folks on call agree?
- TAC members on the call agree.

Dori raises a concern regarding scheduling logistics with the planning call

- **@Sandy** – the planning call may not be needed now that we have the 2 new staff members. Am I wrong
- **@Alyssa -** No, we'll need to go back and understand the LOE, we may need to figure out the agenda over email. May be helpful to do 1 planning meeting with the new staff, but I agree it may not be needed.
- **@Sonya** – I agree, their important, but we are getting more staff now.
- **@Alyssa** – Will the Feb and May meetings be in Salem? Or 1 in Portland? We can decide later too.
- TAC members are unsure
- **@Alyssa** – Okay, we can do a poll.