

Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

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| Project: | HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub | Meeting Date: | 12/11/2024 |
| Facilitator: | Sonya Moody-Jurado Julie Siestreem | Meeting Time: | 3:00PM-4:30PM PT |
| Minutes / Time: | Dorianne Houser | Meeting Location: | Virtual |

AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

Open & Welcoming

Julie Siestreem, Co-Chair, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative

Notes:

- Julie provided welcoming words.

Roll Call

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Co-Chair, Siletz Tribe Representative

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Julie Siestreem, Co-Chair, 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

Becky Cantrell, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative

Marsha Frost, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative

Jennifer Jackson, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative

Melissa Montero, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative

Jory Spencer, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative

Jaimie Crane, 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

Jesse Jackson, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Jennifer Reid, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Mileah Skunkcap, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative

Caroline Cruz, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

T.J. Folz, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Becky Wilson, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

DELC Team present:

Paulina Whitehat, Tribal Affairs Director

Dori Houser, Tribal Affairs Coordinator

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

Kate Gonsalves, Director of Communications

Whitney O'Connell, Business Supports Coordinator

Karla Branson, OTELA Grant Manager

Kathy Wai, Interim Government Affairs Manager

Danaye Gonzalez, Business Systems Implementation Specialist

Notes:

- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes) Yes, 5 of 9 tribes represented

This is a high-level capture of the meeting. Please see the recording for full details

Northwest Native Chamber

Amber Faist

@Amber: CCIF. There were requests totaling 289 million dollars which is a lot more than what Business Oregon can award. 10 million was awarded in this 1st round. There was prioritization for culturally specific programs and providers. NWNC is contracted through DELC to provide TA, this is not only for awardees, but also for those going through the application process. NWNC can assist with grant writing and reporting also. There is a rough date of March to open applications for round 2. For those that were awarded W-9's are due by Monday, December 16th. NWNC has upcoming webinars for those who are interested. Subjects include planning projects, business planning and projections, project management, building marketing plans, capital planning best practices, etc.

@Becky Cantrell: How long with the round 2 application be open?

@Amber: Round 1 was open for 45 days, Business Oregon will release dates as they become more certain.

OTELA Reporting

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

@Dana: Review slide deck overviewing reporting timelines according to grant agreements.

@Karla: I am here to support with any fiscal related questions. I can also provide TA for those components. Contact information provided.

Tribal Early Learning Plan Follow-Up

2 Pager with FAQ's vote

@ Dana: We need the committee's approval to submit this to the legislature, the other purpose of this document is for TAC members to use in conversations and to answer questions.

@Sonya: We have 5 tribes represented today, so we need 3 to pass.

@Julie: Should we ask questions or say what we want?

@Sonya: Discuss it, because it may be a question that another tribe has as well

@Dana: Are there any questions, requests, removals, or does this appear ready to you all?

@Julie: Approve

@Angela: Approve

@Becky Cantrell: Approve

@Sonya: Approve

@Becky Wilson: Approve

Funding Proposal

@Dana: Governor has released her recommended budget. This is exciting news. The budget recommendation includes new investment in the Tribal Early Learning Fund for 4.7 million, which would mean 4.5 million for tribes. 200k to remain with DELC to assist tribes, as decided by the OTELA body, for outside contracts.

The next step in for the legislature to vote to fund and pass the bill.

Other notable investments included in the GRB for DELC are for the birth through five literacy plan, infant early childhood, mental health consultation and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

@Julie: Do you know the date that they are going to start working?

@Kathy: The legislative sessions start on January 21st and typically the budget committees start meeting towards the end of January/Beginning of February. We have the Legislative concept approved, but we do not have a bill number yet. We can start tracking to see what committee it will be in and see how we can be part of that and play a role in moving the budget forward.

@Sonya: Do we know when approximately we will find out if it is approved?

@Kathy: They constitutionally must end by June 29th.

@Dana: How soon would we hear about that, and the tribal hub funding will be being allocated as well. The current service level is 573k, which will basically be repurposed for the Tribal Early Learning Fund. Hopefully both happen. Could one happen before the other?

@Kathy: The budget committees are typically the last to be worked on, before the June date. I believe that before the last day of session they will start moving and passing the budget. We should know a couple weeks before the June ending date if the budget has been approved and that it will move forward and then the date that the next biennium will start is July 1st 2025. Its really relevant to know when we will get the funding.

@Sonya: is there any work that DELC will be doing to get the grants up? There is a consistent problem with getting the language. Th tribes deny when DOJ wants to waive tribal sovereignty. It takes so long to go through. Generally, we are not getting that funding until almost the 2nd biennium. Our tribe will not pre/postdates. We can not spend until those agreements are in place. This leads to tribes not being able to spend the money in the most meaningful ways. At times we have only one year, sometimes less than one year to spend after the agreements are signed.

@Karla: It is tricky because the TELP and Fund haven't passed. We can work on it to some extent. Get boilerplate language and then complete when we find out if they have passed.

@Dana: Assuming that we can do it, could we have an agreement for the biennium, that had the option of being extended for multiple years? Does that save the tribes time in the review process? Then it would be an amendment to the grant, or adding dollars, but the content would be the same.

@Sonya: ODE grants around language and tribal history and shared history are continuations. It doesn't have to go through our clearing house, so it does cut the process time down.

@Angela: It does because the legal team doesn't have to review the whole thing. They only review the amendment. The key is that the amendment must be adopted and accepted by Council before the expiration of the previous agreement. You can not amend something that has expired. The amendment would have to come to us well before the end of the agreement.

@Dana: Any suggestions from tribes who manage multiple funding streams for other tribes who may want to do that? How to take tribal funding plus state funding and blend and braid.

@Angela: We braid a lot of funds together to operate everything. It is complicated but doable. Multiple spreadsheets and management of grants and making sure that you are in compliance with all of them. If anyone is interested our ECE department program manager is a good resource to how she integrates all of that into our Early Education. We would love to share how we got to where we are. Maybe for future agenda items, we could do a rotation of sharing? A presentation of the different programs we offer and what funding we use to support each service.

@Dana: If you could be ready, we could add you in February.

@Angela: February will be doable.

Adjourn

Next Meeting January 8 @ 3pm