

Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	10/31/2024
Facilitator:	Julie Siestreem/Sonya Moody-Jurado	Meeting Time:	1:00PM-2:30PM PT
Minutes / Time:	Dorianne Houser	Meeting Location:	Virtual

AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

Open & Welcoming

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

Notes:

- Sonya provided welcoming words.

Roll Call

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

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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

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, Non-Committee Member, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative

Caroline Cruz, Non-Committee Member, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

T.J. Folz, Non-Committee Member, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

DELC Team present:

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Paulina Whitehat, DELC Tribal Affairs Director

Dori Houser, DELC, Tribal Affairs Coordinator

Dana Castano, DELC, OTELA Liaison

Crys O'Grady, DELC, Legal Affairs Manager

Notes:

- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes) **Yes, 6 of 9 tribes represented.**

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

LCIS Presentation

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

@Dana: We presented at the LCIS and want to extend our thanks to Angie Blackwell who stepped in as a former member of TAC. We are Thankful that she was able to provide her testimony. We also have some follow up documents that we will be sending over to the commission.

@Julie: I want to keep going back to appreciation for both Angie and Sonya Moody-Jurado for giving us the historical testimony. Nothing beats having boots on the ground your whole life when giving testimony.

@Alyssa: I thought it was a great overview and appreciated the opportunity to be able to present before LCIS. The work you all have done has been heard now by the house, early childhood human services committee, as well as LCIS. It was a great chance to

elevate different channels we've been leveraging through the tribal consultation and the TAC.

TELP/Preferred funding distribution

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

@Dana: When OTELA first came about the funding for tribes was split evenly between the 9 tribes, that is what the TAC decided in about 2021. Now, coming into the 2025-2027 biennium, which is assuming the Tribal Early Learning Plan and fund legislation passes, would take effect for that biennium. We wanted to know from each tribe of much you would be able to spend the 1st biennium. We understand that is hard to figure out when is for the future.

@Dana: responses received would have the total request at 4.5 million, or 500K per tribe. We know that each tribe has different needs and levels of capacity. One tribe might not need to spend that much, and another tribe might need a lot more. The question is , how do you feel about changing from an equal distribution model, to having it be based on what the tribes individual needs.

@Alyssa: Taking a step back, I want to add context. We received multiple responses with amounts from 65k to 1.5 million. What was put forward is an average. This would be 500k on top of the 69k you already receive. Recognizing the 5% you all have requested to be held for administrative services through Office of Tribal Affairs, rather than subtract that, we did an add on. So our total recommendation is 4.725 million. We can't leave money on the table. How does OTELA want to be involved in determining where the additional dollars go for tribes who can not reach that full expenditure.

@Julie: To Sonya and everyone else that been doing this work for so many years, what is better? To go with a need-based choice or a block sum?

@Sonya: That is very difficult to say. I think what tribes have stated is that they see that this money is permanent, and you can use it for staffing for example, or repairing classrooms, its easier. If we just look at how we spend the last money, we didn't want to put into making permanent decisions when we didn't know if it was permanent

@Julie: I am understanding that we need to put a little more thinking into this before we give a response.

@Sonya: Yes, and each person taking this back to their tribe.

@Sonya: Another question, can these funds be used for credentialing?

@Dana: yes

@Alyssa: What we have tried to do in legislation is give you all flexibility in this.

@Crys: These are intentionally drafted very broadly. There is a lot of flexibility with these funds.

@TJ: Can these funds be used for HeadStart or Daycare?

Alyssa: Yes, broad uses. If you have a head start program, or childcare program for example, this could be used to distribute books to families. It can be used to support educators. A long list.

@TJ: So, tribes wont know what we are actually getting though, until after December 5?

@Alyssa: We won't. We still must go through the legislative session. After December 2nd, we will know what is in the Governors budget, but the legislature will determine the final amount.

@Angela: I think if I just had decide without thinking, it would probably be that each tribes gets the 500k and then if they have a balance is left towards the end of the 2 years that they can't use, is divvied up to who can use it.

@Sonya: I agree with that

@Alyssa: Maybe at the next meeting, or we can put something on the docket to luft back up the current approach for these funds and reporting requirements as a starting point.

@Dana: For anyone that applied for the 1st round CCIF, how was the process for you? Do you have any concerns/suggestions?

@Becky: We applied for the planning portion and the process was easy. There are a lot of resources.

@Jemiah: I didn't get a chance to apply for the 1st round but want to apply for the second. Will there be opportunities for construction and planning in the winter round?

@Dana: It is my understanding that you can apply for both. We can see about someone from NWNC presenting again.

Adjourn: Next meeting November 13, 2024 3-4:30pm