

Tribal Advisory Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Tribal Advisory Workgroup		
10.15.2012	10:30 - 12:00	Next Meeting: 11/30/12, 10:30 - 12:00
Meeting called by	The Exchange	
Type of meeting	Tribal Advisory Workgroup	
Facilitator	Peter Lee / Jessica Abernethy	
Note taker	Alex Kemper-McCall	
Executive Sponsor	Jessica Abernethy / Katie Marcellus / Peter Lee	
Attendees	Jackie O'Shambo, Charlene Storr, Mark Espinosa, Rya Storr, David Panush, Mark Lebeau, Lona Ibanitoru, Vickey Macias, Jyl Marden, Patricia Muse, Ron Sisson, Yolanda Latham, Britta Guerrero, Lisa Davies, Liz Hunt, Brandon Ross, Joshua Standing Horse, Jennifer Ruiz, Margaret Alspaugh, Carey Glancy, Dawn Hummel, Frederick Rundlet, John Andrews, and Jess Montoya	
Introduction		
Discussion	Introduction of agenda and meeting materials	
Mr. Lee walked through the order of the meeting and described how the process for developing the draft Tribal Consultation Policy for discussion. He discussed the timeline for presenting the draft policy to the Exchange Board at the October 30, 2012 meeting for discussion, and then returning at the November 14, 2012 meeting for final decision. He noted there would also be a request for written comments in the meantime to address any issues. There were no comments from the Workgroup.		
Action Items		
None		
Tribal Consultation Context		
Discussion	Context of tribal consultation	
Mr. Lee described the development of the Tribal Advisory Workgroup and described the three other stakeholder workgroups that will begin in 2013. A question was asked if there would be opportunities for Tribal representatives to be involved with the Exchange down the road and if Tribes would have input into the framework of the Exchange. Mr. Lee responded affirmatively, and explained that the Tribal Advisory Workgroup would meet quarterly (at least) to specifically provide input into the framework and implementation of the Exchange.		
Action Items	Responsible Party	Deadline
Add workgroup members to the Exchange's general listserv	Exchange	10/16/12
Consultation Policy Discussion		
Discussion	Draft Tribal Consultation Policy	
Mr. Lee walked through the draft Tribal Consultation Policy section by section, and asked for comments from the Workgroup members and the public. Comments tended to jump between sections and are captured below.		
Consultation Policy Discussion		
Discussion	Consultation Policy Statement	
Per the previous question, Mr. Lee asked that a sentence be added noting that the point of tribal consultation is to help develop the Exchange to ensure Californian Indians are optimally insured and covered in the Exchange. Ms. Guerrero commented that the Exchange should also recognize California judgment rolls and non-federally recognized tribes. Mr. Lee added that non-indigenous tribes should be included as well.		
Action Items	Responsible Party	Deadline
Add sentence noting the point of tribal consultation is to help develop the Exchange to ensure Californian Indians are optimally insured and covered in the Exchange. The statement also will include recognition of California judgment roles, non-federally recognized tribes and non-indigenous tribes.	Exchange	
Consultation Policy Discussion		
Discussion	Roles	
Comments from the web noted that there are no tribal presidents and tribal governors in California - the terminology is different.		

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Action Items		Responsible Party	Deadline
Remove reference to tribal president and tribal governor from Section V of the Consultation Policy.		Exchange	
Consultation Policy Discussion			
Discussion	Consultation and Workgroup Structure		
A commenter noted the order of meeting types should be changed to a) Annual Tribal Consultation, b) Tribal Advisory Workgroup and c) Specially-Requested Meetings. Mr. Lee agreed and said it would be changed throughout the policy.			
Action Items		Responsible Party	Deadline
Change the order of meetings in Sections VI and VII of the Consultation Policy.		Exchange	
Consultation Policy Discussion			
Discussion	Communication Methods, Procedures and Timeframes		
The intent of the workgroup is to have public meetings that allow time for public comment. Public comment could be structured loosely to enable a better conversation flow. A question was asked about establishing a voting system. Mr. Lee suggested including a voting process when it's appropriate and should the workgroup fail to reach consensus. The voting system could be used to convey the strength of views to Exchange staff.			
Action Items		Responsible Party	Deadline
Add a bullet to Section VII (B) noting that the Workgroup will seek to reach consensus on its advice to the Exchange, and will convey this consensus by a majority vote.		Exchange	
Consultation Policy Discussion			
Discussion	Travel Reimbursement		
The cost of travel should not be a barrier to workgroup participants traveling to meetings and reimbursement for travel will be provided. Ms. Alspaugh asked about reimbursement for the annual meeting, noting the policy states reimbursements will be made for individuals specifically invited to present at the annual meeting. Mr. Lee noted that the Exchange would cover the costs of travel for the quarterly Workgroup but only for those invited to speak at the all-Tribes meetings, but explained that the all-Tribes meeting would "piggyback" on existing Tribal meetings to ensure more participation by Tribes that are already gathered together, thus helping to defray travel costs.			
Action Items		Responsible Party	Deadline
None			
Consultation Policy Discussion			
Discussion	Definitions		
A commenter suggested that the definitions be moved to the beginning of the policy to provide context. The terms "California judgment," "non-indigenous," "unaffiliated," "non-recognized" and "urban Indian" should be added to the definition of Indian. Ms. Latham asked why we would include non-indigenous and Mr. Lee explained there are many non-indigenous who are California residents and whose needs must be addressed. Another comment asked about transient and homeless Indian population.			
Action Items		Responsible Party	Deadline
Receive definition of California judgment rolls and urban Indian from Workgroup and add others to definitions list.		Workgroup (request to be sent by Exchange)	
Consultation Policy Discussion			
Discussion	Election of Chair		
Mr. Lee asked for nomination of a Workgroup Chair. Ms. Guerrero nominated Molin Molicay. Mr. Sisson nominated Lisa Davies. Ms. Davies seconded the nomination of Mr. Molicay but offered to be a co-chair. The Exchange staff will ask Mr. Molicay if he's interested and would include Mr. Lebeau in the setting of agendas. Ms. Guerrero suggested that Jyl Marden be included in the planning of agendas as well. Exchange staff will also contact her.			
Action Items		Responsible Party	Deadline
Exchange staff to contact Jyl Marden and Mark Lebeau for agenda planning		Exchange	

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General Comments		
Discussion	General Comments	
<p>Mr. Lebeau gave his comments on the draft Tribal Consultation Policy, noting the Policy seems to be in line with existing consultation policies and that the Exchange has been very engaged in working with native peoples in California. He noted the three key components of the ACA for American Indians, including limits on cost-sharing, special monthly enrollment periods, and exemptions from the individual mandate and said the policy references all three. He explained the Exchange has held several meetings prior to this one and that staff have been open and responsive so he believes the Workgroup will be successful.</p> <p>The Exchange has sought to be engaging and due to the different requirements for American Indians, different strategies are needed.</p> <p>Ms. Storr said she is honored to sit on the Workgroup representing non-federally recognized Indians and asked the group if they could contact the Exchange with any email addresses of other non-federally recognized Tribes that aren't aware of the Workgroup. Mr. Lebeau said he had a contact list and would forward it on.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Mr. Lebeau to forward contact list to Ms. Storr.	Mark Lebeau	
Next Steps		
Discussion	Next Steps	
<p>The items suggested by staff for the next meeting are Assisters, Marketing/Outreach and eligibility and enrollment. Mr. Lee suggested focusing on the Assisters and marketing and outreach because those will need input and Board decisions sooner.</p> <p>The Exchange is tracking comments of Indian organizations on a variety of topics and will have them for the appropriate workgroup meetings. The Exchange will also send a "save the date" notice for a workgroup meeting in the last week of November. As well, the minutes from this meeting will be sent prior to the next workgroup meeting.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Compile comments	Alex Kemper-McCall	
Send "save the date" message	Jessica Abernethy	
Send minutes	Jessica Abernethy	