Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
Virtual Tribal Consultation Session – Day 1
June 10, 2020

ACF Moderator:  Jeannie Hovland, Commissioner/Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Native American Affairs

Tribal Moderator:  Jeromy Sullivan, Chairman, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe

1:00 PM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

TRIBAL OPENING

Vivian Korthuis
Chief Executive Officer, Association of Village Council Presidents
Board Member, Alaska Federation of Natives

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

OPENING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION

Lynn A. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, ACF
Jeannie Hovland, DAS for Native American Affairs, ACF

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

ACF PRIORITY: Tribal Early Childhood Initiatives

The purpose of this session is to obtain tribal input on Tribal Early Childhood Initiatives as a means for moving beyond programs to people and outcomes. This is in response to a Congressional request for ACF to create a Tribal Early Childhood Work Group.

ACF Representatives:
Dr. Deborah Bergeron, DAS for Early Childhood, ACF
Jeannie Hovland, DAS for Native American Affairs, ACF

Tribal Input:
Open Discussion

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4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

OFFICE OF CHILD CARE

During the past two years, Tribes have seen a boost in federal child care funding, including additional funds from the CARES Act. Tribes received over $489 million during FY 2020 for child care. During this session, OCC will hear from Tribal Leaders about what is happening locally with their Tribal child care programs. We are interested in how Tribes have identified and addressed issues and any barriers encountered. We want to learn how the recent influx of federal child care funds are supporting Tribal communities, and if there are additional resources needed from the Office of Child Care.

ACF Representatives:
Shannon Christian, Director, Office of Child Care
Andrew Williams, Policy Division Director, OCC
Dawn Ramsburg, Program Operations Division Director
Ginny Gipp, Technical Assistance Division Director
James Henry, Tribal Child Care Specialist
Tribal Input:
Open Discussion

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4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

The purpose of this consultation session is to get input from tribal leaders on ANA’s policies and input for potential future reauthorization of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, as amended (NAPA).

- ANA Administrative Policy Discussion 1: What policies should ANA consider to assist Tribal governments with the protection of tribal languages as well as maintaining the ownership and rights of usage of products developed with ANA funding?
- ANA Administrative Policy Discussion 2: ANA would like feedback on the current process to request non-federal share waiver as outlined in ANA’s regulations at 45 CFR § 1336.50(b)(3).
- ANA Reauthorization Discussion: While the Native American Languages Program (Section 803C) was reauthorized through changes to the Esther Martinez native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act in December, 2019, the reauthorization of NAPA in its entirety has not been reviewed ANA is interested in tribal leader input on other sections of NAPA.

ACF Representative:
Jeannie Hovland, Commissioner, ANA and DAS for Native American Affairs
Carmelia Strickland, Director, Division of Program Operations

Tribal Input:
Open Discussion
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5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

ACF PRIORITY: Discussion on Missing and Murdered Native Americans

The purpose of this session is to provide an update on the actions that ACF and HHS is taking to address the crisis of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Natives and to get input specific to how ACF can further support families and tribal communities impacted by MMNA and aid in prevention.

ACF Representatives:
Jeannie Hovland, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs, ACF

Tribal Input:
Open Discussion
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6:00 PM  TRIBAL CLOSING