



WASHINGTON STATE TRIBAL



## OPIOID AND FENTANYL RESPONSE TASK FORCE

### July 25<sup>th</sup> Taskforce Meeting

#### Virtual Attendance Only

#### Meeting Notes:

Welcome/Introductions (Co-Chairs)- Rep. Lekanoff welcomed all. Welcoming comments from Tribal Leaders  
Roll call attached. Quorum established

Review proviso and Task Force Bylaws –the group reviewed the draft by laws, recommended language change to be more inclusive of coordination with other systems and native serving organizations. The updated language will be sent out on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with other meeting materials and added to the October agenda for a vote.  
Motion- Marilyn Scott, Upper Skagit Tribe/Second- Debra Lekanoff, 40<sup>th</sup> District. Motion Carried

Review current member appointments- Need two Lived Experience members. The process to apply will be sent out to Tribal and UIHO taskforce members to recruit applicants. [Apply to Serve | Governor Jay Inslee \(wa.gov\)](#). Discussion on lack of youth at the table. Councilwoman Monica Tonasket will meet with Asa Washines, Tribal Liaison - Attorney General, and Vicki Lowe, AIHC, to discuss strategies to better include youth in the work of the taskforce.  
Recommendation to reach out to Lisa Jarecky (?) in Whatcom County for county representative.

Review draft Summit report –

[2nd WA Tribal Opioid and Fentanyl Summit \(aihc-wa.com\)](http://aihc-wa.com)

Taskforce members were asked to review and send any edits, comments or questions to Vicki Lowe at [vicki.lowe@aihc-wa.com](mailto:vicki.lowe@aihc-wa.com)

Review the five workgroups:

1. Continuum of Care Across the Life Course -AI.AN ORW?
2. Wellness and the Justice System- GTLSSC Subcommittee?  
Councilman Salazar
3. Housing Infrastructure That Wraps Around People
4. Family and Community Services
5. Community Preparedness: Supporting Community Response

In consideration of time, the group decided the co-chairs will each pick a workgroup to leader in coordination with appropriate agency staff. The updated list will be presented at the October meeting. Workgroups will consist of taskforce members plus invited subject matter experts. Vicki requested that the Continuum of Care work continue to happen within the AI/AN Opioid Response workgroup that has been meeting since 2018 and has been doing this work.

Discussion- Tribal/Urban Opioid Abatement Settlement Dollars

Andrew Guillen, SIHB, shared the Thunderbird Treatment Center will be re-opening on Vashon Island. The new facility will have 92 beds, with 15 beds reserved for pregnant and parenting patients. Squaxin Island asked if there will be an extension on spending funds since the contracts were late getting out.

Propose agenda items for October 29 Task Force meeting

- Finalize Bylaws
  - Workgroups Update from Co-Chairs
  - Update on Opioid Abatement Funds- contract extension, how SB 6099 funds will be dispersed
  - Report outs from Taskforce members- Tribes, UIHOs, Agencies, legislators and local government
- Adjournment