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Annual Meeting  
December 13, 2018

9 am to 3:30 pm

Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

**Minutes**

**Welcome/Invocation-** Lisa Barrell, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Council Member welcomed the attendees, Charlene Nelson, Shoalwater Bay Chairwoman provided an opening prayer.

**Establish Quorum** – Charlene Nelson, Secretary- *quorum established*: Delegates in attendance from Chehalis, Cowlitz, Jamestown S’Klallam, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoalwater Bay, Squaxin Island, Stillaguamish; Suquamish, Upper Skagit, Seattle Indian Health Board, American Indian Community Center

**Introductions** -*Attending in person*: Cheryl Rasar, Swinomish Indian Community; Andrew Shogren, Suquamish; Charlene Nelson, Shoalwater Bay Tribe; Brent Simcosky, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; JJ McMinds, Molina Healthcare; Deborah Sosa, WAHBE; Lisa Griggs, NPAIHB; Lucilla Mendoza, HCA; Jessie Dean, HCA; Tamara Fulwyler, DOH; Melissa Naeimi; HCA; Lena Nachand, HCA; Christina Peters, NPAIHB; Kristin Peterson, DOH, Niki Pavilcek, DOH; Lou Schmitz, AIHC; Terra Horton, AIHC; Jen Estroff, Coordinated Care; Camille McDorman, Northwest Justice Project; Francesca Murnan, SIHB; Sarah Sullivan, NPAIHB; Maria Gardipee, AIHC; Marietta Bobba, DSHS/AL TSA; Dennis Worrell, HCA; Lisa Rey Thomas, OCH; Sheryl Pickering, DOH; Heather Erb, AIHC; Vicki Lowe, AIHC; Cindy Gamble, AIHC; Jan Ward Olmstead, AIHC; Mandy Weeks-Green, OIC; Jane Byer, OIC; Steve Valandra, OIC

*Attending via webinar*: Charlene Abrahamson, AIHC; Kathryn Akeah, AIHC; Kay Culbertson, Cowlitz Tribe, Ann Dahl, DSHS/AL TSA; Rose lukes, Tulalip Tribe; Vickie LaFramboise, Amerigroup; Linda Lauch, AICC; Jason McGill, Governor’s Office; Jen Olson, AIHC; LeJune Rabang, Stillaguamish; Marilyn Scott, Upper Skagit; Kim Thomspson, Shoalwater Bay; Nancy Tyson, DOH; Denise Walker, Chehalis; Connie Whitener, Squaxin Island;

**Approval of Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes-** Charlene Nelson, Secretary

Agenda- Swinomish moved, Jamestown S’Klallam second approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes- Suquamish moved, Seattle Indian Health Board seconded approval of the August 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers-**Regular Terms: Vice Chair, Member at Large

AIHC Treasurer, Andrew Shogren opened nominations for vice-chair. SIHB nominated Cheryl Rasar, Swinomish Tribe; Jamestown S’Klallam seconded the nomination. Cheryl accepted the nomination.



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Jamestown S’Klallam moved to elect by acclimation, SIHB seconded, motion carried. Cheryl Rasar re-elected AIHC Vice- Chair for 2019-20 term.

Andrew opened nominations for AIHC member at large. Swinomish nominated Aren Sparck, SIHB, no other nominations made. Aren accepted the nomination. Jamestown S’Klallam moved to elect by acclimation; Shoalwater Bay seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aren Sparck re-elect AIHC Member at Large for 2019-20 term.

### **State Agency Reports:**

**HCA-** Jessie Dean, Administrator Office off Tribal Affairs

GIHC held third meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> to review the report to the legislature. HCA -OTA staff made edits as requested by GIHC members. Jessie shared changes. Marilyn Scott asked that two more culturally appropriate practices be added to the report: Gathering of Wisdom and Wisdom Warriors. Brent Simcosky asked how much of the report recommendations required legislation, to which Jessie replied all of it. Jessie further explained that establishing the Governor’s Indian Health Advisory Council through legislation ensures funding for work to support the council and the meetings.

Tribal FQHC SPA- Jessie shared that there is one more internal review that needs to happen before the SPA can be shared for review by the Tribes and UIHP. Brent requested that there be an internal deadline to for SPA to be sent out.

Updated Consultation process- GIHC work and understaffing of the OTA have put this on hold. Work is still needed on the section regarding collaboration-wanting to developing a process to ensure HCA gets input from Tribes and UIHPs before they begin work on new programs, initiatives and processes.

Consolidated contracting- OTA will have a draft contract for Tribes by Feb. Will share at the monthly meeting and AIHC Feb. meeting. Need contracts in place by June 30<sup>th</sup>, since they will be based on prior contracts with DSHS, hopeful for a quick approval process with Tribes.

Dennis Worrell, Health IT Engagement, HCA shared information on the Clinical Data Repository (see handout) through OneHealth Port. See presentation: <https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/181213-CDR-101.pdf>. CDR facilitates data exchange for EHRs that cannot otherwise “speak” to each other. He noted that CDR currently does not included Fee for Service (FFS) client information. AI/AN enrolled in managed care can be looked up in CDR. Because there is a view only mode, IHCP can look up information on those clients. Dennis will find out if a IHCP needs to be contracted with the MCO to use CDR for MCO enrolled clients. HCA has two workgroup currently meeting to , AIHC requested that tribal representation be added.



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**DBHR-** Lucilla Mendoza, Tribal Liaison (see handout )

Tribal Opioid Workgroup- On agreement of delegates, AIHC will contract with Lisa Rey Thomas to facilitate workgroup. Vote taken

Vicki noted that AIHC approached NPAIHB to contract with HCA to facilitate, but they did not have the capacity to do the work.

Tribal Evaluation and Treatment Facility- Lucy shared the dates and times for subcommittee meetings for December and information meetings set across the state in January to get more feedback from Tribes and UIHPs. The subcommittees are wrapping up gathering analysis and the staff will start putting together the report to the legislature that is due in April. If a tribe wishes to have an individual meeting or Tribal council presentation, they should contact Lucy or Charlene Abrahamson to set it up.

Washington Tribal Opioid Solutions- Lucy shared resources available under this project. The contractor is calling and interviewing Tribes about use of resources. DH will present at the February delegates meeting.

**OIC-** Steve Valandra, Tribal Liaison

Legislation on “balance or surprise billing” is a priority this year for the commissioner. The legislation will help protect consumers from paying non-contracted portion of medical bills not covered by insurance carrier.

OIC will continue to monitor health care issues at the federal level.

**WABHE-** Deb Sosa, Tribal Liaison

Open enrollment is still going on through Saturday. Call center will be open until midnight. At the beginning of open enrollment WABHE rolled out a new platform for Navigator/Tribal Assister Training. There have been some glitches with that as well as the voice messaging system. 20 Native American Specialist have been hired at the call center. Tribal Assisters should be able to get to them through the automated system. The Exchange implemented a work around for the tax credit issue that arose out of split applications. They are hoping to automate the “fix” but Deb reported than no Tribal Assisters had called into to adjust the tax credit on the split accounts. Next Tribal Assister call is Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, Tribal Sponsor call at 1 pm same day.

**DOH-** Tamara Fulwyler, Tribal Liaison (see handout)

Behavioral Health Certification/Licensing Roundtable #2



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See attachment: <https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Tribal-Roundtable-Presentation-FinalFinal12.12.18-002.pdf> . Tamara introduces Nancy Tyson who called in via webinar to discuss where DOH is at addressing this issue. AIHC requested consultation on this subject, but DOH is still researching the process. Mental health attestation should be easily addressed but DOH is still working on the Substance Use Disorder attestation/deeming and how that can lead to licensing. It was requested that DOH include Tribal Staff in the development, so they have the institutional history of the work done under DSHS. Connie Whitener agreed to work on this with DOH and she will check to see if June O’Brien can be involved. Tamara offered to re-share the letter from DBHR Merger Consultation.

**OIC Behavioral health parity work-** Jane Beyer and Mandy Weeks-Green, OIC- (see handout) As part of market stabilization efforts, the OIC has received a grant to gather information on parity of behavioral health benefits in the private market: [https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/BH-grant.AIHC\\_12.4.18-1.pdf](https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/BH-grant.AIHC_12.4.18-1.pdf)

<https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Behavioral-Health-Services-Grant-fact-sheet-final-1.pdf>

Delegates were asked to share instances where private insurance plans did not treat behavioral health benefits on par with physical health benefits. The group discussed issues with prescriptions to address opioid addiction, the ease of getting opioids prescribed vs other non-addictive treatments such as massage therapy, acupuncture and other alternative treatments.

**NOON - Lunch prepared by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Traditional Foods Program**

#### **Legislative Updates:**

Federal- Sarah Sullivan, NPAIHB (see handout) <https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/AIHC-Leg-and-Policy-Update-12-13-18.pdf>

#### **Grant Updates-**

#### **Public Health- Emergency Preparedness: Medical Counter Measures, Cross Jurisdictional Collaboration**

-Lou Schmitz, Heather Erb shared the dates for regional meetings (see handout) <https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/PHEPR-Save-the-Dates.pdf> and gave update on the work to be done through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 <https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/PHEPR-Update-12-13-18.pdf>

**Access to Health Care: Tribal Coordinating Entity, Tribal Behavioral Health Integration, Tribal Evaluation and Treatment Facilities, Governor’s Indian Health Council** Vicki Lowe, Jen Olson, Kathryn Akeah, Charlene Abrahamson



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Under Medicaid Transformation projects, 7 Tribes chose Tribal FQHC. Will be bringing together a workgroup to look at care coordination agreements (CCAs), tracking CCAs and contracting with specialty providers. This connects to the GIHC work. Kathryn shared

**Public Health- Pulling Together for Wellness: Maternal Infant Health, Community Health Worker, Home Visiting, Tobacco, Marijuana, Immunizations, Hep C, American Indian Health Care Delivery Plan**  
Jan Ward Olmstead, Cindy Gamble, Wendy Stephens (see handout)

**AIHC Business**-Resolutions and matters requiring delegation vote

Meeting Dates for 2019:

February 21<sup>st</sup> - Tulalip

August 8<sup>th</sup> – Lummi Nation

May 9<sup>th</sup> NATIVE Project

December 4<sup>th</sup>- Jamestown S’Klallam

Shoalwater Bay Tribe moved to approve the AIHC Delegate meeting dates for 2019. SIHB seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Elwha Tribal Youth Council**- Jonathan Arakawa, Co-Chair; Jasmine Jefferson, Co-Chair; Kristen Charles, Secretary; Nathaniel Thompson, Treasurer

The Executive Committee shared how they developed the Elwha Tribal Youth Council and the mission of council. They hope to connect with other Tribal Youth Council’s across the state and the nation. They appreciate being involved in the AIHC 2018 Summit. They encouraged AIHC to invite other Youth Council’s or Tribal Youth to meeting as we have them.

**Executive Committee Report**- Executive Committee Members

Tribal/UIHP participation in Statewide and Regional Health Committees- AIHC staff put together a list of workgroups and committees that need/have Tribal representation. Vicki will circulate with delegates to see if any meetings are missing and to encourage volunteers to step forward to attend meetings and share information.

Washington State AIHC Legislative Day- January 16, 2019

Information and registration can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aihc-tribal-health-legislative-day-tickets-53186352813>

**Executive Director’s Report**- Vicki Lowe, Executive Director



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**Priorities/Briefing Papers-** Now on website, Vicki invited delegates to review and send her edits, comments or questions:

Briefing papers- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Bmr3kRklgXO2n9L4wSKdgU497rwgnMeQ>

Priorities- <https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/AIHC-2019-20-Priorities-Draft.pdf>

Unfunded Priorities: Tribal Foundational Public Health Services, Improving AI/AN Data Workgroup, Food Sovereignty- these priorities remain unfunded. AIHC will continue to work under indirect funding the TFPSH and Data and will look for funders to continue the Food Sovereignty Summits

Financial Report and 2019 Budget –tabled to February.

Jessie gave an updated on the changes to the Reinvestment Account legislation he and Heather had been working on during the meeting.

**Update on Governor Inslee’s Budget-** Jason McGill, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Inslee: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/201921-Budget-and-Policy-Highlights.pdf>.

Overview of revenues and new tax to fund revenue, highlights include the focus on behavioral health. Of note for Tribes and UIHP, budget includes funding for 5 FTE’s for HCA Office of Tribal Affairs. This meets the agreement made with the Tribes for the 4 regional Tribal Liaison to support the work brought over with the DBHR merger. The budget also includes \$150,000 for the continued work of the Tribal E&T Workgroup and \$1.2 million of the FPHS budget request is for Tribal FPHS.

**Adjourn-** SIHB moved and Jamestown S’Klallam seconded motion to adjourn the meeting motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm

<https://aihc-wa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Funding-Strategy-v8-to-Tribes.pdf>