

The Region 9 Federal Tribal Affairs Committee will be meeting on July 27 @ 1:00.

- Please see the notes from our May meeting below.
- Please send me agenda topics that you would like to share.

****Let me know if you need to be removed from this list. And please let me know if you would like to add people from your agency****

Date: **July 27, 2017**
Time: **1:00**
Place: SF Federal Building
90 7th Street
Conference Room 5-010

Call In Information:

Call: 866-743-7943
Pass code: 8517660 #

Notes from May 25 meeting:

Attendees:

In Room:

- Marisol Anaya, EPA
- Val Gallo, HRSA
- Schuyler Hall, HHS/ORD
- Steven Wiener HHS/ACF

On Phone:

- Sara Russell, FEB
- Carol Chicarello, HHS/IHS-PHX
- Cindy Lemesh, HHS/CMS
- Dennis Dudley, HHS/ACL
- Jon Perez, HHS/SAMHSA

EPA, Marisol Anaya
(see notes below)

Val Gallo, HHS/ HRSA:

PHX grants workshop. 2.5 days. Vision design and capacity. 8/29-8/31. 2 people/tribe. She will follow up with details.

Dennis Dudley, HHS/ACL

No Report

Cindy Lemesh, HHS/CMS:

- HHS Region 9 Tribal Consultation was last week in Las Vegas. She was there for 1-1.
- Lot of concern about legislative proposals, rRepeal of ACA.
- AZ Waiver amendment—work reqs and lifetime limits.

Sara Russell, FEB:

- # of trainings available to all Feds. www.Sffeb.us
- Tribal: FRC has sunseted so she can provide a website. It can house minutes agenda, contact list.
- Generic trainings available.
- Follow Up: Steve and Sara will work on new site.

Jon Perez, SAMHSA:

- Budget effects from Consultation.
- Steve mentioned the optimistic view Jon held last week with opioid funding.

Schuyler Hall, HHS/ORD:

- Opioid funding \$ is tied to Cures. Bi-partisan—he thinks SAMHSA and Tribes were in good shape.
- 9 priorities from HHS Consultation:
 1. Concerns about ACA repeal/replace and impact on Indian Health Systems and Services
 - a. Medicaid Reforms
 2. Federal Budget Support for Indian Health Care Systems
 3. Inequitable Funding for CA Facilities – including via Joint Venture Fund Opportunities
 4. Support for Special Diabetes Program for Indians
 - a. Request for Increased Appropriations (permanent)
 - b. Requests for Greater Flexibility in Program Design and Delivery
 5. RPMS
 - a. Data Exchange Issues
 - b. Requests for Modernization/Updates
 6. Requests for Improved Consultation
 - a. Reimagine HHS Project
 - b. 1115 Waivers
 - c. TANF Reauthorization
 - d. CMMI Projects
 7. Cross-state Border Issues
 - a. Request that Federal money follow the patient across state lines
 - b. Suggestion for a National Provider ID in Native Clinics and Programs
 8. Community Aftercare
 9. Human Trafficking in Indian Country
- 200 follow up items.
- Navajo: Consultation is July 18.

Steven Wiener, HHS/ACF

- Three 1 on 1s. TANF reauthorization and LIHEAP funding were main issues.

EPA Notes

News to share with FRC Tribal committee members:

-Spring Regional Tribal Operations Committee: During the week of May 1, we hosted the 2017 Spring RTOC which included a discussion of EPA's budget and transition, and a guest from the American Indian Environmental Office who provided a national perspective on the GAP program. The RTOC breakout sessions included solid waste management, environmental justice, waters of the US, and GAP joint evaluations. More than 100 participants representing over 80 tribes attended the meetings.

-Our Tribal section is close to completing half of our Financial Recommendations for our GAP grants. We are allocating nearly \$18M for capacity-building work at tribes in Region 9. Our Tribes have recently turned in their second quarterly reports. Earth week happened and many tribes celebrated by conducting community clean-up events all the while having outreach and educational activities. Our Tribal section just concluded a team retreat where our new members had the chance to meet PO that work in offices outside the EPA building.

-Annual Tribal Site Visits have started to take place. **These site visits are a great way to connect to grantees and discuss any issues or concerns the Tribe may have. We are happy to carry messages to particular tribes from other agencies, or help you follow up on issues if appropriate.**

-In early April, the EPA attended the quarterly ITCN gathering of Nevada Tribes and provided technical assistance on the development of EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans, a GAP programmatic requirement for future funding. While at the meeting, we resolved GAP work plan and budget issues with four attending tribes, answered questions about the Region 9 grantmaking process, and heard input about trainings requested for future RTOC meetings.

-In late March, **we presented the EPA Tribal Green Building Toolkit at a Region 9-funded Healthy Homes in Tribal Communities training for tribal housing and environmental staff at the Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria of California. The Tribal Green Building Toolkit includes guidance for developing building codes that reduce environmental and human health impacts of the built environment. Attendees were encouraged to use this tool to develop green building codes for their communities.**

-In mid-March, Our Tribal Section provided an Introductory EPA Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP) Virtual Training. The training was designed for Tribes who needed help getting started on their ETEP. We provided an overview of the components of an ETEP, the process, and answered specific questions. We had 16 tribal attendees participate, including Tribes who have already completed their ETEP to offer additional guidance. We received positive feedback from attendees and a request to offer another one-hour remote session to cover the last phase of the ETEP process.

R9's UST Program More than Halfway to Meeting Overall LUST Cleanup Goal for FY17:

At mid-year, 328 LUST sites have been closed in Region 9. The major contributors to this are California (241) and Arizona (72). We have also closed four cases in Indian Country which is our FY17 goal.

Implementing RCRA Corrective Action Remedy on Tribal Lands: The Land Division has issued an Amended §7003 Order to Plymouth Tube to implement the Final Remedy to address contamination from their facility on the Gila River Indian Community. The original §7003 Order required Plymouth Tube to complete activities through selection of the Final Remedy. The Final Remedy is Focused In-Situ Chemical Oxidation followed by Monitored Natural Attenuation to address groundwater, and Soil Vapor Extraction to address the vadose zone. The Amended Order requires Plymouth Tube to establish \$250,000 in Financial Assurance. The GRIC agrees with the final remedy and has been a partner with EPA throughout this cleanup.

National UST Tribal Database Meeting: On Friday May 12th, Region 9 and OUST lead a Regional Workgroup call on National UST Tribal Database development. Region 9 established a hosting environment at the National Computer Center for other Regions to fully test out the existing R9 UST Tribal Database, which is proposed for national adoption. Other Regions' comments from their testing and Region 9's proposed changes will be discussed on this call. Regions 5 and 6 have volunteered to be pilots for early migration into the new system.