

Minutes

Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs 1st Quarterly Meeting

Date: September 28th, 2018

Location: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado

CCIA Members Present: Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne, Chair; Chairman Harold Cuthair, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Juanita Plentyholes, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Chairman Christine Baker Sage, Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Councilman Adam Red, Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Web Brown, CDPHE; Chantalle Hanschu, CDHS; Lucille Echohawk, Member-At-Large; Irv Halter, DOLA; Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Sheldon Spotted Elk, At-Large Member.

CCIA Ex-Officio Members Present: Ernest House Jr., CCIA; Katy Anthes, CDE; Joshua Montoya, HCPF; Steve Turner, History Colorado; Marguerite Salazar, DORA; Tom Hooten, CSU Extension Agent; Jose Esquibel, Office of the Attorney General; Dr. Rocco Fuschetto, Ignacio School District; Michael P. Lewis, CDOT; Michael McVaugh, CDOT

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<p>Meeting Convened: Lt. Governor Lynne called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed all in attendance. Ernest House Jr. provided the invocation.</p>		
<p>Quorum Established: Quorum was established and meeting materials reviewed.</p>		
<p>Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the 4th Quarterly meeting minutes.</p>	Motion was approved unanimously	
<p>Executive Director Report: Ernest House, Jr. presented the Executive Director Report and provided an update on the meeting packet and agenda items.</p>		
<p>Southern Ute Indian Tribe Comments: Councilwoman Cheryl Frost announced that SUIA approved a budget for tribal health programming and that all line items will continue. She announced that the CHR program will continue, that the clinic is doing well, and that the tribe received grant monies for opioid abuse treatment. The tribe is utilizing these grant funds to send people to treatment out of town since local treatment centers in Durango closed. Patients are being sent to Denver for residential treatment which</p>		

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<p>includes additional treatment after the program. She announced that the clinic’s 638 funding is continuing, the title VI clinic still has lactose funding, and the Albuquerque, New Mexico health board has funding for breastfeeding learning. AAIHB funding can also enable opening a second lactose room and the tribe is currently looking for a location as women are requesting to use the program and space.</p> <p>Councilwoman Lorelei Cloud discussed the SUI’s economic development strategy and that the SUI is developing an opportunity zone. Councilwoman Cloud reported SUI’s presence at the Outdoor Recreation Summit in June and the tribe’s work with the Colorado Department of Energy to discuss renewable energy programs.</p> <p>Councilman Melvin Baker announced that SUI passed their budget and that the UMUT brought over some corn and pumpkins. He also announced that the SUI opened up 25 new townhouse units.</p> <p>Chairman Christine Baker Sage introduced Shawna Steffler, the new principal of the SUI’s Montessori academy.</p>		
<p>Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Comments</p> <p>Councilwoman Colleen Cuthair Root announced that the UMUT finalized their budget. She announced tribe’s hopes to start solar projects within the year and a project pertaining to broadband from UMUT to Hermano Peak should benefit both the tribe and surrounding areas. She announced that the tribe is seeking general managers for various projects the tribe would like to pursue.</p> <p>Councilwoman Plentyholes described the UMUT’s work on the Ute curriculum and the importance of educating Colorado about the Ute people. Councilwoman Plentyholes also announced the UMUT’s initiative to start a charter school on the UMUT’s land, the tribe is working with the BIE on this initiative, and the tribe received a year long planning grant. She also reported that the school district has been working with the UMUT and the tribe is participating in district meetings. Councilwoman Plentyholes reported efforts to address challenges associated with student transitions from Headstart to kindergarten and from 6th-7th grade. Councilwoman Plentyholes reported a shortage of mental health professionals and the difficulty of bringing services to rural areas. She reported that a number of departments are no longer providing certain services on the western slope.</p>		

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<p>Councilwoman Plentyholes also mentioned the topic of work requirements for Medicaid/care and emphasized that tribes are not a race, but rather sovereign governments with government-to-government relationships with the U.S. federal government. She said that given events such as this, this government-to-government relationship is becoming three fold as States are having to deal with tribes but don't really understand treaty rights. Although the assistant deputy secretary at HHS communicated that states have the ability to provide waivers to proposed Medicaid work requirements, CMS said they couldn't do this. Councilwoman Plentyholes conveyed her hope that the State work with the tribes in regard to addressing this waiver. She also mentioned that SAMSHA has a number of grants becoming available but that a lot of the tribes prefer these monies come straight to the tribes. She mentioned the importance of working with the State to ensure these resources become available to the tribes.</p> <p>Councilwoman House reported that UMUT presented their Master Housing Plan at the Colorado Health Foundation. The plan identifies priorities pertaining to housing, mental health and community spaces. Councilwoman House announced that various health facilities have been shutting down which requires that the tribe identify other resources to serve their members. Councilwoman House also reported that tribal members in White Mesa need help from State of Utah. Councilwoman House announced capacity building work within the tribe's media department. Councilwoman House also announced the UMUT is encountering water issues. She reported that three water ways are dry and attention needs to be dedicated to considering how the tribe utilizes its water resources and ways of obtaining adequate water to meet the tribe's needs. She also expressed concern about climate change and implications for the tribes related to drought and ecosystem changes.</p> <p>Councilwoman House reported that the UMUT sponsored Philanthropy Days and that the tribe is looking at additional 3.5 million in funding opportunities. She announced that channel 99 will be used to broadcast leadership meetings. She also announced that the LA Skins fest going to present youth films and that the Colorado Film Commission worked with UMUT youth on a short film about the Ute Tribal Park. She mentioned issues with the DMV recognizing Tribal identification as a legitimate document to help tribal members obtain State drivers licenses. Councilwoman house also mentioned an opportunity for the tribe to build 6 more housing units but that the tribe</p>		

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<p>currently has a 200 home deficit.</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Lynne announced that Mike at CDOT should follow up with the issue pertaining to the traffic light at a problematic intersection. Mike mentioned he recently obtained accident data and that a new traffic council would convene this summer. He mentioned that the same standards for traffic lights are being applied uniformly across the state. Councilwoman House wanted to know if it would be possible to receive assistance identifying areas on the reservation that may pose a potential travel risk.</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Lynne announced that CCIA will send information about the Ute Tribal Park Film to CCIA members. She also announced CCIA will keep the tribes informed about changes in CCIA members given potential changes that may accompany the upcoming political transition.</p>	<p>Follow up about traffic light and areas on the reservation that pose particular travel safety risks.</p> <p>Send information on Ute Tribal Park Film to CCIA Members</p> <p>Provide updates to tribes regarding Colorado's political transition</p>	<p>CDOT & UMUT</p> <p>CCIA</p> <p>CCIA</p>
<p>Commissioners/Ex-Officio Member Comments:</p> <p>Georgina Owen presented the Ute Resource Guide, Nuu-ciu Strong and announced that trainings on the curriculum resource would occur in Lone Tree on October 12th for Title VI schools, on January 26th at History Colorado, and in Southwest Colorado at a place and date to be determined. She announced that the guide will be housed on CCIA's website but that if UMUT and/or SUIIT would like it housed on their website, to contact Morgan so this process can be initiated. She also requested that the UMUT and SUIIT provide any feedback they might have. Georgina announced that CDE is working to publicize the guide and is sharing information about the resource and where it can be found, conducting trainings, working with the academic standards team to travel around state regarding model resources and curriculum. Additionally, History Colorado will be marketing and sharing it widely. The Denver Art Museum will work with teachers regarding resources available and help spread the word.</p> <p>Irv Halter (DOLA) discussed the Colorado State census. He announced a search for people to apply for the Complete Count Committee. The committee needs tribal and or AI/AN representation</p>		

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<p>on this committee. The Census has been meeting with tribes. Councilwoman Plentyholes said she'd give Bernadette Cuthair's contact information to Mr. Halter since she is a representative on the U.S. census and would be a good point of contact.</p> <p>Lucille Echohawk announced the national census is looking to hire a native person for census work and that she would forward this information to CCIA for distribution.</p> <p>Mike from CDOT mentioned 7 sites with archaeological resources and that CDOT is working on adhering to proper protocol regarding the treatment of human remains that have been found in the area. He mentioned that CDOT is working on developing a video log with tribes in the next sites and that \$3 million has been allocated for archaeological work. Mike announced potential involvement of NMDOT and that they are trying to get the Navajo nation and others to participate so that folks can share lessons learned and identify practice improvement.</p> <p>Chantalle Hanschu announced that CDHS is working on follow up items from its most recent State-Tribal consultation and is working on revising its consultation agreement to reflect current working relationships. She also announced that she, Kathryn Redhorse, and Shelly Solopow would be returning to have funding conversations with the UMUT and SUIT.</p> <p>Councilwoman Frost emphasized the importance of recognizing that SUIT offers a benefit plan, not health insurance.</p> <p>Steve Turner (History Colorado) announced the opening of the Ute exhibit, <i>Written on the Land</i> at History Colorado in Denver on December 7th.</p>	<p>Publicize job opening with U.S. census</p>	<p>CCIA</p>
<p>Bob Randall (DNR) discussed drought contingency planning pertaining to the Colorado Rivers upper and lower basin states as well as concerns with the 2014 water plan as it pertains to water resource curtailments. He also announced ballot initiatives including amendment 74 and proposition 112. He announced that funding from the State Land Board to public school has been reduced by 65% (230 million dollars). DeAnne House requested a copy of the drought contingency plan and expressed strong interest in being involved in decision making and conversations regarding water resources.</p>	<p>Provide information to tribes regarding drought contingency plan. Provide tribes with drought plans and timeline for reviewing</p>	<p>UMUT, SUIT, DNR</p>

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<p>Ernest House Jr. mentioned the possibility of a meeting or consultation with DNR to discuss natural resource issues. He has been talking with tribal staff and wants to run some dates by council and hopes to get these meetings done before January 7th.</p> <p>Councilwoman House announced that UMUT passed a resolution assigning individual councilpersons to specific issues and that Morgan should be made aware of these designations in order to establish appropriate points of contact.</p> <p>Jose Esquibel announced that he would send Morgan and Rocco Fuschetto information pertaining to school safety and safe to tell. Mr. Esquibel also announced that his office is looking at policy and funding allocation for opioid abuse issues. The new program authorized by the legislature provides scholarships and incentives to increase workforce in these areas and includes items such as behavioral health and substance abuse. Web Brown, CDPHE can provide more information.</p> <p>Stephanie Hartman announced that CDE is working to increase teachers' ability to teach financial literacy. Trainings will be happening in Grand Junction. Partnerships with JumpStart are focusing on economic literacy Colorado. If folks have suggestions or would like Alissa or Stephanie can talk with teachers.</p> <p>The Attorney General chairs a domestic violence review board examining tragedies resulting from domestic violence in order to improve prevention and provide recommendation for practice and policy. Ernest House assisted Lynda Johnston to organize the training held at SUIT regarding domestic violence prevention and that there are opportunities to offer the same training in the UMUT area. Regarding Herrera vs. Wyoming, the Attorney General declined submitting an Amicus Brief in favor of Wyoming. Councilman Adam Red announced that the SUIT filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in favor of Herrera.</p> <p>Web Brown announced November 26th as the next consultation date for CDPHE. He will be reaching out health and environmental staff in to identify the tribes' priorities regarding health and environment and then identify folks on CDHPHE staff who need to attend the consultation. Web announced that the JBC, Office of State Planning and Budgeting, and CDPHE budget staff visited UMUT and SUIT to learn more about how to increase resources at CDPHE to work with</p>	<p>the interstate document including inter and intra state elements.</p> <p>Communicate about appropriate points of contact within Tribal Council in regard to thematic areas of focus.</p> <p>Send information on school safety to Rocco Fuschetto and CCIA</p>	<p>UMUT, CCIA</p> <p>Attorney General Office, CCIA, Ignacio School District</p>

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<p>tribes. The centers for AI/AN health and CU Denver are considering how to support oral health needs within tribes and how to create a pipeline for future oral health professionals within the tribe. For more information, reach out to Web. The four corners air quality group has an upcoming air quality meeting on October 24th. The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey recently released their latest report with data on social, medical, behavioral health issues impacting kids in Colorado. AI/AN children featured prominently and folks are considering how to make this information actionable in partnership with the tribes</p>		
Committee Reports/Recommendations		
<p>Health and Wellness Committee:</p> <p>Jeanne Kaufmann (Interagency Tribal Liaison) provided updates on the Health and Wellness Committee. Chantalle Hanschu and Adrienne Maddux were selected to be Co-Chairs. Folks should contact Jeanne for more information about Cooking Matters. November 14th was announced as the next meeting date.</p>		
<p>Reinterment Committee: No Update</p>	Request:	
<p>Education Committee: No Update</p>	Request:	
<p>Budget/Personnel Committee: No Update</p>	Request:	
<p>Economic Development Committee: No Update</p>	Request:	
<p>Old Business: NCAI will include a powwow culture night and welcome reception. The convention will also feature break out session on diverse themes including outdoor recreation, marijuana, and economic development. Councilwoman Cheryl Frost mentioned hemp as a potential facet of economic development. Councilman Red requested enforcement statistics from the Cannabis enforcement office. Lieutenant Governor Lynne said that CCIA could arrange for a representative to present on the topic at the next CCIA meeting.</p> <p>Josh provided updates on the policy memo for county partners in relation to healthcare program protocol for members of AI/AN tribes.</p> <p>State Tribal Consultation MOUs are in the process of being updated</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>CCIA to arrange a presentation on marijuana enforcement at the December CCIA meeting.</p>	CCIA

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<p>and should be ready to sign by the December CCIA meeting.</p> <p>Marguerite Salazar (DORA) announced programing to help veterans obtain licensure by transferring activities they performed on duty to academic credit.</p> <p>The Native American Hemp and Cannabis Conference will be happening in California on October 14-17.</p>		
New Business:	Request:	
Public Comment:		
Next Meeting Date: December 7, 2018		
Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm		