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DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Sept. 17, 2014

Meeting Location: State Capitol Bldg., Hearing Room 50  
900 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

Called to Order: The meeting came to order at 9:07 a.m.

Adjourned: The meeting concluded at 1:37 p.m.

Members Present:

1. Leo Stewart, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
2. Don Gentry, Klamath Tribes
3. Brenda Meade, Coquille Indian Tribe
4. Cheryle Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
5. Raymond Tsumpti, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
6. Jackie Mercer, NARA Northwest
7. Ted Ferrioli, Senate Republican Leader
8. Caddy McKeown, Representative
9. Arnie Roblan, Senator

\*Representative G. Smith joined the meeting briefly

Representatives from Tribes in lieu of Members:

1. Yvonne McCafferty, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
2. Robert Kentta, Confederated Tribes of Siletz

Members Absent:

1. Dan Courtney, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
2. Dee Pigsley, Confederated Tribes of Siletz
3. Bob Garcia, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
4. Burns Paiute

Staff

1. Karen M. Quigley
2. Dianna Brainard-King

In Attendance:

1. Nadine Swartoat, Wabaaseemoong Independent Nations, UofO intern at DHS
2. Leah Hinton, Dept of Revenue

3. Nadja Jones, DHS Tribal Affairs
4. Allison MacMullin, Office of Representative G. Whitsett
5. Trevor Sleeman, ODOT
6. Jason Yarmer, OHA – Tribal Liaison
7. April Campbell, ODE
8. Rob Saxton, ODE
9. Gary Sims, DOC
10. Lea Ann Easton, NAPOLS
11. Jason Younker, University of Oregon

Robert Kentta opened with the invocation.

Leo Stewart, Vice-Chair opened the meeting on Sept. 18, 2014, asking for a round of introductions. Leo announced there was not a quorum present and this would be considered an informational meeting until a quorum was met.

Karen shared the goal was to end this meeting in time to get to the Joint Judiciary Committees Hearing on Tribal Sovereignty. Dee Pigsley was not able to make it due to a family emergency. Bob Garcia was unable to attend. Senators Roblan and Ferrioli will be joining them and the other legislators will be going in and out due to commitments for Legislative Days. Karen shared Dan Courtney was called to Washington, D.C. and was unable to attend. Karen thanked Leo for chairing today's meeting in Dan's absence.

Karen went through a folder of information prepared for today's meeting, to consider issues throughout the day.

1. Agenda
2. Travel Reimbursement form
3. May 13, 2014 meeting minutes
4. Two documents for the Governor Vic Atiyeh Memorial Service
5. Agenda for the Tribal Sovereignty part of the Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary
6. *Background Brief on Tribal Governments in Oregon*, prepared by Legislative Committee Services (with input from LCIS Executive Director)
7. *Oregon is Indian Country* brochure
8. *Religious Services* brochure from the Oregon Department of Corrections
9. *American Indians and Alaska Natives* from the NCAI Policy Research Center
10. LCIS Budget Report, both General and Other Funds, balance of zero
11. User Survey that was sent out to specific people
12. LCIS Cluster Group Survey, first step for members of the clusters to complete, than how they would like them to report at cluster meetings

Karen discussed the primary priority identified by LCIS has been education and training. Karen shared we have received amazingly positive feedback on this event (Spring Gathering)

13. Member handbook for each of the tribes, Senators, Representatives, and Willamette Valley prepared by LCIS staff

Karen suggested members visit the LCIS website, which has been updated  
 2015 Possibilities for Additional Education and Training Events  
 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration of LCIS  
 Hold another Spring /Summer/Fall Gathering Event?

#### 14. 2015 State Capitol Celebrations donations from tribes

Leo announced a quorum had been met with the addition of committee members, Cheryle Kennedy, Senator Ted Ferrioli, and Brenda Meade.

Erinn Kelley-Siel, Director for the Department of Human Services (DHS) wished the Commission Members good morning, along with Nadja Jones, Tribal Affairs Director. Erinn shared she and Nadja were here today to learn how their office could help this Commission help build healthy tribal communities. She gave a brief overview of the work DHS accomplishes, and reiterated their goal to work with the tribes to build stronger communities.

DHS has been holding internal trainings on implicit bias, historical trauma, racism, discrimination, and structural racism, and understands each tribe is different. DHS wishes to build relationships and trust with tribal staff, with the understanding that when staff move on new relationships need to begin. Communication is critical for sharing information with tribes and requesting their input and advice. Accountability conversations with tribes have been different, sometimes around education and training, other times around data and information, and yet others around leadership commitment to relationships.

Nadja shared she has visited each of the tribal governments at least twice in the past ten months and it has been an honor to meet with them. She acknowledged the uniqueness of each tribe and explained her Native name has a meaning of someone who likes change, to watch change, to be a part of change, which she feels is why she is in her current position as a liaison.

During the last state audit a very specific piece came up as a topic for tribal consultation: the definition of Indian Country. Specific tribes asked Nadja to state the summary of all those consultations, and if Indian Country would be defined or redefined by this federal audit. Three tribes sent in written documentation, one saying if they changed the definition of Indian Country they would be attempting to change the congressional restoration language. Other tribes have offered formal resolution and opposition as the change to Indian Country, and tribes have offered their perspective on no change to Indian Country.

Cheryle requested a comprehensive list of services provided by DHS. Nadja offered to send out the government-to-government report, but Cheryle asked for an overall description, citing tribes often are not aware of services available to them, or if there are designated funds for tribal use. Cheryle wondered if the state was removing administrative barriers for tribes to contract funding. She would like accountability for funds received and who the target populations are.

Cheryle sent a response to Senator Merkely's office in regards to his promotion of higher education and services, and discussed mental health patients applying for higher education funding and racking up lots of debt they do not understand.

Another concern she has is very few tribal members remain on the reservation, and if someone who is developmentally disabled and it is determined they need to go to a residential home, the tribe does not realize that is occurring. She believes most tribes are set up in their courts where they can review those cases, but they never know about them.

Senator Ferrioli shared information about the recent Coastal Caucus and a conversation he held on ceded lands, the possession of lands. Tribes reserved the right to hunt, fish, gather, and all implied rights to gain access, at usual and customary locations. Reservation land within Indian Country is different depending on location and purposes, not just by differing tribes. Sovereign

nations are defined by reservations, and ceded lands are defined by reserved rights which are the boundary of Indian Country. To look past Indian Country one would have to go beyond the State of Oregon. It would assist him and others for DHS to come up with a valid definition of Indian Country, as it may be difficult for many to understand.

Cheryle discussed how the Doctrine of Discovery was referred to when explorers spoke of how to deal with Natives of the land. The church determined Native Americans are people and this is their land, yet the explorers had to determine how to take the land from the Native Americans. Tribes entered into treaties and attempted to compartmentalize to establish rules about owning property. That is how Cheryle would define Indian Country.

Erinn clarified DHS is not attempting to unilaterally define Indian Country. The federal funding for Temporary Assistance of Needy Families (TANF) Program was audited by the Secretary of State, who determined within the State Plan Agreement, the definition of Indian Country was too broad. The definition was created in partnership with the tribes, which had been approved by the federal government previously, however the Secretary of State requested a more narrow definition for the TANF program. Erinn stated she is not attempting to influence anyone in regards to the definition of Indian Country

Senator Ferrioli suggested DHS ascertain the definition of Indian Country varies for different purposes, which forces people to consider this does not pertain solely to reservation boundaries.

Raymond stated his people have been on this land since time memorial. Boundaries were introduced by non-Native Americans. Tribes who are related, such as those who lived on the Columbia River are trained to identify one another by where they are placed and not by their relations.

Nadja discussed DHS' outreach to the families of Celilo Village, including transportation for elders, food banks, transportation to medical appointments, and access to after-school programs.

Erinn thanked the committee and their staff for their partnerships and continual commitment to meetings.

Nadja shared DHS is reviewing files for all in-state and out-of-state Indian tribal youth for ICWA Services.

Leo thought it was great to have relationships with the youth so they can receive support.

Erinn will do the follow-up as requested. Nadja plans on meeting with Umatilla in 2 weeks.

Leo introduced Greg Roberts, Superintendent of Oregon State Hospital.

Greg Robert introduced Luz Barella-Borst, Director of Spiritual Care, and Walter Balk, Director of Native American Services.

Greg learned the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) was not in compliance with the law. They passed this report to their legal affairs department who said they are compliant, but minimally with both state and federal laws.

They hired a full time Native American Services position. DHS had a Native American Advisory Group but it was not connected in a format for approval of proposals.

Their first step is to design a plan that will allow them to have the excellent program they are seeking. OSH will hold a Native American Celebration Day on Nov. 5, arranged with Grand Ronde, has approved a Native American celebration day at the hospital on Nov. 23, 2014, and have placed Native American plants such as lavender around the sweat lodge area to enhance the appearance of the sweat lodge.

For the Native American Advisory Group, Walter Buck will be reaching out to the Native American communities for advisors to join the group. For the Spiritual and Religious Advisory Group propose outside religious and spiritual community leader for consultations.

Greg feels OSH has not had a high quality Native American Services program.

Don thanked them for the work they are doing.

Robert shared a family story that showcased how misinterpretation of Native American customs are often made. His great grandmother spent the last part of her life at OSH as she had a breakdown which was diagnosed as "acute mania brought on by old time Indian dancing." Conversion to Christianity and attempting to find the balance between traditional tribal beliefs and other religions can cause confusion. Appreciates their efforts to increase patient's access to traditions.

Greg believes staff need to be educated more thoroughly on cultures and practices. There have been instances where people have been misdiagnosed.

Robert shared mental health benefits in regards to community health and well-being, such as gardening and other activities that bring people together and teach them to take care of things and one another. In their traditional gathering places they do enhancement activities, such as huckleberry restoration and caring for bear grass for weavers.

Greg stated OSH is very interested in knowing more about all of those practices.

Leo feels identity is something that has to be worked on, because a lot of people have lost that. Spirituality is part of the healing process, as it was set into stone for us from our past relatives to identify with each other. Leo wondered how he could identify with him, in what ways can he walk and talk with him. There have been times when we had teachers that looked like ministers that separates us. Yet we need people who understand our ways and our hearts. He is not criticizing he is just saying people feed people in a dynamic way through our heritage, and there is medicine there.

Greg shared the initial plan is to set aside funding for three or four contract employees within the spiritual department.

Cheryle thanked Greg for his willingness to make changes for the well-being of Native American patients. Science has proven when a patient's basic rights have been attended to, healing has improved.

In regards to the recent patient issue, Cheryle was not clear if the patient neglected to ask for services or was denied services. The auditor at her tribe makes sure patients' needs are met, and she was not sure if the auditor for OSH did the same, such as under the Native American Language grant.

Cheryle wondered who within the State of Oregon oversaw all the agencies, other than the governor, and how active they were in regards to making sure sovereign respect is given to tribes.

Greg felt the proper steps were not taken and believed the Native American Advisory Group should have addressed issues if they were brought forward, yet they were not connected to anything and had nowhere to go with their recommendations. OSH wishes to be compliant with the laws.

Representative McKeown appreciates Greg acknowledging there were issues. Recapped OSH's desire to restructure the Native American Advisory Group to include at a minimum ½ of the members who were Native American or knowledgeable of working with tribes. She wondered who OSH was going to make contact with in regards to obtaining knowledge. Where is the connection with tribes?

Walter Balk, OSH Director of Native American Services shared he grew up as a minority within his neighborhood, a Dutch citizen in Germany. He can only imagine what it must feel like to have lands taken away and cultures suppressed. He can bring humility to this position. He only began working with OHS three days ago. He wishes to meet with each member as he understands only tribal members can tell him what it is like to have these things occur.

Luz Barela-Borst, Director of Spiritual Care added she has been with OSH since the end of May 2014 and so far has reached out to tribal members, for example Art MacMullin. OSH invited the nine federally recognized tribes to apply for contract work. Luz reached out to Jason Yarmer for any Native American issues. OSH has other hospital employees who are Native American, or their spouses are Native American so she contacted them. Yesterday Luz met with Jan at Grand Ronde, the flutist regarding the Nov. 5 Native American festival at the hospital, with a powwow, dancing, singing, drumming and providing food to everyone at the hospital. In the short time she has been in this position she has reached out to the people that she could, and to DOC director and some other people, such as Dusty Mackay.

Luz is from the Philippines and immigrated here. Her country has been invaded by Spainards who for almost 400 years took her land, so she can relate with the Native culture. They lost their own identity but are starting to reconnect with their own culture.

Greg asked who are the people they should be talking to and making connections with.

Caddy congratulated them on their new post.

Senator Ferrioli asked if the state hospital has a written policy for providing Native American spiritual services.

Luz said they do.

Senator Ferrioli requested a copy, as well as Representative McKeown. Senator Ferrioli asked if OSH is working alongside DOC.

Luz just met with Dennis Holmes, Director of Religious Services at DOC, and she consulted with him on activities provided to Native American clients. She adopted some of these activities, such as providing a box for sacred items, such as feathers and medicine bags during transfers. She consulted with Jason Yarmer in regards to feathers and medicine bags.

Greg shared they were unaware of some of the programs offered at DOC.

Senator Ferrioli, regarding audit function and legislative functions, affirmed OSH needs to report to LCIS. Fiscal audits are provided by the Secretary of State, which provides a letter of compliance but not what happens during a performance audit, which looks at statute and legislative intent. These performance audits are made by specific requests by the audit committee, which may no longer meet with legislature.

Don provided his business card for follow-through at Klamath. He asked if they are considering revising the policy and if so will they be asking for tribal input?

Greg requested tribal members become members of the Native American Advisory Group.

Don discussed the performance audit mentioned by Senator Ferrioli and if tribes could weigh in on findings. For cultural sensitivity training it is helpful to coordinate with tribes for resources.

Robert discussed historical trauma and its application, for tribal impacts on sovereignty and ability to maintain and use lands and resources, but also policies around assimilation through boarding schools. Lots of places have these colonizing effects, and a greater understanding within OSH and their advisory committees would be beneficial in regards to how people understand abuse, neglect, abandonment from growing up in those types of environments.

Brenda thanked them for speaking on this. Coquille has received letters and concerns. She stressed the importance for Walter to meet with the tribes. She recognized the Grand Ronde for their assistance at the hospital, and thanked Karen for being available when someone calls for assistance.

Greg mentioned the cremains memorial and invited everyone to see this. Greg asked to be invited back to this group.

Leo shared we want to make sure everything has been met. Spirituality is important.

Jason Yarmer with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) shared he worked previously at NARA and coordinated the Suicide Prevention Project, who provided funds, infrastructure and trainings to tribes on suicide prevention. Caroline Cruz, Tribal Liaison with Addictions & Mental Health retired after 21-years and Jason obtained and worked in that position for five years, working with tribal mental health and prevention staff. Recently Richard Acevedo retired as the Tribal Liaison with the OHA and Jason obtained that position.

Under OHA they have Medical Health Assistance Program (Medicaid), Addictions and Mental Health Division and Mental Health, where \$1.8 million was approved to go to the tribes to administer mental health. Eight of the nine tribes received federal funding for the first time, Warm Springs being a mental health authority since the 1980's. Funds were received through legislature and are hopeful additional funds will be offered to continue the assistance.

Holds the Health & Human Cluster group meetings, quarterly. The next meeting will take place Nov. 19 and hosted by CTCLUSI. They also hold Tribal Consultation meetings with the Oregon Health Authority Director and staff to go over changes, which are held quarterly, the next one in Salem on Oct. 7.

OHA promotes and believes in tribal best practices, in lieu of 2003's SB267 on evidence-based practices. Caroline Cruz and Dr. John Spence coordinated with tribes to document cultural

practices, such as powwow and canoe journeys. NARA is holding the next Tribal Best Practices Stakeholders meeting on Oct. 22, and everyone is invited to showcase practices.

Jason asked the group how they would like OHA to communicate with them on issues. They are currently working on the H&A descriptor that identifies patients as Native American.

Leo suggested updates for communication.

Cheryle would like to see periodic oral reports as this is probably the biggest state agency tribes deal with. Cheryle assumed the federal pass thru dollars are growing.

Jason said the block grant money comes from Addictions & Mental Health for substance abuse, prevention and treatment, which can be questionable depending on what Congress decides to do.

Following a question from Representative McKeown in regards to why Warm Springs was the only tribe who was a mental health authority since the 1980's, Jason explained they were the only tribe who back then decided to become a mental health authority. Umatilla appears to be seeking an outpatient mental health provider status, and Jason is meeting with the Burns Paiute Tribe to discuss the feasibility of them becoming a mental health authority.

Representative McKeown asked if the money placed within the community mental health budget is part of this budget. Jason was not sure, but shared tribes were allowed to apply for the competitive federal dollars, and Dr. Bruce Goldberg approved a set-aside for the tribes.

Break at 10:56am.

## **LCIS Member Reports**

### Coquille Indian Tribe

Brenda shared the salmon fishing in Coos Bay is fantastic, and they held their salmon celebration last week. They took a 40 pounder out. Senator Ferrioli went fishing outside of Warrenton and caught a 25-lb King Salmon. The Coho count on the Columbia is beating records' which is good news.

### Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Cheryle shared elections were held earlier this month and Reyn Leno continues as Chair. Chris Mercer is back on council, finishing up his law degree. Tonya Gleeson was elected, replacing Kathleen Tom.

In July they held their Veteran's Powwow and in August their Annual Powwow. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year they held wellness groups for veteran's, who know very little about available services. There is a lot of respect for our soldiers and veterans that continues to grow.

Mental health services are probably the least funded, and to learn Oregon has decided to share funds is a very good thing. May consider a circuit psychiatrist for the tribes to utilize together.

### Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Yvonne shared the Umpqua Foods was closing, with production ending Sept. 20. The market has become too competitive, and revamping the equipment is something they probably could not recuperate for many years. It is sad.



They held elections this year, and Dan is in Washington, D.C. Other businesses are doing well. K-Bar ranch is producing beef being used in their restaurants. Doing updates to the truck and travel center, which is approximately 17-years old.

#### Confederated Tribes of Siletz

Robert believes the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month is when the Oregon Tribes meeting is taking place, hosted by Siletz.

#### Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Raymond shared their K-8 school opened up, though there was a misunderstanding between the residents and the bus service, who will not pick up youth who live within 1.5 miles of the school.

There were two lightning fires that occurred this year. Thought the fires should have been contained earlier.

#### Senator Roblan

Discussed the Coastal Caucus Economic Summit that occurred in August, with approximately 350 participants. All the coastal tribes helped, and the caucus is always held at a facility of the coastal tribes, this time in Florence with CTCLUSI.

Senator Merkely, Senator DeFazio, Senator Shrader and Representative Bonamicci made it to the caucus. The Coastal Caucus is opened with a tribal representation. Brenda was there to share information, along with Senator Ferrioli and others. We recognize that one of the big economic engines in the coastal area are the tribes, and they are not leaving. Caddy is the coastal caucus chairman, and Rosie works really hard to make it happen. Senator Roblan appreciates the commitment from all the tribes. There are a lot of agency people there and it is a good opportunity for local folks, including tribal members to interact with them.

#### Klamath Tribes

Don had brochures for the Klamath Basin Agreements, which is a colonization of over 30+ years of work. Have been able to negotiate three landmark and remarkable settlements to restore salmon run on the river, along with economic opportunity, with some reduction in irrigation land to make sure there's more water in the streams. Economic component was built –in because the agricultural community would receive economic benefits immediately for implementing these agreements, though it would take decades for our fish runs to be restored. One of the agreements is the recovery of land, Mazama Forest (90,000 acres of former homeland) being one they are looking at and have secured funding for that. Historically the Klamath Tribes were probably the most significant economic engines in the Klamath Basin, and loss of forest lands during termination was a devastating economic blow.

Mazama Forest is a working forest. It cannot be overharvested or clear cut except for at the levels it is producing, a "sustain-yield". The Forest Service has lands the Klamath has treaty reserved rights, which helps the tribe make sure the Forest Service harvests the forest to allow the tribe cultural and subsistent needs. Developed a Master Stewardship Agreement to restore the function and health of the forest.

They currently own the Mazama Mill Site (Mt Mazama blew and created Crater Lake).

Have pending legislation, introduced by Senator Wyden, SB2379, introduced through Energy & Resources. Working towards bipartisan support in the community. Changes are being

considered to the legislation that won't affect overall benefits but would possibly help gain political support. Concern about dam removal on Republican side, so one modification under consideration is allowing the Secretary of Interior to make determination on removal of dams but also involve concurrence by the State.

Klamath has a new economic development coordinator, new general manager for their casino, who is looking at adding a hotel and RV Park to the casino. Have funding for a "living culture center" to house artifacts, to provide education, training, basket making storytelling, etc. to reaffirm who we are, our history and culture, for tribal members and non-tribal members.

Don is requesting support from the nine tribes for the legislation and will be presenting at AT&I on Monday. The Hoopa Tribe have written letters to reject this legislation, yet Klamath feels their agreements are an act of their sovereignty and a well-balanced water rights for all involved.

#### Confederated Tribes of Umatilla

Leo shared water is a big issue in their area as well. Senator Hansell held a golf tournament on Sept. 30, and on the 4<sup>th</sup> the OTGA (Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance) had their fund raiser with 16 teams golfing.

Leo spoke of the youth council, who was appointed from specific schools to represent the schools and issues they may have. Attempting to get everyone involved within their government, and these youth know a lot about the treaties.

The Pendleton Round-up occurred recently, with the Governor there Saturday from 11:00am - 1:00pm to speak of the upcoming governor election and to have lunch.

AT&I is being held at Pendleton at the Mission, and they are considering a golf tournament. Williams & Reed is taking place Wednesday night and the 25<sup>th</sup> it is open to the public.

The Economic Development Cluster is being held at Pendleton on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Representative McKeown believes the economic summit is a great opportunity for folks to see what great places the event centers are, the tribal centers where the Caucus' takes place. Brings a lot of people into the tribal communities, with stunning networking opportunities. A lot of business was completed that further the agenda of the tribal entities, agencies, and elected officials.

Senator Ferrioli was amazed at the number of agencies that attended the Coastal Caucus. He thought it might be good to invite people from the private sector to attend. Senator Roblan shared the judiciary system was in attendance. Representative McKeown shared she and Senator Kruse completed the ice bucket challenge and earned \$568 for ALS.

Rob Saxton, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction with the OR Dept. of Education, April Campbell, Indian Education Specialist, and Andrea Morgan presented a PowerPoint. Handed out the State Test Results and discussed the low achievement rates of American Indian/Alaska Native youth. The results look almost exactly like the previous year, and the statistic division within the Dept. of Education confirmed there wasn't any significant statistical change they could identify. Rob is concerned with significant achievement gaps with racial demographic youth. They have seen improvement in some areas and are attempting to replicate those programs.

Rob went over the handout of the State Test Results.

ODE obtained funding from legislature for Native American/Alaska Native cultural teachings, from a grant that April worked on for some time. Eight districts and the nine tribes of Oregon are working together on these culturally relevant practices around teaching practices within the classroom. Rob's hope is to share this with the additional school districts across Oregon.

The Common Core Standards have been adopted by 42 states across the Nation, including Oregon who adopted them in 2010. Makes sure we identify at an early age what we want youth to be doing each year they are in school. Aligned the Indians in Oregon Today Curriculum to the Common Core, which Andrea worked on. Rob believes this is available online, from SB739.

State Plan Advisory Panel has been around for 20+ years. April has convened a group and will hold the next meeting on Oct. 22 in Grand Ronde, with representatives from all nine tribes. ODE is looking for feedback from the tribes on how this should look and how it should go together.

They are requesting an additional position for an Indian Education Specialist from legislature. Rob acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that needs to be done to close the achievement gap.

Rob shared Angela Bowen has been attending the State Board meetings.

Elementary/Secondary Waiver Act (which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act). Siletz and Grand Ronde are represented on this.

Title I schools are high poverty and have the lowest achievement rates across the State. There is an overrepresentation of Native students within these schools.

April Campbell shared the September State Plan Advisory Panel meeting is taking place next week in Umatilla.

During the February 2014 LCIS meeting this commission made some very good recommendations: overview of the nine tribes, resources about tribal sovereignty, government-to-government relationships, culture and language resources, and termination and restoration of each tribe. Since that meeting ODE has been working with each tribe's education directors and managers. April has also received information off of the tribal websites. April went over ODE's website, and shared they are consulting with some tribal members to review the curriculum in regards to correct information being printed.

This Thursday and Friday April will be meeting with the Education Cluster Group.

There are three State level efforts in Oregon around Oregon tribes: The Oregon Education Association (OEA) is working on Oregon tribal history and sovereignty; SB 739; and OEA putting a draft bill together that requires the State of Oregon to include Oregon tribal history within the classrooms.

Leo asked if SB739 was going along well. April thought there was a long way to go. July 1, 2014 was the deadline to get the website up and that has been completed. They are continually adding resources and posting to the website.

Leo introduced Secretary of State Kate Brown, who stopped in to say hello to the group.

Secretary of State Kate Brown said hello and announced National Voter Registration Day. She asked to take photos of each member holding a sign and possibly posting those pictures on Facebook.

LeAnn Easton is an attorney in private practice in Portland. She wished to give information to Commission Members on Napels. Since the early-90's they have been looking to work with low-income Indian people. They have worked with the Burns Paiute Tribe, Klamath, Umatilla, Siletz, Warm Springs and Grand Ronde tribes. Napels has been conducting surveys with Indian people across Oregon in an effort to obtain input. The caseloads are decreasing due to intervention services, and if a contract is not obtained Napels will have only one attorney to assist Indian people.

Leo announced Representative Greg Smith has entered the hearing room.

Gary Sims, Dept. of Corrections, Diversity & Inclusion office wanted to make sure there was clear communication between our governments. What does the state need to know, what does the state have to offer, and what are the top two priorities each tribe has when it comes to public safety?

Gary wants to make sure communication between his office and LCIS remains open, holding meetings across the state to ensure participation, gathering data to share with the tribes, and reporting accountability. Gary understands the importance of keeping LCIS abreast of what is occurring.

Leo asked if Gary has attended the public safety cluster meetings. Gary has spoken on diversity and inclusion to that group. He would like members of that cluster group to come to tribal leaders to find out what tribes two priorities are.

Gary shared he is taking the place of Dennis Holmes' place in representing DOC.

Break

### **LCIS Member Reports continued**

Representative Greg Smith shared "change is a-comin" due to the turnover of state representatives, which averages 1/3 every 2 years. He wished to assure this group that he would continue to reach out to new representatives to explain the importance of LCIS.

Raymond said the Declaration of Sovereignty was made for one reason to continue to make sure the history of Warm Springs is carried on. Another historical aspect to continue to share is SB3, which changed LCIS structure by having two Representatives and two Senators to continue the charge of sharing what they know about LCIS.

Leo agreed and feels building relationships is important to get the work done.

Robert would like LCIS to continue their infrastructure for institutional memory on an even keel. He suggested viewing a documentary on the life of LaDonna Harris and her work with Congress.

Jackie Mercer thanked everyone for attending the NARA Conference. Though NARA did not receive the mental health dollars they were seeking, they did develop a team to assist adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Jackie shared this was the first of its kind in the country.

They are developing a second one for families. NARA is hiring a pediatrician to provide family practice medicine. Looking towards expansion and possibly opening a new facility.

Leo shared Karen would send out possible meeting dates for December 2014 for us to meet once again before the end of the year. Leo asked everyone to bring forth suggestions, including education and training.

Senator Roblan asked everyone to bring anything for legislation to them by the end of next week, for a placeholder.

Cheryle discussed Oregon implementing a law around advertising and selling authentic Native American crafts. People holding onto Native American crafts which are not. Senator Roblan agrees and would like people to understand the importance of knowing the difference. He suggested self-regulating, where people report on others who are selling articles advertised as Native American.

Representative McKeown asked about the tribal police bill, SB491, and Senator Roblan has been speaking to Senator Ferrioli and Michael Mason.

Leo shared at this time we do not have a quorum and this is an information session from here forth.

Jason Younker shared his family has been on the Oregon Coast for 10,000 years+. He has been with UofO for one month and shared two days before he began the President of the university resigned. Jason was fortunate because the interim president is someone Jason has known for some time, and Jason feels he has a great respect for Native Americans.

Jason is strengthening the relationship between the president and the tribal chairs. Seeking a truer government-to-president relationship. Jason attended the Warm Springs for the opening of their new school. He attended the Round-up in Pendleton, and met with the Burns Paiute Tribe and spoke of long-term education goals and short-term.

He is chairing the Native American Advisory Board and all have been invited to attend the next meeting on Oct. 2, which includes the University of Arizona game, the flag pole ceremony, a pre-game dinner, and seats within the Presidential suite. Invitations have gone out to the tribal chairs and their guest. He wishes to bring the President to a tribal location for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The spring meeting will be back in Eugene, coincided with a game or track meet. They are planning on holding three meetings each year.

They will meet with Jason at the beginning of each meeting, than the President will join them for the latter part of the meeting following lunch.

Relationship built on mutual trust and tribal sovereignty. Jason fills the President in on what is happening within Indian Country. Jason apologized for speaking on tribal sovereignty to the Joint Committee following this meeting, as he knows he cannot speak for all the tribes on this matter.

Leo asked about the tickets, than called on an audience member.

Jason shared UofO works with the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon, but also recognizes the 41 additional tribes around in-state tuition. Jason represents the president, not the students. He works very closely with the students and vice-presidents, but believes this

position has a lot of potential and it is due to the people who came before him. Because this position is within the President's office it yields a lot of influence.

Cheryle feels the problem was with the President's office itself who only wanted to hear good things, not to improve services, improve access, meet student needs, and identify key contacts.

Jason feels the position was in the wrong office, under the Office of Equity and Inclusion as we are sovereign nations and should meet directly with the President. Jason feels there were a lot of missteps, slowness of process of creating a position under the president. Students felt lonely and Jason stated he can only go by what others have told him. Personality conflicts may never heal. Figure out how to best serve for the long term. Hopes what we create goes beyond all of us. Jason shared he was in New York the last ten years where he was allowed to build the Native American Stewards program within Rochester, where 93% of Native American youth graduated. Youth returned home to continue their cultures during the summer. They were paired with mentors during their time on campus. Jason hopes UofO ends up with a sustainable practice that returns youth to their tribes. He hopes relationships that have been damaged in the past can be rebuilt.

Representative McKeown understands the importance of these types of relationships. She asked the person in the audience if she was aware of the Native American Student Union available on the UofO campus. Caddy hoped Jason would be able to work with the youth on campus.

Jason shared he insisted for the President' Native American Advisory Council that a student is a member, to see how the Board works with the President and to have influence.

Gordon Bettles shared he is Klamath, ¼ Warm Springs, and ¼ Nez Perce. Was the Director for the Culture and Heritage Program for the Klamath Tribes, met Karen Quigley and worked with her on Klamath issues, than went to UofO to obtain his Masters in Anthropology, International Studies and Linguistics. He understands the importance of our language, protecting our cultural resources. He visited the retired WWII army barracks that became the longhouse on campus for youth back in the 1960's, which was blessed by Warm Springs and Umatilla spiritual leaders. By 2005 they had raised \$1.2 million to build a new longhouse. Values no smoking, drinking, drugs, fighting, cussing, no disrespect allowed within the longhouse. Every Thursday they have potlucks, and Umatilla representatives come and hold Wassup services.

Gordon feels no one realizes they are there. When he visited the State Capitol he was proud to see the tribal flags flying. Business major youth worked with Gordon to determine where to place the flags: at the center of campus to acknowledge they are the first people who were here, they are currently attending courses on campus and they will always be here. Took their proposal to the President who thought it was a great idea. Had to go through a lot of administration, where youth testified, did the planning, worked with the architects, and obtained bids. They obtained unanimous support from the campus planning committee. Fund raisings were held and Oregon tribes came through. They estimate 7,000 people walk through that area each day.

On October 2 each tribe will raise their flags than travel to the longhouse to have lunch. He thanked all of the members for their support.

Brenda thanked Gordon for his report and the process he went through. She is anxious for Coquille youth to see the flags on campus, and for representing all the tribes every day.

Don thanked Gordon for all that he has done over the years.

Gordon appreciates working with Jason.

Leo reaffirmed the date and time, Oct. 2 at 10:00am, though to meet at the longhouse at 9:00am to take the shuttle. There are nine reserved places in front of the longhouse for each of the tribes.

Robert gave the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37pm.