



2011 ACF/OFA Regions V & VII Tribal TANF Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 15, 2011

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration and Check-in

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration and Networking

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome

Glynn A. Crooks, Vice-Chairman, Business Council (tentative)
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Opening Prayer

Leonard Wabasha, Director of Cultural Resources (tentative)
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Opening Remarks

Steven Krasner, TANF Program Manager
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region V

Gary Allen, TANF Program Manager
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region VII

Meeting Overview and Introductions

Jennifer Rackliff, Manager
ICF International

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Tribal TANF Program Overview

This session will allow Tribal Council members and program administrators to review Tribal TANF program requirements and the opportunities in, and challenges to, providing services within those requirements.

Facilitators:

Steven Krasner, TANF Program Manager
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region V

Gary Allen, TANF Program Manager
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region VII

Gene Felix, Coordinator of Client Services
South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency



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10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Tribal TANF Program Discussion

Facilitated discussion of Regions' V and VII Tribal TANF programs, highlighting the programs' unique and promising practices. The regions' Tribal TANF program administrators will share information about their programs and learn about each other's services and activities for program participants. Tribes will also be asked to indicate an activity, service, or program they might be interested in instituting.

Facilitator:

Dr. Dorry Larson, Human Services Director
Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Improving Programs by Building Partnerships:

Enhancing Relationships with States and Other Entities

This session will highlight strategies for developing effective partnerships as Tribes, States, and other entities work toward the goal of building self-sufficiency among TANF participants. Communication between Tribes, States, and other entities needs to be open and effective in order to ensure productive and successful collaborations.

Presenter:

Lesia Evers, Acting Director
Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, State of Montana

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Understanding the Importance of Data and Data Reporting

Effectively managing a Tribal TANF program requires that administrators manage financial, program, and client data. During this session, participants will discuss the kinds of data that should be recorded, strategies for capturing and processing this information, and some ways to utilize data to evaluate and improve their programs.

Facilitator:

Dr. Dorry Larson, Human Services Director
Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe

Presenter:

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- 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Critical Issues Impacting Tribal TANF Programs – Part 1**
This peer engagement session is designed to allow attendees to discuss issues that are impacting their programs and services for Tribal TANF participants. These may include, but are not limited to, strategies for improving case management, engaging participants in work activities, domestic violence services, child-only and kinship care practices, and lessons learned from Tribal TANF programming. Attendees will discuss specific challenges and solutions relating to these critical issues and engage the discussants in strategic thinking around strategies for improving program outcomes.
- Facilitator:**
Jennifer Rackliff, Manager
ICF International
- Discussants:**
Dr. Dorry Larson, Human Services Director
Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe
- Gene Felix, Coordinator of Client Services*
South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Critical Issues Impacting Tribal TANF Programs – Part 2**
- Facilitator:**
Jennifer Rackliff, Manager
ICF International
- Discussants:**
Dr. Dorry Larson, Human Services Director
Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe
- Gene Felix, Coordinator of Client Services*
South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency
- 4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Day One Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks**
Steven Krasner, TANF Program Manager
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region V
- Gary Allen, TANF Program Manager*
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region VII
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Networking Reception**



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Wednesday, August 17, 2011

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Networking**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Understanding Tribal TANF Fiscal and Audit Requirements**
Neil Lawhead, Grants Specialist
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region VII
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Break and Hotel Check-Out**
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Tribal TANF Forum on Flexibility**
This will be an opportunity for Tribes to provide comments on where they see a need for increased administrative flexibility from the Federal government with regard to Tribal TANF requirements. This session is part of the effort surrounding President Obama's recent memorandum on increasing administrative flexibility for State, Tribal, and local governments.

Mark Greenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Earl Johnson, Director
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. **Question and Answer Conference Call with ACF Central Office**
An opportunity for attendees to ask ACF Central Office Tribal TANF policy staff questions about Tribal TANF issues.

Robert Shelbourne, Director
State and Tribal TANF Policy
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance
- 11:45 a.m. – Noon **Closing Remarks and Evaluation**
Steven Krasner, TANF Program Manager
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region V

Gary Allen, TANF Program Manager
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families, Region VII
- Tribal Closing**