

# Red Talon STD/HIV Coalition

Our goal is to reduce the prevalence of STDs among American Indians and Alaska Natives in the Pacific Northwest by uniting to share wisdom, data, and resources, identify and address common priorities, and develop strategies to eliminate STD-related disparities.

## Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2007

Ferndale, WA –Lummi Nation

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**Meeting Attendees:** Mark Aubin (WA DOH); Jutta Riediger (SPIPA); Kathy Charles (Lummi Nation); Micheal Maxwell (SPIPA); Anita Davis, (Warm Springs Tribe); Hamen Ides, (Ti-Chee, Lummi); Cynthia Morrision (WA DOH); Stephanie Craig Rushing (NPAIHB); Lisa Griggs (NPAIHB)

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**Tribal Action Plan Update** - We are on target to complete all of the goals and objects from the first two years of the tribal action plan. However, we do need to start the planning process for another action plan that will move us beyond 2008.

**Follow up:** Project Red Talon will be contacting the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research to help us update our Tribal Action Plan. Look for them to attend our Coalition meeting in July 2008.

### **Project Red Talon Update**

**School-based Chlamydia Screening** - Project Red Talon received funding from IHS to support tribal activities related to School-Based Chlamydia Screening Projects. Stephanie and Lisa have been working with Karen McGowan at Chemewa Indian School in Salem OR, to help get a chlamydia screening event up and going. Contact Stephanie if you are interested in coordinating this project within your community.

**Follow up:** Lummi looking for information on non-tribal high schools and challenges and successes and procedures on starting School-Based Chlamydia Screening Project

**School-based Adolescent Health** - Project Red Talon expects to receive a contract with the National Coalition of STD Directors, which will focus on developing additional School-based STD prevention resources targeting Native youth. We'll keep you posted!

**Teen Zine Teacher Guide** – Was presented to the coalition for review and edit.

**Follow up:** Copies will be disseminates soon, via mail.

**Red Talon Case Study** - Project Red Talon is writing a case study documenting the challenges and successes of the Red Talon Coalition. A draft was presented to the group, and feedback was sought.

**Follow up:** We will review an updated draft at the next meeting in January.

**Training and Outreach Activities:** Project B.E.A.R has invited Project Red Talon to join them in Quileute on November 5 & 6, 2007, at Makah on November 26 & 27, 2007, then in Warm Springs March 18 & 19, 2008.

**April 2008** – Three day Workshop with the Coalition meeting on day one; day two and three train-the-trainer workshop on Disease Interventions Specialist (DIS) working in STD prevention and control. Core information is combined with opportunities to: enhance efficacy in interviewing techniques to identify and locate sexual partners of STD patients; improve field safety and methods for confidential notification and referral of partners to medical evaluation; facilitate a risk reduction plan; review techniques of case management and visual case

**2008 Reproductive Health Conference** - Seattle, WA - March or April 2008. We will likely have funding available to send 8-10 tribal clinicians to this conference (with travel and registration scholarships). We'll keep you posted!

**Grants - Condom Video Intervention** - Project Red Talon applied for a grant that would allow us to develop a condom video targeting the NW Tribes. That score well and continued to the next round of scoring.

**Follow up:** No news yet.

**Grants - Media Development** - During the April Coalition meeting, members expressed interest in submitting another application for the Library of Medicine HIV media grant. PRT submitted an express application for \$10,000, which would focus on educational materials and trainings targeting healthcare providers at the tribal clinics.

**Follow up:** Not Funded.

**Committee Reports and Discussion** – Was cut short due to weather conditions.

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## Save the Date:

- **NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting** – January 14 – 17, 2008 Portland OR. Doubletree Lloyd Center
- **Red Talon STD/HIV Coalition Meeting** - January 14, 2008 – Portland OR. the Doubletree Lloyd Center – 9-Noon (Lunch Provided)