**NPAIHB Behavioral Health Committee – Meeting Minutes**

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* **Introductions**
* **Update on NARA’s Youth Treatment Center**
	+ NARA is ready for referrals. They have an intake packet.
	+ For referrals, contact Cheryl Peterson (971-678-9358): <http://www.naranorthwest.org/projects/youth-outpatient-addictions-treatment/>
	+ Located in Gresham; Open to youth ages 12-18
	+ Referrals must go through the Tribe’s behavioral health program
	+ 18 beds: 9 male, 9 female
	+ Funding: IHS, State of OR, and 3rd party billing
	+ Not a detox facility.
	+ **Action Item**: Invite NARA to the next QBM to present, or schedule a site visit to tour their facility.
* **Adult Inpatient Opportunities**
	+ American Addictions Centers – Locations in CA, WA, FL, TX
	+ We ended up sending two patients to CA. Both are doing really great. They took our insurance.
	+ At NIHB, talked to Mark Le Beau. They are interested in opening a house for AI/ANs.
	+ **Question:** Has anyone else used them?
	+ **Action Item**: Invite someone from American Addictions Centers to present at the next QBM. Contact: John Keating
* **Acupuncture for Substance Use (Subutox)**
	+ Umatilla and Lower Elwha have both offered acupuncture
	+ And AAC uses **Color Therapy**
	+ **Action Item**: Invite someone to present at the next QBM about holistic treatment services. Ask: Becky Greer or Sandy Sampson
* **We discussed Tribal Best Practices**
	+ Oregon mandates use of evidence-based practices for mental health and treatment. So OR Tribes created a repository of Tribal Best Practices.
	+ They are updating the policies right now.
	+ If other Tribes are interested, we could add them to library; allowing NW Tribes to code for reimbursement. For example:
		- Sweats – Billable in OR (some tribes us a consent form to reduce liability)
		- Baby Boards – Have been shown to reduce SIDS. (though parents need training on the proper procedure)
	+ [www.HealthyNativeYouth.org](http://www.HealthyNativeYouth.org) could house the Best Practices, if Tribes are interested in adding other treatment/healing practices.
* **Lack of Psychiatrists in the NW**
	+ Need more psychiatrists, but didn’t discuss possibilities
* **I-LEAD Grant –** We discussedleadership skills/training that we want youth to have before joining the public health workforce. Ideas included:
	+ Intergenerational training – for Millennials – for success and interaction in the workplace
	+ Do the Meyers-Briggs personality test, to learn about different styles
	+ Public speaking = Reading your audience
	+ Facilitation skills, practice facilitating a small or large group