**Public Health Committee**

April 16th, 2019 – Swinomish Casino Resort

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Tam Lutz - NWTEC

Wilbert James, MD – Sauk Suiattle

Heidi Lovejoy – NWTEC

Andrew Shogren, Suquamish

Ali Desantel – Kalispel Tribe

Dr. Matthew Whitacre - Lower Elwah

Kelle Little – Coquille Tribe

Elizabeth Ann Jim – Shoshone Bannock Tribe

Tom Weiser, MD Medical Epidemiology for IHS

Bridget Canniff - NWTEC

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**Discussion Topics:**

**Priorities**: We reviewed legislative priorities from last meeting. A discussion was held about the availability of the legislative newsletter for updates from the Policy Analysts.

**Emergency Preparedness Conference Update**: Upcoming Northwest Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Training and conference will be held June 10th -14th.

It will be held in Portland, Oregon at the Embassy Suites by Hilton; Portland, OR. There is a pre-conference training on June 10th and 11th, 2019 entitled Isolation and Quarantine Response Strategies in the Event of a Biological Disease Outbreak in Tribal Nations. (FEMA approved)

The main conference is Wednesday, Thursday and a ½ day on Friday. Among the topics, a measles panel, will be held, including lessons learned from the recent measles outbreak in Clark County, WA. The announcement has gone out in weekly mail outs. Please plan to attend. Registration: [bit.ly/19TPHEPreg](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cvwarrenmears%5CDesktop%5Cbit.ly%5C19TPHEPreg)

**Public Health Improvement in OR and WA:**

Washington is going to contact Oregon regarding community capacity assessment and priority assessment. The OR State PartnerSHIP provided mini grants for strategic priorities, from priority communities, including AI/AN. The board got 209 surveys completed and evaluated for input into the planning process.

Andrew reviewed the Foundational Public Health work in Washington State. It was started by John Weisman, Marilyn was one of the first co-chairs. FPHS has continued to meet. Unfortunately, tribes learned that they can be at the table and on the menu. Steve Kutz is now one of the co-chairs. FPHS framework was passed by the legislature and was signed by governor, the model recognized tribes as an part of the public health system. In Washington, the House and Governor’s budget has 20 million for FPHS and $2 million for tribes. Senate budget has 17 million for FPHS and has no money for tribes. It remains to be seen what will happen this session.

What does the EpiCenter do?

A brief overview of the NWTEC was provided. There was a request for an overview of the TEC at a future meeting, including what services are available to support Tribes. Unfortunately we ran out of time to finish this discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.