**NPAIHB QBM August 2016 – Omak, WA – hosted by Colville Tribes**

**Elder Committee Meeting**

**Attendees:** Dan Gleason (Chehalis), Patty Kinswa Gaiser (Cowlitz), Janice Clements (Warm Springs), Sandy Mostler (Klamath), Andy Joseph (Colville)

**NPAIHB Staff:** Clarice Charging, Bridget Canniff

Dan Gleason opened the meeting with a prayer.

Dan made a motion to approve the meeting notes from the April committee meeting, seconded by Patty, and approved unanimously.

**TRIBAL UPDATES**

**Cowlitz**

* Opened their casino in April
* Patty is teaching cultural classes at the tribe, reaching youth, working hrough the mental health program and others, on her own scheduling, but keeping busy
* Patty Kinswa Gaiser is the new Council Chair, taking Steve Kutz’ place (though he is still on Council)
* The elders at St. Mary’s have flowers that are growing beautifully – a local nursery is donating flowers and they also have a huge vegetable garden
* Patty Kinswa Gaiser and Dan Gleason are going to NICOA, sponsored by NPAIHB – Bridget is traveling with them as NPAIHB staff support

**Colville**

* Colville elders are also traveling to NICOA, not as many as in the past because of the travel distance, but about 10 elders are attending

**Warm Springs**

* 12 elders are going to NICOA
* Honor Senior Day happened in May – healing, information for grandparents – they have more younger elders now

**Chehalis**

* There was a day program for Elders, but they didn’t have much staff, so that got shut down
* A group of 80 Elders are going to Hawaii in October
* There was an Elders trip to Safeco field for Ken Griffey Jr.’s retirement ceremony last Saturday

**Klamath**

* The Elder program doesn’t have major funding right now, but they have been going on picnics in small towns, transportation provided, and are offering classes in flower arrangement, basket making, etc.
* The Huckleberry Day trip was cancelled because Jackson County has removed the picnic tables, bathrooms, and well – since there are no services, they stopped taking elders up there.
* Question was asked about whether Klamath has Title VI grant for elders? These applications are due in fall, and funding starts in April.

**Possible Elder-related topic for October meeting**

* Report back from NICOA attendees

Motion to adjourn by Dan, seconded by Patty, approved unanimously.