Elder Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019

Swinomish Tribe

Swinomish Casino Resort

Anacortes, WA 98211

Members: Janice Clements – Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,

Theresa Lehman - Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Twila Teeman - Burns Paiute,

Norma Razote – Tulalip, Andy Joseph - Colville Tribe and Dan Gleason, Chehalis

Tribe, Chairman.

NPAIHB Staff: Clarice Charging

Dan called the meeting to order with Janice providing invocation.

Dan asked for a motion to approve January 2019 minutes. Janice motioned.

Theresa seconded. Motion approved.

Updates:

**Chehalis:** Elder luncheon will be held, Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Lucky Eagle

Casino and Hotel. There will be a dance, Wednesday evening, April 24th at the

Community Center. Entertainment will also be provided during the luncheon.

Elders have been attending Mariner games and are able to watch the game

from the Chehalis Tribe suite. Elder program now offers Yoga and SAIL

programs (Stay Active & Independent for Life). Several clinic staff members are

SAIL instructors as well as the Elder Coordinator and a tribal member who has a

degree in Physical Exercise who teaches SAIL classes 3 days a week. Elders

birthday dinner is held once a month, with movie nights and arts and crafts

activities offered to elders.

**Burns Paiute:** Tribe has negotiated with Oregon Fish & Wildlife for 8 hunting

tags to be used throughout the year. Tribal members sign up then tribal

elders will decide who will get a tag to hunt.

**Warm Springs:** Tribal elders are planning their Senior Day luncheon May 10th.

They are working on their community water problem, and hope to have it

resolved soon.

Tulalip: Norma Razote is the new alternate delegate and attendee for the elder

committee. Tulalip board has approved a restructure and hired four Managing

Directors which focus on Community Enrichment, Tribal Operations, Regulatory

Affairs, and Health Services. Each Director oversees an average of 50+ programs

and intend to expand to support tribal membership. Patient Services liaisons

assists tribal members who are hospital patients. They will network with the

facility and gather information of the patient’s needs when they are discharged.

If they need transportation home they will schedule that, if they need durable

medical equipment they ensure their Special Needs program arranges delivery.

If the patient requires caregiving they will work with the specific program

to ensure they receive home care.

As Dementia and Alzheimer diagnoses increase, they are working with care

facilities to provide services until the tribe can re-evaluate their retirement home.

They are reviewing a plan to see if the building could possibly be their skilled

nursing facility while evaluating to see if their Senior Apartments could be the

assisted living facility. Tribe has entered into an agreement with Tulalip Bay Fire

District and are networking with Community Paramedics to provide services for

those who need home checks for medical care. Community Health team has been

collaborating with Public Works division, Natural and Cultural Resources, Police

Recovery, and others to do home visits to evaluate tribal members who may have

medical needs, below standard living lifestyle, remove abandoned vehicles, and

environmental concerns, etc.

Tulalip Tribal elder luncheon is scheduled for June 13, 2019.

Jamestown S’Klallam: Tribe distributed elk and dear meat in January and the

food program delivers 1,000-1,200 meals a month. Elders also received wood

deliveries this winter. Several elders have started language classes and are

exploring the possibility of acquiring accreditation. Annual elder honoring

luncheon was held March 30th, with 120 attendees.

Colville: Washington Senate and House passed HB-1564 allowing tribal facilities

to access higher encounter rates or negotiate enhanced rates for tribal members

paid entirely by federal funds. Additional funds will help the tribe develop

in-home care and hospice programs.