

Central and Shared Services

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Agenda

- I. Tribal Consultation
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- III. Questions

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Tribal Consultation





ODHS Office of Tribal Affairs Vision and mission

Vision: Raising the level of health and wellness of all Oregon tribes and tribal communities through elevating tribal voice, sovereignty and culture.

Mission:

- Collaborate and partner with tribes and tribal communities.
- Offer and develop tribally appropriate training, practice and policy.
- Respect, build, and maintain relationships.
- Inform and provide awareness of tribal affairs.
- Mediate and resolve challenges through flexible consultation and a strengthsbased approach.

OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Oregon Department of Human Services
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Tribal Affairs works with all five ODHS programs to create and provide tribally appropriate programming, services, policies and support. Through tribal consultation with Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes, ODHS ensures programming, services and policies meet the needs of Oregon tribal communities.



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District 3: Marion/Polk/Yamhill Joanna Gutierrez North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians

District 4: Lincoln/Benton/Linn Kayla Templeton



District 6/8: Douglas/Jackson/Jos ephine Melissa Katsikis



District 7: Coos/Curry Stacy Farm



District 2: Vacant District 5: Vacant District 15/16: Vacant



District 10: Crook/Deschutes/Jefferson Matt Manion Warm Springs



District 11: Klamath/Lake Marty Schroeder



District 12: Morrow/Umatilla Marie Allman Nez Perce



District 14: Grant/Harney/Malheur Miranda Wagner

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2021-2023 Investments

Policy option package 116

- Respite Care Resource Family Recruitment Team
- Launched statewide Respite Care Program January 1, 2023
- ODHS Child Welfare will allocate a portion of funds to support Tribes in Oregon with their individual respite care needs.

Policy option package 130

- Survivor Investment Partnership
- \$10 million state investment to support domestic violence survivors, programing, infrastructure for Tribes
- Partnership with Oregon Tribes, Governor's office, culturally specific DVSA providers, and statewide co-located advocates



Who we're serving

- Burns Paiute Tribes (402)
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (1328)
 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (5,400)
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (5,500)
- Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation (3,100)
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (5,000)
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians (1,800)
- Coquille Indian Tribes (1,100)
- The Klamath Tribes (5,600)

Nine Tribes of Oregon



Underrepresentation

	OPI Consumers				
Year	Total OPI Consumers	Native American/ Alaska Native	Percent receiving OPI by race/ethnicity		
2019	2,264	26	1.15%		
2020	2,217	24	1.10%		
2021	2,331	29	1.25%		

	All Consumers Served	American Indian and Alaskan Native Total	American Indian and Alaskan Native Percentage
Total consumers	40,222	651	1.6%
In Home	19,395	369	1.9%
Community-Based Care	14,125	179	1.3%
Nursing Facility	6,702	103	1.5%

Note: Data is based on self-reported information and is not required. Native Americans make up approximately 4% of the Oregon populations.

What's needed

Child Welfare KPM #7: Reduction of Race/Ethnicity Disparities in Length of Stay

Report Year	2021	2022	
Non-Hispanic African American			
Actual	37.13	32.17	
Target	23	20	
Non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander			
Actual	27.65	29.54	
Target	18	18	
Non-Hispanic White			
Actual	26.75	27.89	
Target	20	19	
Non-Hispanic Native American/Alaska Native			
Actual	27.7	31.24	
Target	18	18	
Hispanic (any race)		·	
Actual	24.43	28.04	
Target	18	18	

Child Welfare KPM #22: Reduction in Disproportionality of Children at Entry into Substitute Care

Report Year	2021	2022			
American Indian/Alaskan					
Native					
Actual	2.78	3.3			
Target	1.9	1.35			
Black/African American					
Actual	1.31	1.9			
Target	1.25	1.15			
Asian/Pacific Islander					
Actual	0.33	0.3			
Target	1	1			
Hispanic					
Actual	0.93	0.8			
Target	1	1			
White					
Actual	0.98	1.0			
Target	1	1			

Work underway



ODHS Agency-wide initiatives Building Well-being Together Initiatives Equity North Star RiSE Culture Strategic Planning Learning Council Procurement Council



Office of Tribal Affairs

Strategic Planning Tribal consultation policy and process Training and building Tribal awareness Effective communications Engagement Resources and Skill building OR-ICWA Implementation

Engagement within ODHS

Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act (ORICWA) Implementation	Tribal Engagement Toolkit	Tribal voice and representation	Tribal Consultation Policy and process development	Procurement Council
Partnership between ODHS Office of Tribal Affairs and Child Welfare at all levels including in district offices	Partnership between ODHS and Tribal Social/Human Service Directors	Partnership between ODHS Office of Tribal Affairs and ODHS Office of Equity and Multicultural Services	Partnership with ODHS Programs Directors, Rule Coordinators, Tribal Navigators/ Liaisons	Partnership with ODHS programs to analyze and develop solutions to advance equity in ODHS internal procurement practices

Engagement with Tribes and partners

Senate Bill 770 HHS Cluster Meetings	ODHS Directors/Oreg on Tribes Quarterly Convening	Consultation policy and process development	Quarterly ICWA Advisory Council Meetings	Legislative Commission on Indian Services Coordination
Partnership between Tribal Health and Human Service Directors and Tribal Liaisons with OHA, ODHS, DCBS, ODVA, OHCS, OYA and DELC	Partnership with the ODHS Office of Tribal Affairs and ODHS Program Areas	Partnership with LCIS, OHA, ODHS Programs, and Nine Tribes of Oregon	Partnership with the ODHS Office of Tribal Affairs, ODHS Child Welfare, ODHS Self-Sufficiency Programs, and the Nine Tribes of Oregon	Quarterly meetings with Tribal leaders and agencies; monthly check-in with the LCIS Executive Director

The work ahead: Priorities for the coming biennium

Continue to raise health and wellness of all Oregon tribal communities through elevating tribal voice, sovereignty and culture.

Develop a Tribal Affairs Strategic Work/Communications Plan and implement

Complete Tribal Consultation policy and implement

Restructure the Office of Tribal Affairs to meet needs of the work, staff and partnerships Identify how Tribal Affairs measures its impact, effectiveness, and partnerships

Measuring progress

2023 Annual Legislative Commission on Indian Services Report to include:



Remote Work



The changing shape of work at ODHS

Before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of ODHS employees worked in traditional office spaces.



Today, about half our employees are working in an office full-time









Onsite: **5,025** Remote: **2,644** Hybrid: **2,626**

State-leased: **146*** State-owned: **15** Privately owned: **131** *buildings employees serve people in-person More than **2.7 million** square feet of office space across the state

State standard is 250 square feet per employee

Average price per square foot **\$2.16*** *includes taxes, services and utilities

Facilities-related budget items



Lessons learned

In just a few months we transitioned from primarily office-based work to remote work

All metrics available indicate no reduction in productivity



We shifted how we served people, from primarily office visits to greater use of online and phone service



Increased ability to recruit for highly skilled remote positions



Transition to remote work challenged previous beliefs regarding productivity and supervisory limitations

Remote workforce trend: Working outside Oregon



More employees began working outside of Oregon



Specific policy changes made on travel reimbursements for full-time remote workers



Policy change included personal commuting expenses like airfare, lodging, rental cars



Changes applied to all full-time remote workers regardless of their location



Policy did not apply to people who worked in an office or a hybrid work model



DAS Oregon Accounting Manual (OAM) Travel Policy was updated to reflect changes

Travel policy updated: Effective September 1

Employees who work remotely and out of state will no longer have travel expenses reimbursed.



Reimagining our space: The work ahead





Monitoring lease agreements

Consolidate offices when possible

Several locations ending leases or reducing footprint Classified employees who serve people in-person:

- Human Services Specialist 1
- Human Service Specialist 3
- Office Specialist 2

Potential budget savings

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