

Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)
Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 11, 2016

The Health Subcommittee was called to order at 10:02 am.

Commissioners Present: Kenny Eagle, Joe Moser, Brittany Sanders

Non-Commissioners Present: Antoinette Holt, Shelley Ross and Doug Poe

Staff Present: Kerry Steiner

Doug Poe offered corrections to the minutes of the July 22, 2015, Health Subcommittee Meeting minutes. Joe Moser made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Brittany Sanders seconded the motion. The amended minutes of the meeting were passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Stipends for AICI Health Screenings

Doug Poe explained that most of the grant money he receives for doing surveys or health screenings includes money to be used for incentive stipends. Typically he will purchase Walmart gift cards as the stipend to those who complete the survey or screening. He currently has one survey coming up where he is not allowed to give monetary incentives so he is looking at giving the participants a bundle of sage or a braid of sweetgrass, however, he may not have enough for everyone.

Mr. Poe added that if the AICI or the INAIAC ever wanted to start doing the surveys themselves then we would need to come up with the questions and stipend money would want to be included. After the list of questions was created we could check with IMHC to make sure there isn't data already collected on the topic.

Kerry Steiner asked what kind of data we might need in the future that we don't already have but that would be helpful in justifying an Indian Health Clinic in Indiana in the future. Mr. Poe said he can put together a list of what data has already been collected, adding that we would need either an academic partner (such as IUPUI) or IMHC as a partner to create these screenings. Mr. Poe is going to see if IHMC has any grant money available this year. Mr. Poe added that there is a special training that needs to be completed before the screenings can be done by someone. He has already completed a number of hours of this training.

Doug Poe mentioned that FSSA is conducting a mental health survey and Shelley Ross added that FSSA would like to see 250 surveys done during this year's pow wow season. Doug Poe responded that he can usually do 250-500 surveys per pow wow season and that he tries to get the information from different parts of the state to reflect the demographics of the area. Shelley Ross added that the survey is expected to be developed in July for implementation in August of this year and Doug Poe replied that he hopes it isn't much later than that because it will be nearing the end of pow wow season.

Kerry Steiner asked if we want to make a contribution to AICI for them to offer giveaway items for about 30 people in the survey AICI is doing where there are no stipend funds available. Kenny Eagle asked if we had decided on a specific dollar amount; we had not.

Doug Poe said he has enough giveaway items for some of the people; Joe Moser asked for clarification if these giveaways are for the mental health survey Shelley Ross was talking about and Doug Poe explained it was a mental health self-help curriculum. Joe Moser asked if he understood correctly that a participant would take the class and receive a giveaway item upon completion and Doug Poe said it's more of an incentive to get them to sign up and attend. Joe Moser stated he has no objections to the INAIAC making this contribution. Kenny Eagle asked what dollar amount we decided on and the group collectively agreed to contribute \$250.00 to the AICI for these giveaway items. Doug Poe expressed his appreciation and added that was less he had to come up with out of his budget, which he really didn't have the funds for.

Kerry Steiner asked if a person goes to an IHS clinic in Michigan or Chicago do they have the option of receiving traditional healing over Western medicine or even a combination of both, and Doug Poe explained that they have the option of the type of care they want to receive. He added that he also refers people to Sears Optical for eye care and the IU School of Dentistry for free or low-cost dental care.

Kerry Steiner opened the floor to public comments and Antoinette Holt asked that we send her any information about events going on in Indiana during April, which is minority health month. Doug Poe added that if the INAIAC was interested in putting together a health fair he would help, and maybe we include the Hispanic/Latino and African American population as well.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Due to not having a quorum at the 11-29-16 meeting, Consent to Approve at the next Commission meeting on 12-14-16 was given by Joe Moser.