

Minutes for March 15, 2021

ICWA Meeting

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Secretary
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Agenda:

Attending: Lisa Bernal
Ben Krause
Joe Podlasek
Stephanie Shirley
Sylvia
Daniel Fitzgerald
Tracey Jones
Kara Hamilton
Douglas Washington
Monica
Maria Miller
Tyson Serch
Jassen Schart
Jody Roy

Absent:

ICWA meeting was on WebEx

Meeting started at 1:00pm

- 1) Previous Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2021
- 2) Introductions of attendees in meeting.
- 3) Establish Quorum: All ICWA members are present there is a quorum
- 4) Daniel Fitzgerald, Chief of Office of Affirmative Action lead discussion on updates regarding the 2 positions for ICWA. Will be removed on March 22nd and will start the interview process. A start date is unknown currently. Will close 5pm on March 22nd, 2021. Jassen has reached out to all candidates that apply were contacted and did not need to reapply. Tyson Says need to reply because the application used switched to the one that is used by the state. Question was asked by ICWA council, when did the Language of preference of tribal affiliated change happen? Response was it happened shortly after the job was posted and taken down to review, for CMS to review and be posted. When was the council notified of this

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change, both groups? ICWA was not notified but Andrew's group was notified. Daniel receive email later that is was changed to preference. Ben who provided notice to the Andrew's advisory board, Dan doesn't know, Jassen, was not notified, and unsure also. The Native American Employment Plan – decision was made by CMS Central Management System. Jassen advise to get a direct answer would be a question for CMS.

The two Positions were original posted Mid-February on Feb 18th, 2021. Application Deadline March 19, 2021. The next step is start the interview process. DCFS was unable to share when the potential start date for the 2 positions.

ICWA council had to find out by the native american community and not within this group. ICWA council should be notified directly about these issues.

They had no prior knowledge either of these changes. Doug apologizes on their behalf and not sharing sooner when they were notified due to staff change and fell between the cracks on notifying ICWA council sooner. CMS let the Native American group sooner because they had a meeting following with the group. This group is priority of Information over any other groups. Tracey will be a resource and Kara Hamilton.

5) Old Business:

- ICWA Budget FY 20 & FY 21. ICWA council request to be provided the budget for these fiscal years. As last year budget was \$309,000 Council inquired about the budget for the fiscal year 2022. Does this budget allocate a line item for professional development and increase foster homes for Native American children in care?

Daniel will support and reach out the DCFS training department

ICWA requested protocols and steps on how to proceed with approval for professional development.

NICWA zoom meeting back in February to request funding for this April event. Sandy Whitehawk event was requested back in September.

Jassen advises to send the request information to Tracy and Kara and look into pushing the request. Jassen asked Kara to follow up on reimbursement process for Zoom workshops

- Joe would like request a meeting with CMS
 - Ben would like to Motion Joe's request Jassen to Setup a meeting with CMS as soon as possible
 1. Stephanie seconds.
 2. All Yah the motion is passed

2nd Request for ICWA Native Youth in Care DCFS/POS Data Report

6) New Business

- IICWA FY 21 Goals
 - Community Engagements – Town Hall Meeting

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Joint Council Meeting Dates. Kara can provide a list of the other Councils. Including dates and times of their meetings.

Daniel mention each group does an Institute day, the council plans a training. Which typically includes 2 break down session, keynote speaker and individual break down and regrouping. Cultural event with music, etc. Institute Days for ICWA has previously participated by not lead one. Perhaps ICWA Council can plan one in the future. It takes about a year to plan the event.

- 7) Will table goals of ICWA and work on them
- 8) Bret received for approval from tribal offices. Marian millers will able to come back in April 26th, 2021 to answer questions for council

Next meeting will be held April 26 at 1:00pm on Webex.

Meeting Adjourn at 2:12pm