

Minutes for April 26, 2021

ICWA Meeting

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Secretary
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Agenda:

Attending: Lisa Bernal
Ben Krause
Joe Podlasek
Tracey Jones
Kara Hamilton
Tracey King
Vanessa Peterson
Jody Roy

Absent:

ICWA meeting was on WebEx

Meeting started at 1:06pm

- 1) Establish Quorum
 - Yes there is a quorum
- 2) Previous Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2021
 - Joe Podlasek motioned to approve the minutes, Jody second. All present said I, zero nays.
- 3) DCFS Updates – Daniel Fitzgerald, Chief of Office of Affirmative Action was not present and Ms. Jones has no current updates for DCFS on the following:
 - ICWA Specialist Positions (2)
 - Next Steps for Interviews
 - Potential Date to Start
- 4) Old Business:
 - ICWA Budget FY 20 & FY 21
 - Doug is not present for an update. Joe inquired if the last 3 year budgets have rolled over. Jones recalls Doug mentioned

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that funds were returned to general funds. Joe would like to have it in the minutes the last 3 budgets of 309k and these years. Given the circumstances of the Pandemic would the Federal Funding would some funding be able to be carried over, if any funding was spent, what was it spent on. To ensure that the funding allocations for the ICWA specialists and professional development. Lisa will compose the list of budget questions to email Doug at the following email
douglas.washington@illinois.gov

- Joint Council Meeting Dates for June, information is available on Dnet to seek potential dates for a joint meeting
- ICWA Training – Sandy Whitehawk
 - A decision was made to use her training for ICWA council and the two new ICWA specialist. Also for future training days. Joe Podlesak sent her an email and CC'd ICWA council and DCFS workers for a proposal of fees for her services.
 - Tracey King, proposed to the ICWA council meeting, if the CASEY Family Foundation members can join in a future meeting. The council is okay with them joining us for a future meeting. June 7th is the next Meeting then July 12 and August 23, October 4th,

5) New Business

- IICWA FY 21 Goals
 - Increasing Foster homes for Native Children in Care. Can a care package be made to be distributed to the Children in Care? Package about information about the Native American Organizations that might be a resource for the children to be a part of. For current and Future, that they know our council is here and organizational program services. In addition, to educate non-native Foster parents who are taking care of Native children. Tracey King will look into if there is a way this can take place like the Birth Parent Council.
- Community Engagements
 - Planning a Zoom or Promo Video about ICWA, updating marketing information about ICWA i.e. brochures. Tracey will find out who is in charge with Ms. Brown who is charge of the Foster Parent Plan, and who is the Foster Parent Recruitment Specialists

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- Tracy King shared that **Dasinia** Brown, who created a foster recruitment plan. To see if they have plan that we can use or modify or even if they include Native Americans in their plan already. Tracy Will email this plan to the council. Will provide a connection.
- If there is a list of all the councils. Kara Hamilton will share an excel doc and email
- Tracey King can reach out to the Birth and Foster Parent Councils and possibly the State Wide Advisory Board. To take time to do a presentation these groups, to re-introduce the council with a power point presentation that ICWA is active and who we are and what we are about.
- If there is an Adoptive Council to connect
- Institute Days for IICWA
 - Would still like to plan this in the future

6) Questions & Comments

- SPIDER – State Wide (some Acronym) Tracey King will send information to be added as a resources Will connect to Matt first and to connect with Council to do a presentation on the next meeting if it works for him.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2021 at 1pm

Joe motioned to end the meeting at 2:09pm and Jody Second.

Adjourn