

# Minutes for June 7, 2021

## ICWA Meeting

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Secretary  
Monday June 7, 2021

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Minutes for ICWA meeting June7, 2021

Agenda:

Attending: Tracey King  
Lisa Bernal  
Ben Krause – Decorah  
Joe Podlasek  
Tracey Jones  
Lyman Legtera  
Melissa Clyde  
Jody Roy

Absent:

ICWA meeting was on WebEx

Meeting started at 1:05pm

- 1) Establish Quorum
  - Yes, there is a quorum with 4 of the 5
- 2) Previous Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2021
  - Joe will motion to approve the minutes and Ben Krause seconds. All approve and no nays.
- 3) DCFS Updates – Daniel Fitzgerald, Chief of Office of Affirmative Action.
  - Daniel is not present and Tracey Jones is the process of interviewing this week for the ICWA position. Request to follow Ms. Ryann Unbia to reschedule with Tracey Clockwell and Due to finals for classes. May27th was originally and June 4th and no one was available for the meeting and June 7th was last moment notice. Lisa will forward email to Tracey Jones in regards of this matter. 10 candidates and how many are native.
- 4) Old Business:
  - ICWA Budget FY 20 & FY 21

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- Doug is not present for an update. Joe inquired if the last 3 year budgets have rolled over. Jones recalls Doug mentioned 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, Kara emailed dates for potential June meetings
  - Other committee to meet and join: Foster Parent / Birth Parent / Cook County Chapter / Statewide Youth Council
  - Do we want to create sub committees to meet, but we are small enough to all attend if possible? Kara emailed dates for June
  - The next quarterly FPSS All-Staff is 06/30/2021 from 9 to 4 p.m. If that does not work the next quarterly all staff will be 09/29/2021 at 9:00 a.m. Will just come in and be a guest for a certain time frame. Lisa, Joe, Ben and Jody will attend. (Foster Parents Support Specialist) are parents who are resources to Foster parents, resource consolation, any problems or bridges they may need.
  - The proposed SWFCAC Meeting is 08/06/2021 at 9:00 a.m. Also one scheduled for July 9th at 9:00 a.m. This is a state wide council meeting. Lisa, Ben and Joe will be available. (State Wide Foster Care
  - The August BP Steering Committee Meeting is 08/24/2021 at 11:00 a.m. The next BP Steering Committee Meeting is 06/22/2021 at 11:00 a.m. Jody, Joe and Ben available and Lisa is a Maybe. For the Birth Parent Steering Committee meeting.
  - The August Cook County Chapter Meeting is 08/12/2021 at 5:00 p.m. The cook county chapter committee is the birth parent committee but is a sub-committee for just cook county. We will not attend this one, since we are attending the state wide one.
  - Kara is willing to creating a Power Point to introducing ICWA council.

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- ICWA Training – Sandy Whitehawk
  - Once the specialists are on board will follow with Daniel the approval, Council Members to be included with training. Look into an early fall training date. That is best for everyone. (actually followed joint meeting dates)

### 5) New Business

- Casey Foundation
  - They work across all departments, Melissa Lyman work with 400 colleagues they are very diverse and Melissa mentions they have a team of 11. 16 agreements with tribal nations and are in 8 states, Alaska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Washington, Oklahoma, Arizona, Montana and Minnesota. All of the 16 tribes are very diverse, all in unique in terms of where they at and how they deliver their services and how they work with the tribal nations. National partnership/project portfolio with training and training youth in advocacy for foster care. Are known to work along with colleagues with people like Lyman. To improve ICWA compliance. Tribal building strategies. As a foundation have a relationship with 50 states and are involved across the country. Melissa's emailed she shared: [mclyde@casey.org](mailto:mclyde@casey.org)
- IICWA Promo video
  - Working a promo video in the next month, a sample or does any other council has a promo video. Currently there is not one. Tracey King thinks the video is a great idea.
- Institute Days for IICWA
  - Would still like to plan this in the future
- Community Engagements:
  - American Indian Center Pow –wow July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Joe shared Tricksters community engagement: National Gathering of American Indian Veterans July 16 to 18, 2021 conference and powwow. <https://www.tricksterculturalcenter.org/national-gathering-2021>
- Motion by Ben Krause-Decorah, for the State of Illinois DCFS Office of Affirmative Action to apply and seek out through the Office of the Governor, Federal American Rescue Plan Act to fund an ICWA Tribal Liaison position for fiscal year 2021-22 through 2024. Second by: Joe Motion Carried. All in favor, no nays
- Motion by Ben Krause-Decorah, for the State of Illinois DCFS Office of Affirmative Action to apply and seek out through the Office of the Governor and Illinois Emergency Management Agency FEMA DR-4489-IL Funding to fund a Indian Child Crisis Coordinator position to work in

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coordination with DCFS, ICWA Specialists, ICWA Board, and Illinois Department of Human Services | Social Services Division for the fiscal year 2021-22 through 2024. Second by: Lisa Motion Carried. All in favor, no nays.

- Who will be able to follow and what department would be able to submit an application?
  - Tracey, believes this would be through the finance division. Tracey King, will seek budget and finance and will come back and let know the process can take place. Tracey will Lisa request a presentation showing some data or with some preventative resource how they keep foster numbers lower. Tracey will email Lisa the information with an email and send off to Casey Foundation and Melissa

### 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 Dates: 7/19, 8/23, 10/4, 11/15 and 12/27 (or 1/10/22) at 1pm

Lisa motion to end meeting at 2:16pm and Ben second to end meeting, all in favor, no nays

**Next Meeting: July 19, 2021 at 1pm**

**Adjourn**