

# Minutes for November 15, 2021

## ICWA Meeting

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Secretary  
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Minutes for ICWA meeting November 15, 2021

Agenda:

Attending: Lisa Bernal  
Ben Krause  
Joe Podlasek  
Stephanie  
Tracey Jones  
Kara Hamilton  
Ellen Williams  
Daniel Fitzgerald  
Jody Roy

Absent:

ICWA meeting was on WebEx

Meeting started at 12:35pm

- 1) Establish Quorum
  - Yes, there is a quorum
- 2) Previous Meeting Minutes for October tabled
- 3) DCFS Updates –
  - Ellen shared they been with ICWA Specialist and almost thirty training and been with 11 weeks in the position. Get through training to see if a child qualifies for ICWA help. Approximately another week of training. Been doing community outreach at event at the AIHS Ryan attended and Ellen and Ryan at the AIC annual Pow Wow, and Ellen doing outreach with NWU with canoe launch. They attended the EMC Pow Wow – Ryan.
  - Request another order of brochures and Tracey Jones will place order, Lisa will pick up and distribute to Joe.

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- Ellen will do some outreach with Joe at Trickster Gallery. December 14th Trickster star quilt opening. Ellen can bring brochures to the AIC.
  - Three hundred was the first bundle, Will get some out to the AIC, AIAI and Ellen and Ryan will be panelist at NA Chamber of Commerce Breakfast event
- 4) Follow up regarding NICWA training date and funding request for Sandy Whitehawk. Whitehawk training council to make decision which one and selecting full day half day and time frame, end of march and early spring will be better but also end of November. Payment request process time frame. There is no particular time frame, Tracey will circle back to with a time frame process. Each council is \$10k, Lisa asked what the limit about the budget is or how much the cost of the training was. compliance with the state of the Illinois, training been virtual settings. Kara said it was \$1000 for Whitewing and her partner would be \$1000. Is the cost for her training in a virtual training. Tracey King will inquire about her fee for an in-person training and for full day or half day training. Request Council to submit a time frame to do the training. I.e., hours all day 9am to 3pm
- 5) Institute days to consider. Look at entire day training. March 11th Ben suggested for training, 10am to 4pm for a virtual training with Whitehawk. She has a video suggestion and if we have any suggestions for training key points. Ellen mentions native Institute Day Ryan has been working on it. Ryan would like to do the Institute Day in February. Ellen will clear and seek the reason for the Institute Day
- Lisa debriefed with Ellen with the previous work with the council and the ICWA specialist. That the ICWA council is unique does not consist of DCFS workers like the other councils. It is a support for the community for the youth in care. Institute days for the council participating helps the council how to service and do outreach to support the ICWA specialist and Native youth in care. Daniel supported the initiations.
  - Tracey King work and have a meeting with ICWA specialist what is in it for the stakeholders and what are the outcomes we would like to see. A framework of what the institute day would look like to give Tracey and Idea how they can be supportive or it. Stephanie active efforts what is consistent and needed in the community, different

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community services, like AIC, how the DCFS workers access those services that community offers. Tracey suggested can put it in SPIDER as a resource to be available.

- 6) Ben made a motion for ICWA specialists Ellen and Ryan to participate in the CAICC Steering Community Meetings, Lisa second all in favor. Will seek facilitator to send an invite and MOU to Ellen and Ryan. Then just suggested different age ranges. Ryan is excited to be working on the institute days and to work with the council on this. Coloring pages and cultural appropriate and engagement.
- 7) Old Business:
  - ICWA presents at Community events they will be present at the November 20th Round Dance at St. Kateri Center/St. Benedict Parish Campus. Present at American Indian Center's Friday Giving Thanks Pow Wow.
  - Joint Council Welcome Support for Native American Youth in Care
- 8) New Business
  - Goals for the ICWA Council FY 21-22
    - Providing families that come into the system with a care package with resources that are available from the Native American Community are available to use or participate in. Daniel no other council is not providing this kind of service. Can make this happen and Ryan is working on cookbook project from.
  - Monthly Report on AI/AN Youth in Care DCFS & POS
    - A request of council can have a monthly report just to give an idea how youth in care there are just to help guide council. Ryan is willing to provide this information. Number of cases that came up, # cases confirmed, close out date if the youth went back to their family. Daniel is providing support that this information could be available. Brad Angelo previously did a good job of this be able to help with this. Ben mention that there were a lot of kids that are being missed through the screening, were not screened properly. Thankfully, a Cook County Judge that caught it and sent them to the ho-chunk nation. Just in the past 60days it happened again but was in DuPage County. DCFS only is supportive if the tribes do not have the resources to support these cases. So DCFS can pass these cases to the tribes to manage these cases, for proper judicial rights, Ryan has a meeting with Danile to address this

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issue how to ensure kids are being properly accessed. 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 such as the Birth Parent Council.

- Discussion on Supreme Court Brackeen case
  - Braken Case, certain part of ICWA is unconstitutional, the fifth district that it was unconstitutional to place a child with another tribe or provide services. Stephanie will send more information about this to the council. Adopted parents' vs baby Veronica. Ryan been following the class and will help any way she could with this case.

Next Meeting: will contact by email

Lisa motioned to end the meeting at 1:48pm and Jody Second. All in favor, no nays.

Adjourn