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State-Tribal Relations Committee DRAFT Agenda

January 16-17, 2008 (as of Jan. 16, 2008)

Room 102, State Capitol

January 16 - Note: public comment will be requested after each agenda topic. Meeting times are tentative.

Also -- Tribal Councils have been asked to suggest representatives for these topics. Representatives may be listed for comments -- not presentations. The committee chair may limit comment time.

- 9:30 Introductions, Approve Minutes from October
- 9:40 Introductions of new Indian Coordinator, Jennifer Perez Cole, and Jerry Lamb, Governor's Office of Economic Development
- 9:45 State-Tribal Water Compacts -- Update with comments/responses from tribal representatives
Susan Cottingham, State Water Commission
Tribal Representatives
Clayton Matt, Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Natural Resources Dpt Head
Cedric Black Eagle, Vice-Chair, Crow Tribe
Other Tribal Representatives TBA
- 11:00 Medicaid eligibility issues
Kathe Quittenton, DPHHS program manager for Medicaid eligibility
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, Chippewa-Cree Tribal Council
Kermit Horn, Fort Belknap Tribal Council (invited)
Kevin Howlett, CSKT Health Department
Ada White, Crow Health Department
- 11:45 Nonbeneficiary students - Update
Alan Peura, Legislative Fiscal Division, Staff for Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee
Joe McDonald, President of Salish Kootenai College
- Lunch on your own*
- 1:15 Meth Treatment Programs on or near reservations
Joan Cassidy, Department of Public Health and Human Services
Kevin Howlett, CSKT Tribal Health Department
- 1:45 School-to-Work Opportunities for Indian students
Cathy Yetter, Department of Labor and Industry, Jobs for Montana Graduates
Professor Lanny Real Bird, Little Big Horn College, Montana Indian Business Alliance
- 2:15 Identification Assistance for Prisoners On Release
--Gayle Lambert, administrator of Montana Correctional Enterprises, Dept. of Corrections

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- 2:45 Probation/Parole Jurisdiction Issues and Introduction of new Indian affairs liaison (Steve Barry will give information about the liaison, Myrna Kuka, who is unable to attend due to injured foot)
Diana Koch, Department of Corrections
Ron Alsbury, Department of Corrections
- 3:15 Recidivism Rates for Native Americans
Gary Hamel, Department of Corrections
- 3:30 Indian Education for All - Update
Linda McCulloch, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Denise Juneau, OPI
Joyce Silverthorne, CSKT Tribal Education Head
- 3:50 Indian Dropout Rates -- Update
Mandy Smoker Broadus, Office of Public Instruction (invited)
Joyce Silverthorne, CSKT Tribal Education Head
- 4:20 Disaster Declarations and Cooperative Agreements
Steve Knecht, Division of Emergency Services

(meeting to recess until 8 a.m. January 17)

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- 8:00 a.m. Children's Health Insurance Program signups for Indian children
Jackie Forba/Mary Dalton, Department of Public Health and Human Services
- 8:30 TANF update on reservations
Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services
Arlene Templer, CSKT Human Resources Development Department Head
Other Tribal Representatives TBA
- 9:00 Foster Care IV-E agreements, process and implementation
Andy Huff, Governor's Office
Dan Belcourt, Rocky Boy tribal counsel (invited)
Shirley Brown, Child and Family Services Division, DPHHS
Arlene Templer, CSKT Human Resources Development Department Head
Patricia McGeshick, Fort Peck Tribe
- 10:15 Gambling Compacts and State Gaming Issues
Andy Huff, Governor's Office
Comments from Representatives of Tribal Governments
- Fort Peck Tribes: A.T. Stafne (chairman), Rick Kirn, Bill Whitehead, Tom Christian
 - CSKT: Carole Lankford (vice-chair), Bud Moran, Ranald McDonald (managing attorney) and Jami Hawk-Hamel (policy analyst)
 - Other Tribal Representatives TBA
- 11:30 Racial Profiling and Highway Patrol Quotas -- Update
Ali Bovingdon, Attorney General's office

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11:45 Update on Adam Walsh Act implementation
Ali Bovington, Attorney General's office

Lunch on your own

1:30 Review of "Truth-in-Advertising" for Indian-made arts and crafts/products
Greg Petesch, Legislative Services chief legal counsel
Dyani Bingham, Indian Art Market Development Coordinator, Montana Arts Council

2:00 State training on Indian issues - Update
Jennifer Perez Cole, Office of Indian Affairs

2:30 Economic Development on Reservations - Update on Economic Contributions of Tribes
Andy Poole, Department of Commerce
Jerry Lamb, Governor's Office of Economic Development

3:00 Public comment on issues not on agenda

3:30 Directions to staff for bill drafting or other follow-ups on any of the above issues

Reminder of next meeting, April 25, in Great Falls (times and place TBD)
Adjourn

Please note: All meeting times are tentative. Some topics may take more or less time than scheduled.

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