

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSING

Name of Committee

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
2014 Mid-Year Convention
Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

DISCUSSION

Monday, May 05, 2014:

1. Ken Bowring, NWONAP Administrator introduced the new HUD Northwest Administrator, Mr. Bill Block. He provided background that he transferred from the Alaska HUD offices. He has been involved in housing for many years. He was asked what his priorities are for NW:
 - a. Homelessness
 - b. Affordable Care Act
 - c. Make HUD funded
 - d. Learn NAHASDA
2. Comments to Mr. Block: Since first NegReg it appears that HUD is taking back authority from Tribes, need to reverse that. Request was made to have Mr. Block on the ATNI General Assembly agenda.
3. Lisa Stewart, NWONAP: Provided extensive information on training available, schedule of numerous training sessions, location, and pending training but time/places to be determined. They received a compromise to be able to attend training at a Casino. A Financial Management training sessions will be held next week at NWIHA: Thursday & Friday, May 15-16, 2014 @ Fife. This training is geared for those not familiar with accounting: managers, Executive Directors, and Board members. Environmental training will be conducted by "Kathryn", specialist in this field. Anyone can sign onto "ListServ" which provides information on: training, conferences, published regulations.
4. ICDBG: The NOFA has not been released yet, but may come out by June 2014. Informed those present that Elena Bassett met with Roberta Youmans, ICDBG Specialist on the formula allocation process, how statistics are calculated, and that a resolution was passed asking for Government to Government consultation regarding the program regulations. Numerous other questions regarding how Census figures are calculated to determine poverty, population & homelessness are still pending with HUD Headquarters. The budget may be \$60M nationally. The regional Administrator (Ken Bowring) has the discretion to raise the grant ceiling: i.e. \$500,000 for Northwest on any category.
5. Bill Block: A question was asked, "What is the position taken by HUD regarding marijuana? Response that NWONAP has a hands off policy, similar to what hospitals do when posting a drug free zone or similar to public housing approach.

6. Amy Oakley, Senior Advisor: Provided a handout on the pipeline report as of May 5, 2014
7. NWIHA Report: This report was provided at January ATNI.
8. Negotiated Rulemaking: Annette Bryan provided a report on the most recent NegReg meeting held April 23-25, 2014 at Washington, D.C. Annette and Jason DollarHide are co-chairs of the Committee; breakout subgroups are Needs & FCAS. Section 100.324 weights & variables is a major discussion items. Five TA documents have been requested of HUD to run simulations on how statistical data is determination on Formula criteria. The Committee and other housing colleagues were generally dissatisfied with the first set of numbers which generally decreased the IHBG funding for tribes. Meeting #4, June 11-13 @ Scottsdale, AZ; #5 July 29-31 @ Denver, CO; #6 August 26-28 @, place TBD; FY 2015 2 more meetings. A request was made to have paper copies provided to the Tribal Council representative.
9. Resolutions: Two resolutions discussed, with final voting to take place at Tuesday sessions.
10. Open Discussion: The Committee Chair meeting of Sunday requested that qualifications & education of Chairs be discussed: what are qualifying factors? Protocol of ATNI on use of the official logo. Procedures to track national resolutions and what will happen when similar resolutions are submitted and when a resolution will be pulled or held back. What are terms of committee chairs?

Tuesday, May 6, 2014:

11. Matt Haney, CCT Public Safety Deputy Director was invited speaker, summary:
 - a. 35 years law enforcement experience
 - b. youth gangs do not hesitate to identify themselves for gang affiliations, and do display colors; rivalry is strong between Spanish and Indian gangs and may be the most violent
 - c. zero tolerance adopted by Tribes and housing should be enforced without interference and latitude
 - d. if a federal crime then charges should be enforced
 - e. comments received in event of retaliation is “banishment”, put in tribal paper those involved in activity and banishment
 - f. younger children scribble gang signs as early as kindergarten, practicing tagging – teachers pick up drawings
 - g. housing can move families to another unit for the protection of that family when they identify gang activity
 - h. tribal council can update Law & Order codes
 - i. written and established Protocols are critical and essential; housing, Tribal Council, housing police officer and housing enforcement staff must be aware of what to do in all situations
 - j. NAHASDA does allow for a Housing Police Officer (HPO), at least 3 tribes have a HPO in place
 - k. Prevention: i.e. painting the bus stops by the children, take pride and tagging stopped
 - l. The HPO must be compatible to community, essentially works 24/7, aware of familial relationships, community does not want to repeat story to numerous police officers not aware of events; continuity is important
 - m. Various federal grants available to Tribes

- n. Smith sabre detection machine assists in civil action in courts but not with criminal action, i.e. use of controlled substance within housing units
 - o. The HPO must have the powers of arrest, housing cannot hire an individual without the police department approval
12. Yakama Forest Products: A short presentation given regarding YFP having housing plans available; stick built not modular; there is a large shipping area; buy product directly from the mill. Business cards were distributed for contact information.
13. Several future agenda items were received for the September ATNI meeting.

ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1) Resolution # & Title: "Pass Senate Bill 1352: Reauthorization of NAHASDA and Increase in Congressional Appropriations over its Five Year Term"
- 2) Resolution # & Title: 113th Congress to Enact and Expand the Provisions of HB 4277 and 4329 To Reauthorize *NAHASDA*, Particularly as Related to Establishing Timelines for HUD to Act and Establishing Consequences for HUD's Failure to Act within those Timelines"

COMMITTEE - TABLED

Resolution # & Title: NONE

Minutes/Report submitted by: Elena L. Bassett & Soy Redthunder: Co-Chairs
Committee Chair