



Regional Tribal Meeting Brief: June 28, 2016

The [American Indian Health Commission for Washington State \(AIHC\)](#) planned and facilitated a regional meeting for representatives of tribal programs in the area to meet with CPAA leaders. The representatives of tribal programs gathered in the morning at the Lucky Eagle Casino in Rochester, WA, and were joined for lunch and an afternoon meeting by CPAA backbone staff and Council representatives. The tribes unofficially represented at the meeting included the Skokomish Tribe, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and the location hosts—the Chehalis Tribe. Also in attendance were staff from the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency, which serves the Chehalis, Nisqually, Shoalwater Bay, Skokomish, and Squaxin Island Tribes. Tribal Liaisons from the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) were also in attendance.

The goal of the meeting was for CPAA members to learn about tribal health care and the cultures of the tribes in the region, and then discuss possible opportunities for working together. AIHC presented information about the Indian Health Service, Urban Indian Health Organizations, and self-governing tribal health centers, giving CPAA members an overview of the history and current landscape of tribal health care. The tribal health directors present then gave more information about what services their tribes offer and what some of their needs and priorities are.

Both the tribal program staff and the CPAA members agreed that there is potential for aligned activities, and that the groups should continue discussions. The CPAA invited any tribal members or tribal program staff who want to attend the CPAA Council meetings, including the upcoming meeting on July 14th, 1:00pm–4:00pm at Summit Pacific Medical Center in Elma, WA. The AIHC will be writing a complete summary of this meeting to be distributed soon.