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Gaming Revenue Exceeds \$5 million

Through a lot of hard work on the part of the casino employees, and, due diligence and oversight by Tribal Council, the tribe will receive approximately \$5,088,000 in excess gaming revenues that were earned in 2000.

These funds can be distributed in the five categories established by Tribal Council in 1995 and later modified in 1999. These categories are: Government Operations, General Welfare, Economic Development, Investments, and Charitable Purposes. The 2000 excess gaming revenues should be available for distribution by Tribal Council following final audit of the revenues, tentatively July 2001.

Tribal Council members held a series of community meetings in each area office to obtain input on the use of this money in each category. A report will be issued after all input is received.

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L to r: Maria Westervelt, Gladys Bolton, Cathy Rasmussen, Sally Bowman, and Terry Fisher participate in the Home and Community-Based Long-Term Care work group session.

Group Addresses Long-Term Care for Elders

Several Siletz Tribal members and tribal staff met in March to discuss how the tribe can best help elders remain independent. This group, called the Home and Community-Based Long-Term Care work group, identified elders' needs (health, housing, and transportation topped the list), which ones are being met and which ones are not, potential resources, and a future course of action.

The group's mission is "To identify the needs of elders and develop a plan

to provide home and community-based long-term care that permits elders to remain as independent as possible in a setting of their choice."

Work group members include Gladys Bolton, Kathryn Dick, Sharon Edenfield, Terry Fisher, Nancy McCrary, Judy Muschamp, Bonnie Petersen, Cathy Rasmussen, Maria Westervelt, and Danelle Zosel-Sanderson. They were joined by Sally Bowman and Karen Hooker of the OSU Department of Gerontology, College of

Health and Human Performance. Tom Chandler, tribal planner/grant writer, facilitated the meeting.

A similar session was held at the elders' meeting on April 14. This gave more people the opportunity to examine the parameters of home and community-based care.

This group also identified the need for insurance and additional care providers as additional priorities for elders.

See Spring Competition Pow-Wow results and photos on pages 14-16.

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