

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFEATING THE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE EPIDEMIC IN INDIAN COUNTRY

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is between federally recognized Tribes of Oregon:

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse and addiction is a longstanding and severe problem that must be confronted with a balanced strategy of education, prevention, intervention and treatment among Native communities in Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, the use and abuse of highly addictive drugs among the general population has increased dramatically in recent years, resulting in what is widely regarded as an epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American families and communities have been especially hard-hit by the growing substance abuse and addiction epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse and addiction is linked to substantial increases in: suicide, home invasions, domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, criminal activity, incarcerations, relationship problems, family problems, gang activity, violence, health problems, school dropout; and

**WHEREAS**, addiction among Native American youth includes the use and abuse of alcohol, prescription, over-the-counter and non-prescription drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, substance use and addiction causes irreparable damage to Native American families, communities, culture and sovereignty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Tribes believe that the only way to effectively address this widespread problem is to work cooperatively with one another and with local, county, state (pursuant to ORS 182.162-168) and federal agencies in the spirit of government-to-government cooperation and consultation. Now, therefore:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the parties to this MOU agree as follows:

## I. Continuation of the Oregon Tribes Methamphetamine Working Group with the amended title of the Oregon Tribes Substance Abuse and Addiction Working Group.

The Oregon Tribes will appoint two or more Tribal representatives to participate in the Oregon Tribes Substance Use and Addiction Working Group. The purpose of this Working Group is to share information and resources, and coordinate efforts to combat substance abuse and addiction among the membership of the Oregon Tribes. The Working Group will address the goals and objectives listed in Section III.

## II. Coordination.

A. The Working Group will meet quarterly, either in person or by telephone, to share information, discuss strategy and coordinate various Tribal efforts with regard to the goals and objectives listed below.

B. The Working Group will select one member to serve as the Group Coordinator. The Group Coordinator will be responsible for the following tasks:

1. Prepare and maintain a list of Working Group participants and contact information;
2. Schedule Working Group meetings (as much as possible, such meetings should be scheduled to coincide with regularly scheduled meetings attended by all Oregon Tribes);
3. Work with the host Tribe to organize Working Group meetings; and
4. Disseminate information to Working Group participants about meeting dates and other Working Group activities.

C. Each Tribe will make an effort to host Working Group meetings and/or conference calls.

## III. Goals and Objectives. The Working Group will work to achieve the following goals and objectives:

A. Educate Tribal members about the dangers of substance use, abuse and addiction; the long-term effects of drugs; the negative effects on the individual, family and community; and recognizing signs and symptoms of drug use.

B. Prevent Native American youth from using illegal drugs, including non-prescribed drugs, over-the-counter medications and underage drinking.

C. Establish and support youth programs and activities, raise parental awareness and involvement, engage the community in prevention activities and encourage cultural and community pride.

D. Assure that all nine Oregon Tribes have Goals A and B included in the Department of Human Resources Addiction and Mental Health Services Prevention Implementation Plans.

E. Establish and support effective treatment programs for Native Americans, including culturally appropriate, affordable treatment programs for adults; treatment programs designed to address

the special needs of Tribal youth; spiritual healing programs; and, ongoing support programs within Tribal communities for recovering addicts, such as transitional housing for individuals leaving residential treatment centers, group and family counseling, and employment services.

F. Gather statistical data about the scope of the alcohol and other drug use problem for each Tribe in Oregon, available law enforcement resources and the impact on Tribal health, community and social services agencies, etc. Make this data available to Oregon Tribes for use in seeking funding, resources and other support.

G. Research information about possible grant or other funding sources available to Oregon Tribes in support of this effort. Coordinate efforts utilizing Tribal grant writers to provide technical assistance.

H. Coordinate efforts among various Tribal agencies and groups; work closely with county and state agencies in the spirit of ORS 182.162-168 (SB 770, Oregon Legislature 2001) by participating in groups such as the Governor's Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission and the Oregon Indian Council on Addictions; and work with federal law enforcement and

social service agencies in the spirit of government-to-government cooperation and the federal government's trust obligation toward Indian Tribes and peoples in order to combat the substance abuse and addiction epidemic.

I. Support Tribal, county, state and federal law enforcement activities by sharing information about suspected drug dealers and individuals who provide alcohol to minors, and combining resources to the extent possible.

J. Follow county, state and federal legislative efforts to address the substance use epidemic, inform Oregon Tribes about such efforts and engage legislators to ensure that the specific needs and concerns of Indian Tribes are addressed.

## IV. Term of MOU and Withdrawal.

The term of this MOU shall be four (4) years from the date that it is fully executed by all of the signatory Oregon Tribes.

The MOU may be extended for another four (4) years upon the written agreement of participating and signatory Oregon Tribes and the MOU may be amended or modified at any time by written agreement of all the participating and signatory Oregon Tribes. Any signatory Oregon Tribe may withdraw from the MOU at any time upon 30 days written notice to the other signatory Oregon Tribes.

## How to use mail order pharmacy

How to order your refills after hours and on weekends: Please call 7-10 days before you need your refills. This allows us time to contact your provider, if necessary, and for mailing.

- Call 800-648-0449
- Enter 1624 as soon as the clinic's message begins - you'll be transferred to the refill line.

Or, call the refill line direct - 541-444-9624.

## Call to Tribal landscaping contractors for work in Keizer

Chemawa Station LLC (CSLLC) maintains a 15-acre commercial property on the southwest quadrant of the I-5 and Chemawa interchange in Keizer, Ore. CSLLC is seeking proposals from licensed landscape contractors for landscaping services at its Chemawa Station property in Keizer.

Landscape contractors that are owned by or employ Tribal members and wish to be included on this list are requested to call Eric Scott at 503-879-2404. Please indicate your business name, address, telephone, fax, name(s) of Tribal members employed and roll number if available.

Bids are due Jan. 15, 2011.