

Clinic staff makes great showing IHS awards

The Indian Health Services staff at the Warm Springs clinic was well represented at the 2014 Portland Area Director's Recognition of Excellence ceremony.

Three individuals and four teams at the clinic received Excellence awards, and a number of others received special recognition. All of these individuals and teams from the Warm Springs clinic received awards at the June 6 Portland ceremony:

Betty Hewson, Marella Sam, Dr. Cheryl Sixkiller, the Warm Springs Dental Team, the Warm Springs Diabetes Group Visit Team, the Certified Medical Assistant Team, the Tier Three Rating Team, Katie Russell, Nancy Collins, Mariann Smith, Dr. Frank Mendoza, Rachel Nua, Tama Schjoll, Christina Zacarias and Alicia Boston.

Special thank you goes to Carol Vondall for her service on the Recognition of Excellence Committee. Briefly, here are the award recipients:

Support in Healthcare Delivery

Betty Hewson was recognized for her outstanding efforts in the beta testing of the new Laboratory Accession Graphical User Interface.

Marella Sam, office automation assistant, has worked at the clinic for 20 years as the telephone operator. "As the first contact many people have to our facility, she is vital in conveying our caring attitude to the public," Carol Vondall said.

"She is actually the company gatekeeper and sets the tone for the entire conversation during the first seconds of the call."

Excellence in Leadership

Dr. Cheryl Sixkiller took over as the dental chief of the Warm Springs Dental Clinic in 2013. She is one of the youngest dental chiefs



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Award recipients at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

in the IHS. As Vondall explains:

"Her dedication and leadership has increased patient access to care, improved communication among the dental staff, increased accountability by reorganizing and bringing structure to a dental clinic that has had five dental chiefs within the past four years."

Direct Patient Care

Recognizing the Warm Springs Dental Clinic, the Area Director Award of Excellence says:

"The Warm Springs Dental Clinic is a nationally recognized program for their excellence in access, prevention and innovation. Their staff goes above and beyond using teamwork to provide the best possible care. Moreover, every person in this dental clinic contributes in some way to the overall mission of excellence."

The next award went to the

Warm Springs Diabetes Group Visit Team: They were recognized for improving the quality, efficiency and convenience of care provided to patients with diabetes utilizing a group visit model."

Support in Healthcare Delivery

The Certified Medical Assistant Team at the Warm Springs clinic, as part of the medical home team in the delivery of health care, supports the provider teams in the delivery of patient care.

The Tier Three Rating Team was recognized for achieving and documenting Tier 3 Patient Centered Primary Care Home Status through the Oregon Health Authority that provided a significant income resource to the clinic.

Special Recognition

Direct patient care: Katie Russ, community health nurse, effectively

expanded the scope and reach of clinical services into the Warm Springs community through her tireless work with the Children's Protective Services and the influenza immunization program.

Health promotion/disease prevention:

Nancy Collins, environmental health officer, was recognized for tireless leadership through the extensive process of coordinating, planning and executing the replacement of the Simnasho water system.

Length of Service: Mariann Smith received the award for 40 years of service. Dr. Frank Mendoza was awarded for 30 years of service.

Rachel Nua, Tama Schjoll and Christina Zacarias received time off awards. And an "On the Spot" award went to Alicia Boston.

Referendum: would allow financial, environmental studies

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Power and Water is not projecting large dividend revenue again until several years from now.

The motorsports project would be located south of Mill Creek and east of Highway 26 in the Miller Flat area. The initial plan would be to build out a road course, drag strip and oval over a 5-year timeline. Included in the potential development would be a travel center, RV

Park and campground and possibly hotel and other amenities.

Investors are considering putting up funding for the development, while the tribes would contribute the land.

The development would require about 900 acres. This sounds large, but environmental impacts of a motorsports park are actually not that big in comparison to some other tribal enterprises, said Coun-

cilman Kahseuss Jackson.

For instance, he said, the forest resource has been depleted across much of the reservation: Over the decades, the environmental impacts of this practice have been, and are much more far-reaching than potential impacts from a motorsports project.

Power and Water relies on the dams that have blocked fish passage for decades and changed the

character and quality of the Deschutes River.

Tribal Council would like to determine exactly what the environmental impacts of the motorsports project might be, and how these impacts might be mitigated or offset. The potential for a serious new source of revenue, most on Council agree, makes the project at least worth looking at.

Tribal Council Summaries - May 27, 2014

1. Members Present: Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Eugene Austin Greene Jr., Reuben Henry, Scott Moses, Orvie Danzuka, Kahseuss Jackson, and Carlos Smith. Rhonda Smith, Recorder.

2. Tribal Council minutes report submitted, no Tribal Council action.

3. Motion by Carlos to amend the agenda for May 27, 2014, add Fish & Wildlife Committee, Bidding Process for WSFPI; Kahseuss asked to add Tax Commission also; second by Scott; question called for; vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes; motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, chairman not voting.

4. Secretary Treasurer Update

5. Discussion with concerned Tribal Members regarding EB5

6. Discussion with Fish & Wildlife Committee members.

7. Discussed Warm Springs Forest Products Industry bidding process.

8. Motion by Carlos to approve the June 2014 Tribal Council agenda; second by Kahseuss; question called for; vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/out of room, Reuben/out of room, Alfred/out of room,

Orvie/yes; motion passed, 3 yes, 0 no, 3 out of room, chairman not voting.

9. Motion by Carlos to approve June 2014 Tribal Council travel delegations; second by Kahseuss; question called for; vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/out of room, Reuben/out of room, Alfred/out of room, Orvie/yes; motion passed 3 yes, 0 no, 3 out of room, chairman not voting.

10. Motion by Orvie to adopt Resolution 11,891; second by Carlos; question called for; vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/out of room, Reuben/out of room, Alfred/out of room, Orvie/yes; motion passed 3 yes, 0 no, 3 out of room, chairman not voting.

June 3, 2014

1. Members Present: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Evaline Patt, Reuben Henry, Scott Moses, Orvie Danzuka, Kahseuss Jackson, and Carlos Smith. Rhonda Smith, Recorder.

2. Branch of Natural Resources update

- Coal Oil Transport/Port of Morrow

- 1865 Treaty Issue

3. Secretary Treasurer update

4. TERO Update

5. Discussed Tax Initiatives.

- Fuel Tax Fund agreement

June 4, 2014

1. Members Present: Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Evaline Patt, Reuben Henry, Scott Moses, Kahseuss Jackson, and Carlos Smith. Rhonda Smith, Recorder.

2. Conference call with Odle Job Corps.

3. Bureau of Indian Affairs update

4. Realty Items

Motion by Scott to adopt Resolution 11,892; second by Reuben; question called for; vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes; motion carried, 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, chairman not voting.

Motion by Carlos to adopt Resolution 11,893; second by Reuben; question called for; vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes; motion carried 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, chairman not voting.

Motion by Kahseuss to adopt Resolution 11,894; second by Scott; question called for; vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes; motion carried 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, chairman not

Minors trust

The corrected Minors Trust spring 2014 distribution letters were mailed on Monday, June 9, and need to be notarized or signed in front of a Vital Statistics employee.

This letter replaces the previous letter and needs to be processed through the Vital Statistics department in order for a distribution to be made.

Please address any questions to Margaret Medina at 541-553-3253."

Youth camp at Canyon Ranch

The popular Canyon Ranch Camp, this year celebrating its twenty-fourth year, is coming up this month.

For girls the camp will be from June 19-21; and for boys, June 23-25.

Canyon Ranch Camp is located one mile beyond the Pelton Store and Roxy's Café. Some of the activities are climbing wall, swimming, boating, cave exploring, history hikes and more.

There are registration forms at the Warm Springs elementary school; or check at the Warm Springs Community Center or Community Counseling Center.

The Freedom Team will be on hand again for both camps. There are ballfields for soccer, softball etc. The campers and counselors sleep in teepees at Canyon Ranch.

The camp is all done by donation. Donations can be monetary, or as salmon, deer meat, firewood, or what have you. If parents are not able to donate, the child can still come to the camp. For information call Gladys Grant at 541-325-2650.

Registration forms should be received by Gladys by June 18. You can mail to Gladys Grant, PO Box 494, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Pi-Ume-Sha information

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days, June 27-29, has a theme this year of "History of the Whipman." Here are the contacts for information on the powwow:

General information - Cassie Katchia, 541-325-1573 (c) or 553-2128 (w). Or Louise Katchia, 451-460-0224 (c)

Traditional Dress Parade - Ramona Greene Baez, 541-553-2406 (w) or 460-0077 (c).

Stick Game Tournament - Sam Starr, 541-553-1131.

Endurance Horse Race - Ricky Graybael, 541-553-1161.

Rodeo - Cheryl Tom, 541-325-9087.

All Indian Fry Bread Golf Tourney - KNT golf shop, 541-553-4971.

Fun Run - Community Center, 541-553-3243.

Boxing - Austin Smith, 541-325-2798, or Charlene Moody.

Men and Women Softball - Sandra Greene/Jerry Sampson, 541-553-6619.

Museum Special Exhibit - 541-553-3331.

The Warm Springs Full Gospel Church will host a **camp meeting** from June 23-June 28. Morning services will be at 10 a.m., and evening services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring your tents and camping gear. Showers will be available. For more information call A. Onte Lumpmouth, pastor, at 541-553-2553. Or call the church at 541-553-9122.