

IHS outlines clinic expansion plan

The Warm Springs Indian Health Service clinic opened 25 years ago. Since that time, as the tribes have grown, the number of patients and other users, and the number of employees at the clinic have also grown.

The Warm Springs Joint Health Commission—the health care partnership between the tribes and IHS—is developing a plan for the first major expansion of the clinic.

Two years ago the Joint Health Commission created the clinic Modernization Committee, including IHS employees, other community members, and the Warm Springs Health and Human Services.

The committee developed three options for expansion of the clinic. The options were the Consolidated Campus option, the Two Campus Option, and the Re-Use Existing Option.

After weighing the pros and cons of each option, the parties concluded the Consolidated Campus Option would be the best. The committee, IHS and Health and



Area on the clinic campus identified for the new administrative services building.

Health and Human Services last week presented the options, and the recommended option to Tribal Council.

The Consolidated Campus option involves the construction of two new clinic wings, built off each end of the existing clinic. There will also be a new administration building, and a new facility management building, both on the clinic campus.

The new administration building would be across the parking lot from the clinic, and the new facility management building would be near

the new west wing expansion.

The Primary Care services will be housed in one of the new wings. Some other positive points include:

All services are located on one campus. The priorities of Primary Care, Pharmacy, Dental and Rehabilitation services all can be implemented in the first phase of project.

The direct patient administrative services will remain in the Health and Wellness building, while the rest of the administrative staff would be in the separate adminis-

tration building.

The cost of the work will be clear when more detailed architectural and engineering plans are developed, said Yvonne Iverson, IHS budget analyst at the clinic.

The clinic already has \$4 million for the project, and is expecting to have closer to \$7 million by the end of the fiscal year. The building fund is generated by billing of patients, such as to the Oregon Health Plan, and by a new reimbursement formula at the clinic Pharmacy.

If all goes as planned, construction could begin in 2020.

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Individuals who do not meet the automatic one-quarter blood quantum requirement may get enrolled through the adoption process. To be eligible for adoption, individuals must have one-eighth Indian blood, descend from a current or former tribal member, meet the residency requirement, not be enrolled in another tribe, and receive the majority of the vote in an adoption referendum.

Tribal Council added the baseline census year concept for automatic enrollment purposes in 1975.

Adding the census baseline meant that all applicants for enrollment would have blood quantum determined by examining the parent/grandparent whose name appears on the 1940 census.

For those on the 1940 census list, all their Indian blood would be considered Confederated Tribes blood for the purposes of enrollment.

Tribal Council later added the 1960 baseline for enrollment purposes in 2008.

For example, consider the child of a biological tribal member parent born in 1958 who was one-quarter Warm Springs, one-quarter Navajo, one-quarter Choctaw and one-quarter white, and whose name appears on the 1960 census.

Using only the 1940 census as the baseline, the child would only be one-eighth Confederated Tribes blood, and not eligible for automatic enrollment.

However, using the 1960 census as the baseline, the tribal member parent has a total of three-quarter Indian blood, all of which would be considered Confederated Tribes blood. Thus, the child could be automatically enrolled as having one-quarter or more Confederated Tribes blood.

The February 2019 referendum will ask tribal voters to add the 1980 census to the list of baseline census years for determining Confederated Tribes blood quantum.

Aspirations profiles

The Warm Springs summer youth workers are now back at school. In this Spilyay are some final Youth Worker Profiles from the 2018 Native Aspirations season (see pages 4 and 6).



Name: Lakin Kurtz
Age: 17 years old
Summer youth worker for WIOA-Native Aspirations: Early Childhood Education teacher aide

This year is Lakins first year working at ECE and she says, "It is the best place to work in Warm Springs." On this job she learning to have a lot of "patience." After, high-school she plans on attending school to acquire a degree in the culinary field. Fun fact Lakin likes to bake.

Gerald Tufti text & photos

Community notes...

A new free legal clinic will be taking intakes on October 8 at the Warm Springs Community Action Team Office. They will be taking intakes from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Eligible clients will receive a free 45-60 minute consultation with an attorney to discuss any legal issues.

To find out if you qualify call Rayven at 971-703-7108. The clinic is being provided by Karnopp Petersen LLP and Legal Aid Services of Oregon.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement from Portland on Thursday and Friday, September 20-21 plans to visit Warm Springs to tour the jail. The Warm Springs Jail and dispatch building is BIA property, operated by the tribes through the Public Safety Branch.

Condition of the Warm Springs Jail has been an issue with the tribes for years. The facility was built in 1985 with a projected useful life of 25 years. Tribal officials have suggested a new jail and tribal justice center as an option.

Bend Film will show films at the Madras Performing Arts Center in October.

This is part of the Fifteenth Annual Bend Film Festival. Tickets are \$5. The filmmakers will be present for each film.

And special guests will be attending: The only two-time Sundance Film Festival Winner Ondi Timoner, and actor Adam Beach. The dates are October 12-14.



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