

Urban American Indian Tobacco Prevention & Education Network  
Quarterly Meeting

Date: January 17, 2008

Location: Wild Oats, Salon 1, 3535 NE 15th Ave, Portland

Attendees: Ed, CeCe, Karen, Darlene, Terresa, Kylie, Carrie, Elizabeth

Facilitated by: Becky Wright, Program Coordinator

Agenda

- I. Introductions/lunch
- II. Updates
  - a. NARA Tobacco Policy
  - b. Ceremonial Plants Garden Project
- III. Reporting Powwow Survey Data
  - a. Training with Carrie Furrer of NPC Research
- IV. Announcements/Upcoming Events
  - a. January 19, 2008: Wicipi, the 9th annual Portland Community College Traditional Winter Powwow. HT Building PCC Sylvania, 12000 SW 49th Ave. Grand Entry 1 & 7, silent auction 4-8. For info call PCC Multicultural Center at 503-977-4112.
  - b. January 17 & 19, 2008: Mural artist presentation, Andrew "One'staa" Morrison (Haida/Apache). Jan 17, 10-4, PCC Performing Arts Center lobby. Jan 19, 10-12, PCC College Center Upper Mall. For info call PCC Multicultural Center at 503-977-4112. [www.onestaa.com](http://www.onestaa.com)
  - c. Other announcements?

IIa. NARA Tobacco Policy

Becky talked a little about the tobacco policy at NARA that is soon to be approved and implemented. She handed out the most recent draft (attached) that was approved by the Directors Team (including Executive Director). It will be taken to the January NARA Board of Directors Meeting, with confidence that the policy will be approved. Becky, Scott Buser (treatment director) and Jeff Mildenberger (health director) met with Roger Valdez of the National Network on Tobacco Prevention & Poverty on January 14 to determine whether or not NARA could participate in a pilot project with the main goal of increasing cessation in substance abuse treatment, mentally ill, and homeless communities. After about three hours of touring residential and outpatient, and lots of questions and talking, it was decided that NARA is indeed an ideal site for the pilot program. What that means ultimately is that we will be able to train our staff for free on tobacco cessation interventions, and we will be provided an initial supply of nicotine patches for our clients for free.

IIb. Ceremonial Plants Garden Project

Becky briefly updated folks on the ceremonial plants garden project. There have been two meetings of this group so far, and there are two different approaches that are being worked on; increasing community member knowledge around traditional ceremonial plants and helping them grow there own, and also the development of an actual garden in the Portland metro area that will serve as both a demonstration project as

well as provide ceremonial plants to community members in need of them. Next meeting will be in February, date to be announced. We are looking into an event on April 12 in conjunction with the PSU NASCC playgroup to provide information and hopefully kinnikinnick plants to interested community members.

### III. Reporting Powwow Survey Data; Training with Carrie Furrer of NPC Research

For the bulk of the meeting we met with Carrie Furrer to go over the creation of two-page report that could be used to communicate powwow survey data to powwow committees to advocate for designated smoking areas at community powwows. She walked us through the steps of identifying the problem (secondhand smoke at powwows), description of the project (Becky provided a description of the powwow survey that was administered at Delta Park Powwow and Klamath Restoration Powwow this summer), identifying the significance of the survey responses, and then providing recommendations/next steps for the powwow committee's in response to the data provided. Carrie took notes through the meeting to capture responses to all the pieces of the report, and with Becky will pull together a rough draft, which will then be forwarded to all on the email list to provide feedback. This report will then be provided to Bow and Arrow's powwow committee as they plan for this year's Delta Park powwow, and will also be a resource for anyone who is advocating for smokefree powwows (and could potentially be used for other community events). I've attached the handouts for data reporting in case they may be of use for other work you are doing.

### IVc. Other announcements

CeCe Whitewolf provided an update on the work that she has been doing with Kah-Nee-Ta to advocate for smokefree policy at the casino. She is part of a five member team of Kah-Nee-Ta employees (managers) who are looking at the tobacco policy for the casino. She has been given the go-ahead to start collecting data from consumers and employees around attitudes and beliefs regarding the casino's smoking policy, and she hopes to administer a survey to the Warm Springs community as well. Also, the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed casino in the Gorge will be released soon, and there will be four hearings about the EIS, one of which will be in Portland in March. This is a great opportunity for people to provide written or verbal testimony in support of a smokefree casino that will be written into the records for the casino. More information on how to get involved will be forthcoming.