

**Assessment of Housing Needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives  
and Native Hawaiians in Washington State**

Notes from the Conference Call on Thursday, May 14, 2020

Future calls to be held monthly on the second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. PT

**Next Call: June 11, 2020; 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

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an updated version will be posted at [nativehousingwa.org](http://nativehousingwa.org).]

1. Draft Housing Provider Survey and Advisory Group Member Survey

- a. Suggested edits, changes or additions to drafts can be made by emailing [Kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net](mailto:Kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net) or using the form on [nativehousingwa.org](http://nativehousingwa.org)

**Please provide individual or organization-specific feedback by Monday, May 25. Survey Committee will begin final review process following that date.**

The following feedback was supplied on the call:

- i. Include Individual Development Accounts (IDA) as an option which has increased homeownership at Muckleshoot
  - ii. Provide opportunity for open-ended response to give tribes a chance to describe their programmatic successes (currently on the form); this will allow tribes to describe their own internal mortgage programs, for example
- b. Survey Committee nominations (small group of stakeholders to help finalize survey content, question language and answer choices)

The following individuals were nominated or volunteered to be on the Survey Committee:

- i. Cielo Gibson
- ii. Ama Tuatoo
- iii. Wendy Lawrence
- iv. Laurie Ann Cloud (technical issue: Nez Perce is in Idaho)

Additionally, Advisory Group members Doug Chapiewsky and James Gutierrez of HDS and Darkfeather Ancheta of First Tribal Lending will provide feedback on the Advisory Group survey.

*Big Water Consulting will follow up with Survey Committee members and Advisory Group members to solicit feedback, schedule necessary Committee meetings and finalize the survey. In the meantime, each of the Survey Committee Members can review the survey materials prior to meeting.*

- c. It is important to obtain 100% TDHE and urban Native housing provider response to surveys to demonstrate quality of data set, comprehensiveness of needs assessment, and wisdom of allocating state funds for this effort. Big Water asked for ideas for encouraging participation.

The following ideas for encouraging greater participation were provided:

- I. Tribes can reach out to each other to encourage their participation
- II. Tribes can “buddy up” with groups of tribes. For accountability, tribes can call others to follow up on the survey and assist in answering any questions they might have

- III. Create different committees and have them create smaller groups to organize follow-up
  - IV. Engage NWIHA directly (Big Water has presented at NWIHA in January and will continue to follow-up to continue engagement with NWIHA)
  - V. Encourage feedback and comments through email and website
  - VI. Consider regional groupings for surveying
    - a. For example, the coastal tribes as one geographic committee to promote regional participation
- d. Proposed (short) Supplemental COVID-19 Tribal Response and Impacts Survey to be shared later to ensure that survey addresses ongoing pandemic response and subsequent laws and funding mechanisms. This will be revisited in the fall.

## **2. Recommendations for Advisory Group Member Invitations**

- a. Study coordinators to invite organizations/agencies to serve as Advisory Group Members based on recommendations of this group and independent research (Attached **Recommendation Form** can also be sent to [kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net](mailto:kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net) or submitted via form at [nativehousingwa.org](http://nativehousingwa.org))

Recommendations:

- i. Tauni Marchand from Colville Housing Authority (stakeholder)
- ii. Loren Blair from Spokane IHA (stakeholder)
- iii. Umpqua Bank
- iv. Paul Lumley, Executive Director of NAYA
- v. Robin Thorne and Lorna Fogg, RTHawk Housing Alliance, LLC
- vi. 7 Directions Architects/Planners
- vii. Beacon Development
- viii. Joseph Kunkel and Nathaniel Corum – MASS Design and SNCC
- ix. David Castillo – Native Community Capital

Additional Recommendations for Advisory Group Members can include organizations from the following sectors:

- Supportive Service Providers
- Financial Services Providers
- Management Consultants
- Architecture, Engineering, Planning or Construction Service Providers
- Government Agency

## **3. Literature Review and Analysis of Existing Data**

- a. Additional regional or tribe-specific studies, strategic plans or data sets?

- b. Send copies of or links to data sets, plans or studies to [kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net](mailto:kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net) or submit via online form at [nativehousingwa.org](http://nativehousingwa.org)

#### **4. Convening of Stakeholders and Advisory Group Members**

- a. Large meetings not likely possible for several months
- b. Possible formats/timing:
  - i. Dedicate a portion of each monthly call to briefly discussing a specific housing issue (e.g., homelessness, homeownership, funding levels and sources, mortgage lending, land ownership issues, administrative requirements, others topics?)  
  
Future monthly calls will be less administrative, and dedicate more time to discussing issues, opportunities and barriers
  - ii. Separate Zoom focus groups (in addition to monthly calls). Hold 2 or 3 between May and September, involving stakeholders and advisory group members to address specific sets of issues.
  - iii. Focus groups/convenings scheduled in conjunction with NWIHA meeting in September and Housing Washington conference in October (assuming these events can be held)

#### **5. Focus Groups and Interviews with Knowledgeable Sources**

- a. Focus Groups:
  - i. Locations of regional community-based focus groups TBD (coastal, Puget Sound, eastern Washington/Columbia River, urban locations)?  
Specific timing to be determined once reservations and areas of state are reopened
- b. Interviews of Other Knowledgeable Sources (e.g., staff of TDHEs, urban housing and service providers, agencies, lenders, developers, professional service providers, etc.)
  - i. Volunteers and recommendations? (submit offline by contacting [kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net](mailto:kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net) or via form at [nativehousingwa.org](http://nativehousingwa.org))

- ii. Draft list of interviewees will be shared with stakeholders and advisory group members

**Questions and Comments:**

- Benjamin Baker, President of Moku `Aina A Wakinekona Hawaiian Civic Club, sends a mahalo for reaching out and bringing in Native Hawaiians; there are a lot of Native Hawaiian organizations in Washington, the state with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest population of Native Hawaiians

**Next steps:**

- Stakeholders and Advisory Group members will:
  - Review the draft survey forms and provide feedback
  - Continue to submit data, plans, documents and other information for project coordinators to review
  - Nominate others or volunteer to be in focus groups and one-on-one interviews

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- Project Coordinators (Big Water Consulting, Nancy Pindus and Lonny Macy) will:
  - Send out a document summarizing the Survey Committee structure and stakeholder sub-groupings (Native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives, TDHEs, urban Native housing providers) and tentative subcommittee chairs, and a summary of the “requested levels of participation” for Stakeholders and Advisory Group members (to concretely clarify our hopes/expectations and demonstrate that our ask is fairly limited time-wise)
  - Follow-up with Native Hawaiian groups to get more feedback on how to develop a survey instrument that better reflects the needs of their community
  - Reach out to more Alaska Native groups to increase participation and solicit feedback
  - Set a date and time to meet separately with Survey Committee members and Advisory Group members to solicit more in-depth feedback on the survey, schedule any necessary follow-up meetings and work towards finalizing survey instruments