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Devon Lee Lomayesva, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Tim Watson
From: Devon Lee Lomayesva
Re: Requested Changes to Draft Program Quality Visit Report
Date: October 21, 2009

Here are my changes. If after you read through them they are not comprehensible, please send me and email and we can clarify. I truly thank you and Cheryl for your time spent in the offices. We do look forward to seeing you again in the future.

1. Page 7: First full paragraph:

Change the third sentence by deleting reference to "tribal recognition and tribal court development" and replacing with "tribal governance and tribal justice development".

2. Page 11: Last full paragraph, second to last sentence.

Delete reference to California Endowment, as these funds have a specified purpose. Sentence should read "The program hopes to fund a part-time attorney in Bishop in the coming months".

3. Page 12: First paragraph, first sentence.

Replace reference to paralegal with "Intake Advocate (who is a law school graduate)"
Replace reference to administrative assistant with "legal/administrative assistant"

4. Page 15: first partial paragraph, last sentence.

Delete last sentence, as it makes it appear that tribes can just quickly set up a tribal court to take an Indian case, which leads to assumptions that tribal courts are loosely structured and lack legitimacy. Replace with "Tribal court development in this area is critically time sensitive so that tribes can begin to assert their inherent jurisdiction over their Indian children thereby protecting the governmental and cultural integrity of the tribe".

5. Page 16: second paragraph.

Delete reference in parenthesis to the California Endowment. Again, this grant is for a specific purpose. I don't want it misconstrued. While the reality is that this funding is allowing us to leverage funds, I do not want to misstate its purpose.

6. Page 17: fifth paragraph.

Delete second sentence that says committees have no set schedule, because we actually do have timeframes for meeting when it makes sense, as you stated in rest of paragraph.

Replace that sentence with a sentence about the audit committee, as follows.

“The audit committee meets with the ED and Controller to review and approve the audit for presentation to the full Board for their acceptance of the audit committee’s recommendation. The full Board then meets with the audit committee chair to accept or not accept the audit committees’ recommendation.

7. Page 18: first partial paragraph.

Change “spring of 2009” to “January of 2009”

8. Page 19: third full paragraph

Change as follows “...plan authored by the Director of Administration, with reference to the plan set out by the San Diego Futures Foundation.....”.

Patricia drafted this plan based on the Master Services Contract we entered into with SDFP, so we wanted to clarify that.

9. Page 21: First full paragraph, first sentence.

Change as follows: “Although CILS does not currently produce an annual report, it plans to do so for the first time this fall. CILS does produce an attractive....”

10. Page 21: Last paragraph: last sentence.

Change “past two years” to “past five years”. We are actually entering our sixth year of partnership with LAAC.