



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**
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March 31, 2025

Dear Involuntary Treatment Act Partners:

SUBJECT: Tribal Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) Appointment Notification

The Health Care Authority is reaching out to share an important announcement regarding the implementation of Tribal Designated Crisis Responders per Washington Administrative Code, [WAC 182-125-0100](#). On March 13, 2025, the HCA appointed a Tribal DCR in Washington State following a request and completion of required elements within this WAC. Below is the information regarding the newly appointed Tribal DCR. Please note that details regarding hours of operation, service area, and population served are subject to change. Please refer to the Tribe Crisis Coordination Protocols for the most up-to-date information. The Tribe will notify regional crisis entities of any changes.

Tribe Name: Tulalip Tribes Business Council

Tribal DCR Program/Behavioral Health Agency and Supervisor: Tulalip Behavioral Health and Recovery, Diane Henry

Tribal DCR Name: Rochelle Long, MS, LMHC, CCIS-II, Community Intervention Specialist

Tribal DCR Program Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tribal DCR Program Service Area: Tulalip Tribal reservation boundaries

Tribal DCR Program Population Served: Anyone within the Tribal reservation boundaries

The Tribal DCR, as defined in RCW 71.05.020(17), has the full authority granted to a DCR under the Involuntary Treatment Act, as codified in RCW 71.05 and 71.34, including the authority to conduct ITA investigations and complete involuntary detentions.

It is important that our ITA system partners support these efforts to expand culturally attuned involuntary and behavioral health treatment resources.

Comments and Questions

For more information on Tribal DCRs, please contact, Lucilla Mendoza, Tribal BH Administrator, by email at lucilla.mendoza@hca.wa.gov and Lisa Westlund, Involuntary Treatment Act Administrator, by email at lisa.westlund@hca.wa.gov.

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Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teesha Kirschbaum', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Teesha Kirschbaum
Division Director
Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery

cc: Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator, HCA
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