Federal Agency Resources Roundtable
May 6, 2011
Notes

Agenda:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Center for Native American Youth Introduction & Background
- Federal Agency Presentations
  - Department of Interior - Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)
  - Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - Indian Health Service (IHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) within Administration for Children and Families
  - Department of Agriculture - Office of the Secretary
  - Department of Education - Office of Indian Education
  - Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Tribal Youth Program, Office on Violence Against Women

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Justin Schardin, consultant for the Center for Native American Youth attended the meeting as a note taker.

Themes:

1) Better coordination, consolidation and simplification of programs and process for securing programs and resources is needed; STREAMLINE.
   a. Senator Dorgan: The number of programs and opportunities available for tribes doesn’t seem like one fire hose, but more like 1,000 garden hoses.

2) A comprehensive list/mapping of resources, e.g. what kinds of funding and programs are in particular tribal communities and knowledge of what is working, would be helpful.

3) Make sure youth are at the table for conversations that involve them in communities.

4) Track and monitor youth. Improve number of successful youth programs in Indian Country; create safe places for youth to go.

Center for Native American Youth Introduction

Erin Bailey

- Overview of the Center
- Upcoming Events
• Goal of the Meeting

*Byron Dorgan*

• Started the Center with one million dollars of excess campaign funds because I wanted to keep working on Indian issues.
• We can’t do this alone – need federal agencies

*Department of the Interior*

*Michalyn Steele – Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs*

• Tribal Youth Subcommittee report to be finalized in next month;
• Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs very concerned about suicide crisis
  o 10 Tribal Listening Sessions, particularly hard hit in Alaska;
  o Trying to better partner with IHS and SAMHSA;
  o AI/AN Task Force has been created – part of national strategy for suicide prevention;
• Some ideas and suggestions from tribes for suicide prevention are similar to those working on the delinquency prevention side of DOI efforts.
• Working with Park Service on pilot program for 12 high school students
• Challenges are funding, high rates of suicide, substance abuse, violence, etc., and sometimes lack of coordination with tribal communities. Need more services for youth in detention – have failed them – reintroduction to society, etc. Must emphasize prevention, provide sensitive cultural context, and better serve youth and families who are failing.

  Asst. Sec. Echo Hawk: “We can’t arrest our way out of these problems”

*Sue Settles – Chief, Division of Human Services*

• Division of Human Services has significant interaction with Native youth.
• BIA has hired a lot of youth –
  o 1,034 to work in various programs. Over 60 tribes involved.
  o Intern programs in DC and other areas.
• Awareness efforts to get kids to stay in school
• Highlighted Mescalero Agency Child Protection Team and Meth Initiative in the Rock Mountain Region (funded 8 tribes for meth recovery at Crow, Northern Cheyenne, and Fort Peck) as a success story.
• Challenges: Availability and access are always big problems, especially for Indian Country. What works in one community may not work in another. Too many solutions are unique to one community. How define who qualifies as “youth”? It’s a continuum.

*Brandi Sweet - Bureau of Indian Education*

• Central offices in DC, Albuquerque and Oklahoma City
• 3 Assoc. Deputy Directors, 26 Education Line Offices
- Bureau of Indian Affairs established Office of Youth and the Great Outdoors
- Provide boarding schools, tribally contracted programs...
- FACE (Family and Child Education) – early preschool program for literacy and family support services… 46 programs in 10 states – most in BIE school system
- Two post-secondary institutions
- Let’s Move in Indian Country –
  o Working with IHS, USDA, White House, etc. to combat obesity – launching initiative May 25;
  o Initiative will have website, toolkit (resources, step-by-step how-to guide, for individuals, organizations and tribal leaders), and roll out over next year;
  o Goals: Create healthier start on life, focus on physical activity, and food policy councils with community-based approach.
- Presidential Active Lifestyle Award for Indian Country – 6-week activity challenge – want to get 25,000 people across Indian Country in the coming year to participate;
- Developing health and wellness standards in all BIE schools. Tribal consultation sessions (three of them in May) to train on standards in coming school year.
- Put together national assessment of our schools – lots of resources and programs, but trying to get them where they need to go.
  o Cheryl Arviso just brought on to help lead that effort (introduced)
  o Standardizing programs and policies for our schools
- 12 listening sessions on suicides / bullying initiative too
- BIE Workforce:
  o Trying to diversify workforce, get more youth into programs;
  o Toolkit prepared to help people understand different hiring authorities.
  o Recruiting efforts – Haskell and Southwest Indian Polytech Institute – helped students put together resume packets – hired a number of Haskell students directly – Julie Rodriguez good contact if want to hire Native students.
- Grants to tribal colleges
- Fund reading and math coaches, contests

**Indian Health Service**

*Cheryl Peterson - Senior Public Health Advisor, Division of Behavioral Health, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services*

- Immunizations
- Early childhood caries program (dental and health care providers)
- Healthy Weight for Life – address obesity
- Let’s Move It in Indian Country – working with Interior & USDA + White House
- Breast-feeding support
- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD)
- Pilot sites throughout Indian Country – screening for FASD and other special needs – planning, consultation
  o Division of Behavior Health participates on interagency coordinating committee on FASD
Health Promotion Disease Prevention works with tribal and urban Indian organizations and awards grants for tribal communities for programs, strategies, policies.
Physical activity kit – modified AI games, exercise breaks, Native American dance aerobics, etc. to promote physical activities in schools.
HIV prevention program – education, risk reduction
Sexual health interventions
Circle of Life digital adaptation project – Native-focused HIV curricula
Meth and Suicide Prevention Initiative
  o Dr. Roubideaux recorded PSA on bullying
  o Boys and Girls Club Funding
  o Examples of peer-to-peer tools: TeenScreen, QPR, Safe Talk

Outstanding Questions:
  o How many IHS programs for youth?
  o What % of mental health/social services money is used for youth services?

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Sheila Cooper - Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs

Created the Office of Indian Alcohol & Substance Abuse (part of Tribal Law and Order Act)
Trying to develop a single office that’s focal point for tribes to let them know where to go for which resources.
First thing states cut in times of trouble is behavioral and mental health.
8 strategic initiatives, including prevention of SA & MI.
Drug Free Communities and Sober Truth programs available to tribes
Grant Programs
  o Community Mental Health Services block grant to states;
  o Garrett Lee Smith, Project Launch, Systems of Care, Circles of Care (7 grantees this year), National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, Prevention Practices in Schools, Native Aspirations Project (contract);
  o New Behavioral Health Tribal Prevention Grant: Proposed new $50M discretionary grant program in FY 2012 budget – authorized from Prevention & Public Health Fund from ACA.
    ▪ Result of meaningful consultation – funding would not go through states.
Memo of Agreement with Justice, Interior and HHS by end of July.
Secure operating framework for Tribal Action Plans.

Administration for Native Americans at Administration for Children and Families:

Michelle Sauve - Senior Project Consultant
• ACF funds both social well-being, and economic ANA’s 2 main types of funding.
• Handed out directory of services for ACF
• Everything is community-driven, so changes annually as tribes change priorities.
• Technical Assistance and project development training provided by ANA.

United States Department of Agriculture

Dustin Miller - Program Specialist, Office of Tribal Relations

• Vilsack wants Department’s mission to move beyond cows, corn and combines – he loves kids, food & nutrition programs, etc. Fascinated by details, loves to fix programs.
• Josh Moore – Window Rock – State FFA president for Arizona – had him introduce Vilsack at a summit for rural community development.
• Some available programs:
  o SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
  o Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
  o Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
  o School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Fresh Fruit & Vegetable programs
  o *Would be nice if BIE had block grant system to get access to some of these.*
• Child and Adult Care Food, and Summer Food Service programs are underutilized
• Can’t provide food on weekends, and evenings and it’s a big problem.
• Most tribal colleges are land grant institutions, and get some funding that way.
• Cooperative Extension Services, 4-H, FFA
  o To set-up a 4-H club contact Cooperative Extension office
• Community Food Project, Peoples Garden School Pilot Program

Department of Education, Office of Indian Education

Lana Shaughnessy

• Office of Indian Education has about a $200 million budget, about $198 million distributed annually to schools with 10 or more Indian kids.
• Mission: To meet unique cultural and academic needs of Indian students
• Just over 1,250 formula grant programs – comes out of Title VII of NCLB
• Entitlement for public, state charter, BIE schools. Each program develops what they want to provide K-12 with parent committee that advises
• Smallest grant $4,000 and largest to Anchorage for $200+ million (Formula is Indian student count times state per pupil expenditure)
• BIE-operated schools funded – not all apply. Schools go to Department of Interior for allocation.
• $19.06 million – 2 programs for professional development:
Native American students go through college and get degree as teacher or school administration for tribes, tribal colleges, and other public universities. 546 Native Americans in school now studying to be teachers with 75-100 applications per year. Last year the Office of Indian Education funded 8;

Demonstration grant program for Indian children – discretionary, funded annually – preschool, high school or both (3-4-year olds or high school students) – $300,000 per year, 4 years per grant (total of $1.2M).

**Department of Justice**

**Patrick Dunckhorst, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

- 424 grants to 214 tribes over last 12 years (27 of 34 states with tribes)
- Tribes love CIRCLE (Comprehensive Indian Resources for Community & Law Enforcement)
- Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Mental Health Project
- Interagency work groups (Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Mental health Initiative Work Group…)
- 7/1/03 – participated in day-long “Holding Up Both Ends of the Sky: Juvenile Justice partners in Indian Country” conference.
- Timeline of recent progress:
  - FY 2010 – OJP consolidated all tribal discretionary grants.
  - FY 2005 – Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grants
  - FY 2009 – Tribal youth detention & reentry green initiative, others
  - FY 2010 – Tribal youth monitoring program, research, fellowship, resiliency program…
- AMBER Alert in Indian Country, Internet Crimes Against Children in IC, Children’s Exposure to Violence, Justice for Children
- Focus groups drive our programs and planning
- Tribalyouthprogram.org (technical assistance)
- Tribalreentry.org

**Lorraine Edmo, Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Office on Violence Against Women**

- 24 grant programs, major focus on domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, dating violence;
- Fund many tribal grants (about 290 active ones) – last year about $240 million.