

August 17, 2023 Public Board Meeting





QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Location: Treasure Island Casino, Prairie Island Indian Community, 5734 Sturgeon Lake Rd, Welch, MN 55089 and WebEX

Date: Thursday August 17, 2023

Time: Breakfast 8:30 am – 9:00 am, Chief Wabasha Conference Room Meeting 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Chief Wacouta Conference Room

Meeting Called to Order		MIAC Board Chair, Robert L. Larsen		
Welcome/Invocation		President Johnson/ Josh Taylor Jr.		
Roll Call		Shannon Geshick		
Review & Approvo	al of meeting	MIAC Executive Board		
minutes May 2023				
Announcement				
MIAC Office	Executive Dire	ector – Shannon Geshick		
Updates:	Executive Adr	Executive Admin Assistant- Opalina Peralta		
	Grants & Con			
	Grants Admin	Grants Administrative Specialist – Skyler Kuczaboski		
	Cultural Resou			
		Cultural Resource Field Investigator - Dylan Goetsch		
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Board Updates:	Governor's Of	o Governor's Office		
	o Lieutenant G	Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan		
	 House Repres 	 House Representatives (2) 		
	o Represe	o Representative Heather Keeler		
	o Represe	entative Bobbie Harder		
	o Senators (2)			
	o Senator	Mary Kunesh		
	o Senator	Paul Utke		
		MIAC Board Commissioners (12):		
		stration, Alice Roberts Davis/ Curt Yoakum		
	o Correct	ions, Paul Schnell/ Wendy Spry		

Education, Wille Jett/ Melanie Franks Tribal Nations Education Committee, Jennifer Murray Employment & Economic Development, Matt Varilek/ Kirk Crowshoe o Health, Brooke Cunningham/ Brandon Alkire Housing Finance Agency, Jennifer Leimaile Ho/ Corey Strong o Human Rights, Rebecca Lucero/Vacant Human Services, Jodi Harpstead/ Vern LaPlante o Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, Deputy Commissioner Becicka / Billie Isham o Natural Resources, Sarah Strommen/ Bradley Harrington o Transportation, Nancy Daubenberger/Levi Brown Veterans Affairs, Interim Commissioner Brad Lindsay/ James Miller Lunch break approximately 12pm and resume at 1:00 pm Visiting Commissioners: o Agriculture, Thom Peterson/ Shannon Kesner o Commerce, Grace Arnold/ Jackie Dionne o Labor and Industry, Nicole Blissenbach/ Naheeda Hirji-Walji Met Council Chair, Councilmember Vento/ Hannah Pallmeyer o Management and Budget, Erin Campbell/ George Shardlow Addiction and Recovery Director, Jeremy Drucker o Military Affairs, MG Shawn Manke/ Major Corey Robinson o MNIT, Tarek Tomes/ Michelle Klatt o Office of Higher Education, Dennis Olson/ Megan FitzGibbon o Pollution Control Agency, Katrina Kessler/Helen Waquiu Public Safety, Bob Jacobson/ Vacant o Revenue, Paul Marquart/ Dawn Blanchard **Reports** Ombudsperson for American Indian Families, Jill Esch Joint Advisory Committee, Bonnie Fairbanks



 Governor's Office Board of Commissions Team - Psychedelic Medicine Task Force - Appointment designee Dept. of Corrections - Standard MN Adult risk needs tool for probation supervision - Appointment designee Department of Human Service-Legislative Task Force on Aging - Appointment designee Department of Human Services - Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council - Appointment designee MIAC Urban Indian Advisory Board - Appointment designee
5. MIAC Urban Indian Advisory Board - Appointment designee6. MN State Emblem Redesign Commission - Appointment designee
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Quarterly Board Meeting Thursday May 18, 2023 Shooting Star Casino Hotel, Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation & Teams 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order Robert Larsen, Board Chair
- II. Invocation and Prayer Elder Lydia Conito, Red Tree Drum
- III. Roll Call Shannon Geshick, Executive Director

MIAC Executive Board Members		
Board Chair—Robert L. Larsen, President Lower Sioux Indian Community	PRESENT	
Board Vice-Chair— Robert (Bobby) Deschampe, Chairman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	PRESENT	
Board Member—Kevin R. DuPuis, Sr., Chairman Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	PRESENT	
Board Member—Cathy Chavers, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	PRESENT	
Board Member—Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	PRESENT	
Board Member—Johnny Johnson, President Prairie Island Indian Community	PRESENT	
Board Member—Mike Fairbanks, for Chairman Fairbanks White Earth Nation		
Board Member—Samuel Strong, Secretary Red Lake Nation		
Board Member—Cyndy Milda, for Rebecca Crooks Stratton, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	PRESENT	
Board Member—Sam Moose for Melanie Benjamin Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	PRESENT	

10 out of 10 present

A quorum was present

Non-voting members present:

Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan Representative Bobby Harder Representative Heather Keeler Senator Mary Kunesh Senator Paul Utke

Commissioner of Administration – Alice Roberts-Davis

Commissioner of Corrections - Wendy Spry (Tribal Liaison) for Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education - Deputy Commissioner Stephanie Graft for Willie Jett

Commissioner of DEED - Interim Commissioner Kevin McKinnon

Commissioner of Health – Assistant Commissioner Tura for Brooke Cunningham

Commissioner of Human Service – Jodi Harpstead



Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Jennifer Leimaile Ho Commissioner of Natural Resources –Sarah Strommen Commissioner of Transportation –Nancy Daubenberger Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Ida Rukavina Commissioner of Veteran Affairs – Interim Deputy Commissioner Quade

Non-voting members absent:

Commissioner of Human Rights - Rebecca Lucero (excused)

Visiting Commissioners present:

Commissioner of Commerce - Grace Arnold

Chair of Met Council - Sue Vento for Charles Zelle

Commissioner of Office of Higher Education - Dennis Olson

Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency -Katrina Kessler

Commissioner of Public Safety - Bob Jacobson

Commissioner of Revenue - Assistant Commissioner Martha Burton for Paul Marquart

Commissioner of Military Affairs – IT Colonel Corey Robinson for Deputy Adjutant General Kruse

Commissioner of MnIT -Tarek Tomes

Commissioner of Agriculture – Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey for Thom Peterson

Commissioner of Bureau of Mediation Services – Johnny Villarreal

Visiting Commissioners absent:

Commissioner of Labor and Industry –Nicole Blissenbach (excused)

Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget – James Schowalter

- I. MOTION by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa) to approve the May 2022, minutes, seconded by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior ChippewaMOTION PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent
- II. MIAC STAFF REPORTS Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Grants Manager bypassed due to executive session. Motion by Gichi-Onigaming (Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa). Second by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa). MOTION PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent *Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.

BOARD UPDATES: Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan; Representative Bobby Harder. Representative Heather Keeler; Senator Mary Kunesh; Administration Commissioner Roberts-Davis; Corrections Tribal Liaison Spry for Commissioner Schnell; Education Commissioner Jett; DEED Commissioner Grove; Health Commissioner Cunningham; DHS Commissioner Jodi



Harpstead; Housing and Finance Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho; Natural Resources Commissioner Sarah Strommen; Transportation Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger; Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Commissioner Ida Rukavina; Veteran's Affairs Deputy Commissioner Doug Hughes for Commissioner Larry Herke

AGENCY UPDATES: Commissioner Grace Arnold; Met Council Sue Vento for Charles Zelle; Higher Education Commissioner Dennis Olson; Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Katrina Kessler; Public Safety Commissioner Bob Jacobson; Revenue Assistant Commissioner Martha Burton for Paul Marquart; Labor and Industry Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach; Military Affairs – Deputy Adjutant General Kruse

III. REPORTS:

Ombudsperson for American Indian Families – Jill Esch Addiction and Recovery Director, Jeremy Drunker Urban Indian Advisory Board – None Tribal Nations Education Committee – Dana Goodwin Joint Advisory Committee – Bonnie Fairbanks and Laurie York Tribal Health Directors – Samuel Moose

I. APPOINTMENTS and RESOLUTIONS

UIAB, Sheri Reimers Appointment Tabled

SAMHSA, Kristine Preston or Jen Sather Appointment Tabled

Children, Youth and Family Services Agency Resolution Rescinded by Nah-gah-chiwa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Seconded by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa 8 for 0 opposed 0 silent

OERAC Resolution motioned by Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag / Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Seconded by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation **9 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

- II. OLD BUSINESS:
- III. NEW BUSINESS:
- IV. Public Comments:
 - a. Noted in Teams chat



XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15 PM motioned by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Seconded by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director Opalina Peralta, Executive Admin. Assistant



Executive Director Report
Submitted by Shannon Geshick, Executive Director
MIAC Quarterly Board meeting: August 16, 2023

MIAC budget and staffing report: FY 2023 See attachment: Manager's Financial Reports

Current MIAC Staff:

Opalina Peralta, Executive Assistant; Melissa Cerda, Cultural Resources Specialist Principal; Dylan Goetsch, Field Investigator Cultural Resource Specialist Principal; George Goggleye, Cultural Resource Specialist Principal; Keegan Flaharty, Grants and Contracts Manager; Skyler Kuczaboski, Grants Admin Support

MIAC Agency and Director Activity Highlights:

- Throughout the reporting period, MIAC Cultural Resource staff and Executive Director attended a series of Twin Ports Interchange project meetings
- MIAC Executive Director tuned in to weekly Governor's Office calls
- Throughout the reporting period, the MIAC director attended multiple Human Services Leadership meetings, a collaborative leadership planning group between the Tribal Nations health directors, Association of MN Counties (AMC), DHS, and MIAC
- MIAC executive director and staff attended Tribal Nations Education Committee meetings
- Completed and submitted MIAC Fiscal Year 24 Budget
- MIAC Executive Assistant and Director presented at all Tribal State Relations Trainings
- MIAC executive director participated in the Tribal State Relations Training Steering Committee
- MIAC Cultural Resource staff met with the THPOS at the monthly meetings
- In June, MIAC Executive Director attended the National Congress of American Indians gathering
- MIAC Executive Director attended the lunch with Secretary of State Steven Simon
- As a committee member, MIAC Executive Director attended the MN Historical Society's American Indian Advisory Council's meeting in June held at Upper Sioux Community
- On June 16th, MIAC Executive Director attended the ICWA decision discussion hosted by Senator Tina Smith at the Ain Dah Yung Center in Saint Paul
- Throughout the reporting period, MIAC Executive Director worked with MMB to update and edit two
 existing position descriptions and create two new ones
- MIAC Executive Assistant and Executive Director participated on the Bias Crimes Learning Objective Work Group
- In June, MIAC Executive Director virtually attended the Commission on Native Children
- MIAC Executive Director attended the Human Service Leadership Forum full group meeting end of June at Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- MIAC staff provided technical assistance to TOUR Minnesota
- MIAC Executive Director worked with Minnesota Management and Budget to update two existing position descriptions and create two new position descriptions
- MIAC Executive Director and staff attended Leech Lake's Gaming Announcement event in July
- MIAC Executive Director and staff attended and recruited at Treaty Days at Madeline Island
- MIAC Executive Director and Cultural Resource staff conducted three interviews for open CR positions

- MIAC Executive Assistant and Director met with M Health Fairview and connected them with the Department of Health's tribal liaison
- MIAC Executive Director is assessing and strengthening MIAC internal controls
- MIAC Executive Director and Board Chair attended the TPI leadership meeting in Duluth July 18th
- MIAC Executive Director attended the Women Empowering Women of Indigenous Nations conference
- MIAC Executive Director attended the MN Department of Human Services Tribal Legislative updates meeting virtually
- On July 28th MIAC staff attended Lower Sioux Indian Community's Land Back event
- MIAC Executive Director met with Commissioner Varilek and tribal liaison Kirk Crow Shoe
- MIAC Cultural Resources met with Red Rock Consulting
- MIAC Executive Director attended Small Agency Resource Team's Data Practices training
- MIAC Executive Director and staff held bi-weekly staff meetings throughout this quarter
- MIAC Executive Director made an offer for a Cultural Resource vacancy that was accepted

State Agency Contacts:

- Erin Bailey, Children's Cabinet
- Makenzie Nolan, Governor's Office
- Patina Park, Governor's Office
- Melanie Franks, MDE
- Jackie Dionne, MDH
- Vern LaPlante, DHS
- Helen Waquiu, MPCA
- Kirk Crowshoe, DEED
- Dawn Blanchard, Revenue
- Wendy Spry, DOC
- Levi Brown, MNDOT
- Mary Otto, MNDOT



Cultural Resources Program

Submitted by: Dylan Goetsch, Cultural Resources Specialist, Melissa Cerda Cultural Resource Specialist.

MIAC Quarterly Board Meeting: August 2023

MS 307.08 and 138.31-42

- MIAC cultural resources staff reviewed nearly 120 MS 307.08 reviews, archaeology licenses, EAW's, statewide survey proposals, and information requests pursuant to MIAC's responsibilities under both the Private Cemeteries and Field Archaeology Acts.
- Changes to MS 307.08 went into effect on July 1st, 2023. Many of these changes effect MIAC's responsibilities and timelines.
- Ah Gwah Ching- MIAC has expressed significant concerns regarding this Cass County project and the strong possibility of there being unmarked burials in the vicinity.

NAGPRA Updates:

MIAC NAGPRA

- MIAC cultural resources staff is continuing work with interested Tribal communities to repatriate culturally unaffiliated individuals from NAGPRA notices that went out in 2010-2012.
- 2. Notices of Inventory Completion for Ojibwe ancestors in MIAC's care were published to the federal register, this final step under NAGPRA will allow these ancestors to be repatriated.

Mimbres

The Southwest culturally affiliated communities through their advisory committee have asked MIAC and the U of M to bring the human remains and funerary objects together in a secured facility.

MNDOT:

- TPI Duluth- MIAC has been working with Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Office of the State Archaeologist, and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa on the mitigation of the discovery of American Indian human remains.
 - o Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, under contract with MNDOT, began recovery operations in mid-July.
 - o MNDOT has been consulting with the MIAC Executive Board over how to move forward with construction in areas of concern.

Ongoing Initiatives:

MIAC cultural resources staff have continued to host monthly virtual meetings with the THPOs.
 These meeting have really helped coordinate, collaborate, and solve issues in the cultural resources field.



MIAC Grants Department

Submitted by: Keegan Flaharty, Grants Manager

Skyler Kuczaboski, Grants Administration Support

MIAC Quarterly Board meeting: August 17th, 2023

FY 2024-2025 Dakota and Ojibwe Request for Proposals

This past legislative session the legislature passed Dakota and Ojibwe language funding as part of the Omnibus Legacy bill. The bill that was passed gives \$850,000 to tribal nation language grants, \$650,000 to immersion language grants, \$600,000 for competitive language grants, and \$150,000 to the American Indian Graves Protection per fiscal year. A request for proposals was sent out June 21st for both competitive and immersion funding. Tribal nations are eligible to apply to either competitive or immersion funds on top of the funding they already receive. The maximum applicants can apply for is \$150,000 per year/\$300,000 over two years for either immersion or competitive funds. The request for proposals closes on August 9th. After the submission deadline passes, staff will do an initial review prior to bringing in community experts to review the proposals. Staff plans to announce award recipients sometime in September.

Pidamayaye, Miigwech, Keegan Flaharty Skyler Kuczaboski





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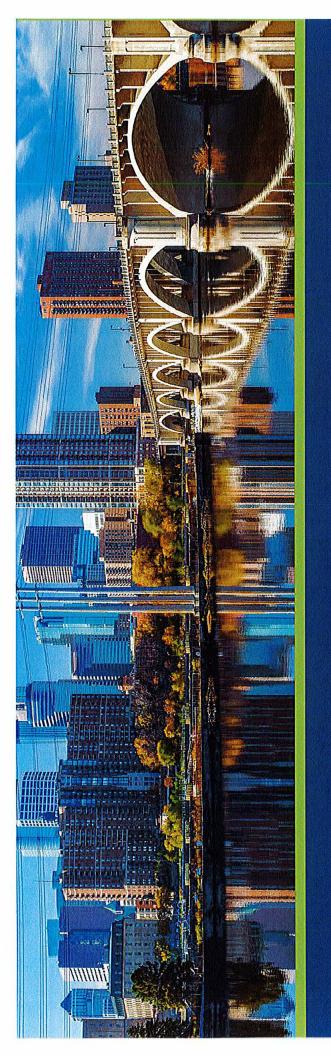
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- Light lunch included

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Governor's Council on Age-Friendly Minnesota



Reena Shetty

Agenda



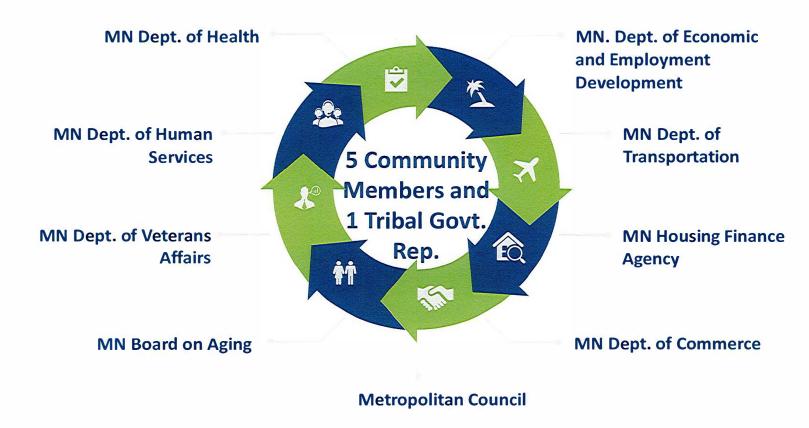
- Overview What, Who, When
- Request:
 - Multi Sector Blueprint on Age-Friendly MN

What is the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council?

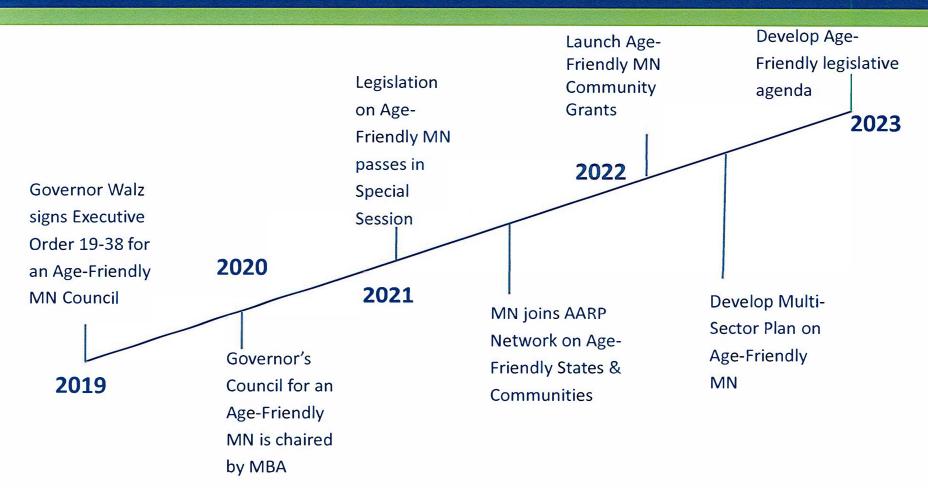
- Created by Governor's executive order in December 2019 (EO 19-38)
- Public/private partnership of multiple state agencies and Tribal leadership
 who developed recommendations for an age-friendly state -- one that
 engages older people and understands that to be age-friendly, a community
 must consider the social, economic, and environmental and lifestyle factors
 that influence health and aging for everyone.
- Coordinate multiple state agencies' efforts and resources for Age Friendly
- Reframe Aging



State Agencies in Age-Friendly Efforts



Age-Friendly MN Timeline



Age-Friendly Infrastructure

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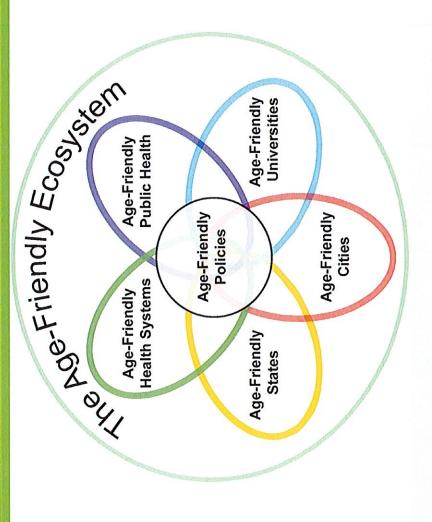
Creating Livable Communities for an Age-Friendly MN



9th MN-Specific Domain:

Emergency Preparedness

Integrating all aspects of Age-Friendly



Age-Friendly MN Grants

Grant Purpose and Outcome

- Funding: Funded by State Legislature in June 2023; \$4.7 million through SFY2027
- AFMIN Grants Purpose: Help communities work on age-friendly projects and become better places for all Minnesotans to grow older.
- **DEIA**: Council is committed to making Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) the foundation of AFMN, including this grants program.
- systems, programs, built environments, and other initiatives that contribute AFMN Grants will fund efforts to create, improve, or expand innovative to age-friendly communities.

- 1. Health and social services
- .. Transportation access
- 3. Safe and affordable housing
- 1. Social connection and inclusion
- . Ageism and racism
- 5. Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Communications and access to technology
- Opportunities to stay engaged and financially secure
- 9. Emergency preparedness

AFMN Grant Categories

Grants in two categories, closely linked but funded through separate processes:

Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) Grants

- Designed to create a pool of no-cost TA providers to help make AFMIN Community Grant more accessible to a wide range of applicants, inc. those with limited experience or capacity related to working with grants
- Up to \$50,000
- Grant period: Jan. 15, 2023-March 31, 2024
- TAP Grants were awarded in Dec. 2022

Community Grants

- For communities to develop plans, policies, programs and environments that promote the dignity, autonomy, and inclusion of older Minnesotans
- Up to \$99,000
- Grant period: April 3, 2023-March 31, 2024
- Community Grant applicants/grantees may receive assistance from TAP grantees

Multi Sector Blueprint for Age-Friendly MN

MN's Early Priority Goals

Convene a Statewide Engagement

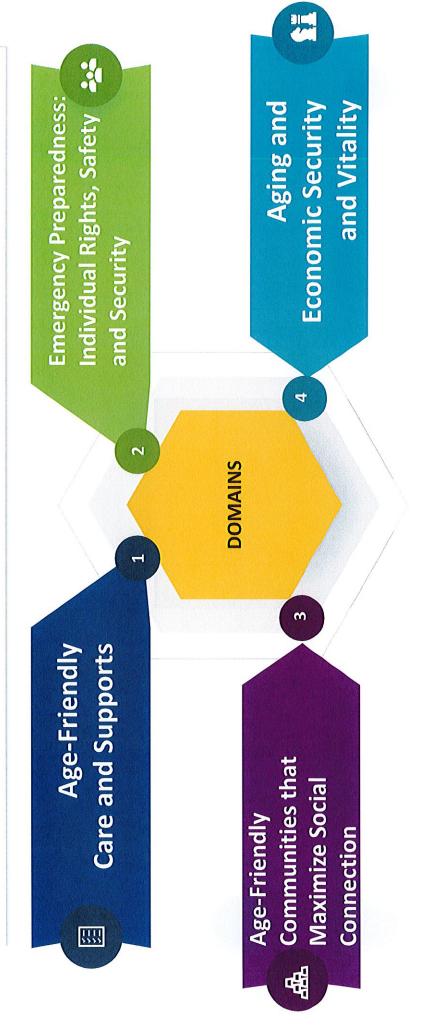
Develop a

Data

Dashboard

Include partners not historically aligned with aging

Emerging Priorities



PRIORITIES MATRIX

Care and Supports **Age-Friendly**

Safety and Security Individual Rights, Preparedness: **Emergency**

Communities that Maximize Social **Age-Friendly** Connection Minnesotans will have

that lead to healthy

lifestyles and

community

Economic Security and Vitality Aging and

BIG

respectful and wellcare, LTSS and social services when and trained workforce integrated health Minnesotans will where they need comprehensive have access to them with a

BROAD

EMERGING PRIORITIES

GOALS

access to environments engagement to include etc.), and Minnesotans emergencies (extreme espected at every age weather, public health, personal emergencies, have plans in place for feel safe, secure, and including long-term care communities, different types Communities,

transportation and access to housing,

have opportunities secure while vital Older adults will and be valued contributors to economically economy and Minnesota's to remain

workforce.

maximized social broadband for

connections /

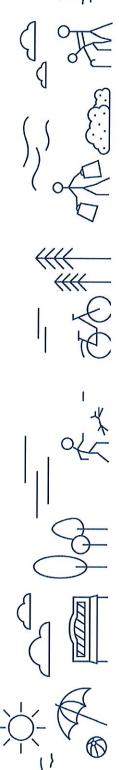
interconnectedness.

Equitable Data

Develop a data dashboard that informs policies and measures the goals set by partners



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Thank You!

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TNEC QUARTERLY REPORT TO MIAC

REPORT PERIOD	April, May and June 2023	DATE: 6/29/2023	

BUDGET					
Funding Source	Year to Date Expenditures	Annual Budget	Balance		

Name	Position	Tribal Nation Represented
Jennifer Murray	TNEC Chairperson	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Maria Burnett	TNEC Vice-chair	Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Billie Annette	Secretary	Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Laurie Harper	TNEC Representative	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Vondalee Carr	TNEC Representative	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Dan Morgan	TNEC Representative	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Dana Goodwin	TNEC Representative	White Earth Nation
Niiyo Gonzalez	TNEC Representative	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Paul Dressen	TNEC Representative	Prairie Island Indian Community
Jackie Probst	TNEC Representative	Lower Sioux Indian Community
Carrie Trutna	TNEC Representative	Upper Sioux Indian Community
Glenda Martin	TNEC Representative	Red Lake Nation
Beth Tepper	Twin Cities Metro Representative	
Zhawin Gonzelez	Twin Cities Metro Representative	
Edye Washington	Greater Minnesota Representative	
Leanne Hoffman	Alternate Representative	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Roberta Bjerkeset	Alternate Representative	Upper Sioux Indian Community
Dorothy Robinson	Alternate Representative	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Carrissa Pickit	Alternate Representative	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Trista Ayers	Alternate Representative	White Earth Nation
Raina Killspotted	Alternate Representative	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Annamarie Hill	Alternate Representative	Red Lake Nation

DATES OF ACTIVITIES

April 13, 2023:

- 1. Affirmations of Tribal Consultations: There are two districts needing to be rescheduled (St. Paul and RAVE)
- 2. Jennifer is working on a budget for TNEC review that will include: supplies, consultations fall Tribal Consultations is tentative for the last week of October (October 23-27, 2023)
- 3. The TNEC MITTP committee will consist of volunteer members.
- 4. TNEC will hold Tribal Consultation with school districts that apply for the 21st Century Grant that will benefit AI students. TNEC is asking schools to schedule consultations at least 2 weeks prior to application submission.
- 5. TNEC wants MDE to inform Tribally controlled schools that they are eligible for all funding that charter schools have access to. Melanie will check in with check in with Commissioner Jett to see what data is needed.
- 6. TNEC members Edye and Jackie researched Midwest Indian Immersion Network and reported that they are viable.
- 7. Melanie informed TNEC our grant extension was submitted to the Commissioner and waiting on the signature, once signed it will go to Pau (PIIC is fiscal agent).
- 8. Melanie will request Tribal Relations training for MDE.

May 18-19, 2023:

- 1. **Michael Diedrich MDE ESSA Policy Specialist**; presented data on 2022 graduation rates of Minnesota students. Questions asked to him: Why are AI students struggling, taking 5 years versus 4 years? At ALC's who' referring the AI students there? This data nee to be reviewed in concert with OIE.
- 2. **Lara Gerhardson; MISP Specialist**: reported that 904 students were awarded scholarships, 1800 student contacts, she attended 70 college and careers fairs/Q&A sessions
- 3. Yelena Bailey and Michelle Hersh Vaught from PELSB; noted that changes were adopted the AI Language, History and Culture licensure rule (Minn. R. 8710.4100) to more directly align the rule with state statute (Minn. Stat. 124D.72). Note: this went into effect April 2023. One of the new ways one can show they are qualified for this particular license is by "completing a course of study approved by the Board." PELSB would like TNEC input in evaluating a course of study. A rubric would be needed for this. Eminence credentials are being vetted.
- 4. How does PELSB plan on supporting teachers; background checks, criminal issues, recruitment, retention, pay scales, equity, teachers test right after taking course, mentorship component, how to navigate intergenerational trauma, part of IE for All?
- 5. Office of Higher Education ~ Megan Fitzgibbon for Commissioner Olson; Higher Education bill passes both House and Senate—needs Governor to sign. Bill includes American Indian Scholars Program-Al tuition waiver, Tribal college funding, and Foster Independent Grant
- 6. Sam Zimmerman and Anjanette Parisien MDE-OIE Indigenous Specialist are working with tribal nations in securing the IEFA invoices for the payments of funds for Indian Education for All. Invoices must be submitted by June 30, 2023.

- **Dr. Jane Harstad, MDE OIE Director;** Indigenous Education for All Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.021, subdivision 4, as amended by Laws (passed, effective now.) AI Mascots prohibited. 155.24 Sec.6. 121.A.041 (document shared.)
- MDE working on a process for exemptions application. Needs TNEC input/review.
- Schools will need to change by September 2025. AI Mascots prohibited. 155.24 Sec.6. 121.A.041 (document shared.)
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- Schools will need to change by September 2025.
- Any letters requesting exemptions should be sent to Jen, Maria, Laurie and Billie. Scan and send them to Jane. If there are schools planning to change their mascot let MDE know this as well.
 - Indigenous Education Proposals for MN 2023 Legislative Session (document provided) reviewed which passed.
- #16 Tribal Nations Consulted on Revising Academic Standards Required. TNEC has 4 seats
- 7. TNEC Executive Assistant position is still open.
- 8. SPPS has their Tribal Consultation schedule for June.

June 2023:

- 1. **Saint Paul Public Schools** had Tribal Consultation with TNEC, there are 1,078 AI student identified by the school district currently enrolled as of October1, 2022. Grad rate increased from 59% to 62%.
- 2. There is one staff person interventionist to track AI students. TNEC recommends that there be 2-3 additional FTEs for staffing levels
- 3. There are Reading classes at AIM; should be available at all schools that there are AI students.
- 4. Dan Torrez, MDE (Special Education Division) Alternative & Preventive Services Specialist and Govinda Budrow, Project Consultation; gave Positive Behavior Interventions and Support update—PBIS is in state statute, there is a PBIS Cultural Guide for AI students.
- 5. Tyler Livingston, MDE Educator Workforce Programs Supervisor; update is that unspent Minnesota Indian Teacher Training Program (MITTP) funding will stay with the grantees and the funding is now for 5-year periods. The 4 grantees are named in state statue.
- 6. Maria Asp, Director of Community Outreach & Education (Reconsidering MN History Project) and Tessa Flynn Henerson, Director of Programing representing—Speaking Out collective; requested that TNEC review videos/curriculum and give feedback.
- 7. Opalina Peralta for Shannon Geshick, MIAC Executive Director; next MIAC meeting is August 16-18, 2023 at PIIC. Wants TNEC report submitted at least 2 weeks before the meeting.
- **8.** Anjanette Parisien & Sam Zimmerman, MDE OIE Indigenous Specialist; JPA for Bois Forte and White Earth are completed. Grand Portage and Prairie Island have sent in invoices. An update will be given on the AIEFA at the July retreat.
- 9. Leigh Nida and Dawn Cameron, MDE Division of Academic Standards, Instruction and Assessment; TNEC representation is requested for the following legislated working groups: Computer Science, Ethnic Studies, and Holocaust & Genocide of Indigenous,

- similar to the process of standards review. TNEC members that want to volunteer can submit their names at the July meeting.
- 10. There will be 45-60 meetings scheduled between mid-June through mid-August, test development is to state standards. Meetings will be virtual and compensated at \$160 per day.

11. Dr. Jane Harstad, MDE OIE Director:

- ➤ Planning July 18-21 retreat to be held at MDE
- > Will send out calendar invite
- Mascot letter sent out with exemption request form with deadline included
- Districts should share data with Federally recognized tribes in regards to AI students.
- ➤ Working on new AI guidance document, more OIE support for parent committees.
- ➤ Carryover funds are now in statue for districts up to 50% of what is not spent; with parent committee and OIE, if the district is in concurrence and sufficient reason as to why not spent (before December?) End of fiscal year is June 30th
- ➤ Dedicate one hour of school program to observe Indigenous Peoples Day.
- > 172 districts will receive AI Education Aid
- ➤ Jennifer, Jackie and Beth will attend Superintendents' meeting on August 8.
- All students can carry loos tobacco/medicine pouch, as of now there is no smudging legislation pending.

12. Lisa Clemens, Data Manager-Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network;

- Provides support and assistance to immersion schools.
- Response rate to 2023 survey was 97% in Minnesota and 92% in Wisconsin
- > 2024 will be the immersion education test track
- Focus will be a) locate students, b) find program fit, c) find positions after graduation.
- ➤ Data will be complied and presented to MDE and the public.
- Miinojibwe.org is website. Email: ogimaabinesiikwe@minnojibwe.org
- > Updates will be shared with TNEC.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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UNIQUE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

TNEC Executive position is still open

ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY:

Retreat planned for TNEC

Compiled by Maria Burnett



MIAC August Update

2023 Legislative Session

The 2023 budget invests over \$200M over four years in addressing substance use. Many of these proposals focus on reducing deaths in Native and Black communities, where the disparities are greatest. These investments cross the continuum of care—prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery. Many of these investments look at the intersection of SUD, housing, health care, and other supports. Taken as a whole, this budget session significantly moved Minnesota toward a more comprehensive public health approach to substance use disorder.

Highlights include:

- Safe recovery sites and harm reduction (\$26M)
- Treatment quality enhancements (policy item)
- Peer recovery support investments (\$13)
- Overdose Prevention and Morbidity Act (\$24.4M)
- Housing investments for people experiencing SUD and exiting correctional facilities (\$10M)
- Increase in penalties for fentanyl and decriminalization of paraphernalia and residue (policy item)
- Supporting culturally specific organizations (\$5M)
- Cannabis bill prevention, education, and recovery grants (\$11)
- Naloxone (Narcan) required in schools, jails, treatment centers, certain congregate housing settings

Review of Minnesota's Behavioral Health System

In 2022 the legislature directed the newly established Director of Addiction and Recovery to contract with a consultant to conduct an independent review of the structure of DHS, particularly regarding behavioral health. Earlier this year, The Office of Addiction and Recovery (OAR) contracted with consultants from the Public Consulting Group (PCG) to conduct this review, which will focus on three parts:

- 1) a review of the structure of DHS;
- 2) a review of the way Minnesota finances behavioral health;
- 3) a review of Minnesota's behavioral health continuum of care with a particular focus on substance use disorder.

As part of this review, PCG is doing independent interviews to get outside perspectives on the behavioral health system. OAR is scheduled to attend the Tribal Health Directors meeting on August 24 – where we will present the opportunity to participate. Ahead of that meeting, please let us know if there are others you would like us to connect with.

Teva settlement

The Minnesota Attorney General is finalizing another set of opioid settlement agreements. One of those is with Teva, which in addition to \$51M is also offering the state the choice, spread out over 12 years, between roughly \$19M in nasal naloxone product or 20% of its cash equivalent. The state will make this choice every two years. The Attorney General's Office is the "decider," but asked the Office of Addiction and Recovery to help collect feedback from partners regarding the proposition. The Attorney General's Office is presenting on this topic to the Tribal Health directors on August 24th for their feedback.

Naloxone Distribution

Building upon the January 2023 *State Opioid Response Learning Community: Strengthening State Naloxone Saturation Plans and Implementation*, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), selected 10 states to participate in a two-day event to learn about policy change frameworks and dive deeper into learning community themes, including data integration and evaluation, funding and cost, and development of strategic partnerships related to naloxone saturation. Participating states were asked to establish a state team comprised of individuals with decision-making and oversight of naloxone distribution at the state level, as well as other key partners, and develop a problem statement and action plan.

A group with members from DHS, MDH, and Office of Addiction and Recovery attended the event and developed this design question:

How might we create a naloxone distribution policy and strategy that gets naloxone to every Minnesotan in the quantity and format they need?

- 1) Ensure communities experiencing the highest overdose rates, particularly Black and Native communities, are fully supplied.
- 2) Eliminate "service deserts" particularly in rural areas.
- 3) Create anonymous access and reduce stigma.
- 4) Track distribution and naloxone use

American Indian SUD Summit

The Office of Addiction and Recovery is supporting The American Indian Chemical Advisory Council with an American Indian SUD Summit being held on August 22 and 23 and Black Bear Resort at Fond Du Lac.

The Summit is a joint effort of the American Indian Advisory Council on Chemical Dependency, tribal, state and urban Indian leadership. The goal of the summit is to identify and share information on the impact of SUD in Tribal/Urban communities as well as to develop an American Indian Strategic Plan aimed at addressing substance abuse issues, in particular the Opioid Pandemic.

Subcabinet on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction

See attached PowerPoint

Tribal consultation

The Office of Addiction and Recovery is partnering with the Department of Human Services to participate in Tribal consultations, beginning later in August with the Fond Du Lac Band of Ojibway.



Minnesota Indian Affairs Council SUD Subcabinet Update

August 2023

Unsheltered populations —Interagency Council on Homelessness Justice Plan Justice Involved populations – Preview priority areas

Unsheltered Action Team: Interagency Council on Homelessness Justice Plan

Interagency Council on Homelessness Justice Plan

Recognizing homelessness as the most egregious form of housing injustice, committed to focus its next strategic plan on housing, racial, and health in May 2021, the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness

- homelessness, MICH engaged with Rainbow Research to lead a process to co-develop a unified, operation definition for what we mean when we say housing, racial, and health justice for people experiencing homelessness Phase 1: Centering the voices of those who have experienced (completed June 2022)
- could pursue as a part of the strategic plan. The Council is adopting specific strategies, actions, and commitments that the Council and other partners Phase 2: Using the operation definition from Phase 1 to drive specific actions in this phase. (Happening now!)
- Phase 3: Implement, monitor and iteratively refine the plan. (coming soon!)

Unsheltered Action Continued

- The Unsheltered Action Team will plug directly into the Interagency Council on Homeless Justice Plan around the Result: *Homelessness is treated as a crucial health* and public health crisis wherever it occurs.
- This Result is comprised of 3 strategies
- 1: Create a comprehensive, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive continuum of care for people facing homelessness with behavioral health needs which includes mental health and
- including physical health, mental health, substance use supports, sexual health, and spiritual 2: Increase capacity, access and use of high quality, culturally responsive health resources
- 3: Establish a structure and protocols to prevent and respond to infectious disease outbreaks for people facing homelessness.
- The Unsheltered Action Team will organize it's work around strategy 1

Unsheltered Action Team Focus

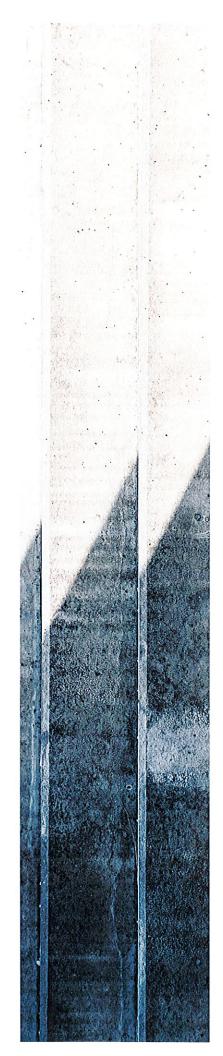
facing homelessness with behavioral health needs which includes mental health and substance use. Create a comprehensive, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive continuum of care for people

This strategy is composed of 5 action steps:

- Implement overdose prevention hubs for people facing homelessness and safe recovery sites where people can go for health services, harm reduction-focused recovery and healing programs, and connection to shelter options, housing resources, and crime victim services.
- Pilot and evaluate efficacy of population-specific, culturally responsive and traditional healing health care service models. Explore expanding coverage of these services through Minnesota Health Care programs.
- Implement Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards in design of delivery of all services addressing homelessness.
- Expand access to harm reduction services
- Develop an interagency committee that includes housing, health, and behavioral health experts to identify and coordinate health, mental health, substance use disorder, and opioid response needs.

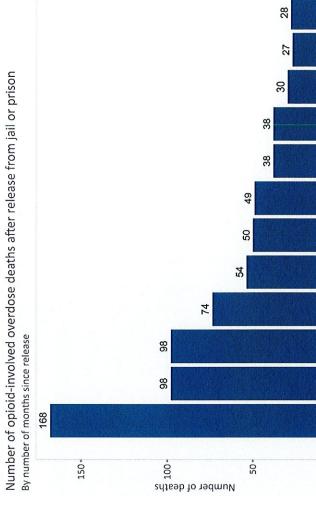
Justice Involved Action Team

BACKGROUND



Overdose deaths post-release are tragically common

- Between Jan. 2015 and May 2022, 752 individuals died of opioid overdoses within 1 year of leaving jail and prison.
- That represents about 1 in 5 the state's opioid-involved overdose deaths during the period.
- Of those deaths, 22% occurred in the first month of release.



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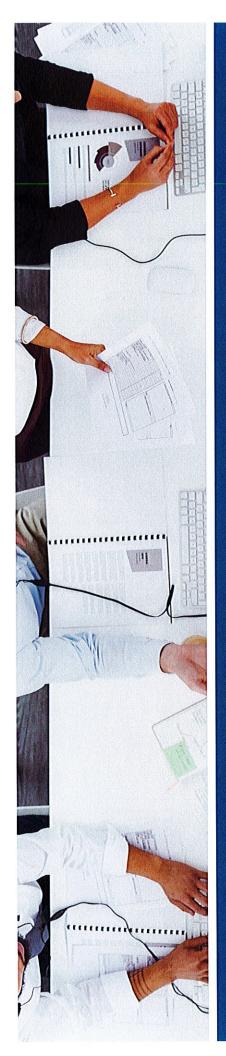
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There are many reasons for this disproportionate harm

- Research shows this disproportionate risk of death after incarceration is a combination of factors, including:
- Loss of opioid tolerance;
- Social isolation,
- Lack of opportunity/poverty;
- · Insufficient early intervention, treatment, and recovery options for individuals in the criminal justice system;
- Lack of connection to health insurance and other public programs





Initial activities

Activities

- Conversations with partners has pointed OAR to four areas for initial action.
- Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy 1115 Waiver.
- Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in jails and prisons.
- Expansion of officer-involved care for justice-involved individuals with SUD.
- Background studies to expand SUD workforce.

Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy 1115 Waiver

- Federal Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) prohibits the use of Medicaid funding for individuals in criminal-justice settings.
- individuals in and released from incarceration. It also means existing MA coverage laps in This policy results in inequities in and underuse of treatment and recovery services for incarceration.
- Last session, the legislature instructed DHS to study the opportunity to apply for a federal waiver, following California, New Mexico, Utah, and other states.

MOUD in jails and prisons

- Across the state, there is wide variation in screening for OUD and use of lifesaving MOUDs for individuals in prison and jail.
- In 2021, less than half of counties were using MOUDs in jail.
- Even in counties where it was available, often it was only provided to a subset of the population with a need for this evidence-based treatment.
- Counties pointed to workforce shortages, funding, and hand-offs to community providers after incarceration as a major constraints.

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Replication of the Yellow Line project

- Yellow Line is model of officer-involved community-based care coordination in Blue Earth County that provides law enforcement with a way to screen and connect individuals with behavioral health services.
- significant impact on the use of behavioral health services for participants, relative to A recent study by MMB found the program reduced recidivism by 17% and had a similar non-participants in other counties.
- Office-involved care is a Medicaid-eligible benefit, but start-up costs are high.

Background studies

- There is a dire workforce shortage in the behavioral health field.
- The barriers imposed by the current background study process, however, can discourage individuals with lived experience in the criminal justice system from employment in the
- Research shows SUD staff with a lived experience are better able to create therapeutic alliance with clients, improving outcomes.

Report from Jill Kehaulani Esch, Esq.

Office of Ombudsperson for AMERICAN INDIAN Families August 2, 2023

Report for the Period 5/3/2023 through 8/2/2023

Duties of the Ombudsperson for American Indian Families

The Ombudsperson for American Indian Families investigates complaints for non-compliance of the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, Tribal State Agreement, Minnesota Statutes, Court Rules and DHS Policies that involve child protection cases, including placement, public education and housing issues related to child protection that impact American Indian children and families. The Ombudsperson also collaborates with tribes, agencies, counties, community organizations, courts, schools, other organization and stakeholders to develop policies, rules and laws to improve outcomes for American Indian Families involved in the child protection system, as well as collaborating on prevention programs. The Ombudsperson is advised and reports to the American Indian Community-Specific Board, who are all appointed by the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.

Geographical locations of phone calls and emails

Becker, Bemidji, Carlton, Cass, Cook, Detroit Lakes, Duluth, Fond du Lac Reservation, Grand Rapids, Hastings, Hubbard, International Falls, Itasca, Leech Lake Reservation, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Mille Lacs, Minneapolis, Red Lake Nation, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Virginia, Washington, White Earth Nation, and States of North Dakota and South Dakota.

Tribes

Bad River Band of the Lake Superior, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Tribes, Lac Courte Oreilles, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Northern Cheyenne, Oglala Sioux, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Rosebud Sioux, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Santee Sioux, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, Standing Rock Sioux, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Upper Sioux Community Pezihutazizi Oyate, White Earth Nation, and Yankton Sioux.

Some Issues from Cases for the Period of This Report

- County conducting a facility investigation and in their investigation uncovering that a Native youth previously placed in that facility had been abused by staff. Mother had removed youth once the CHIPS case was closed over a year ago due to concerns with treatment.
- Tribe reported that:
 - County over-stepped it's boundaries and is attempting to impede on the tribally licensed foster home process because county is insisting that the tribe's choice for the foster care provider (grandparent of child) needs to have a diagnostic assessment before being licensed.
 - Non-compliance by the county for not following ICWA and the Minnesota Tribal State Agreement in tribe's request for placement preference.
 - County should immediately return the child to custodial parent because the safety concerns have been alleviated and there is no imminent harm and danger.
- Social worker filing all reports with confidential status and thus reports not available for viewing.

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- Foster care providers not provided with clothing allowances and did not know they were entitled to receive clothing allowances until the information was provided by the Ombudsperson.
- Courts not timely removing the ICWA Flag when found child not eligible for tribal membership.
- Provided information and resources to grandparents for Third-Party Custody proceedings.
- Provided information and resources on Active Efforts to parents, relatives and parents' attorneys.

ICWA Education, Trainings and Continued Community Outreach

- MUID Family Preservation Monthly Meetings and ICWA Education Weekly Planning Meetings.
- Carlton County ICWA Court Committee Meeting
- Citizens Review Panel Meetings for Hennepin and Ramsey.
- Children's Justice Initiative (CJI) Meetings around the State.
- Children Justice Advisory Task Force Meeting and Subcommittee Meetings.
- CJI ICWA Sub-Committee Meeting.
- ICWA and Child Welfare trainings and webinars.
- Meetings with Leech Lake Band and White Earth Tribal Child Welfare
- Meetings and discussions with Minnesota Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council Committee Chair, POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training)
 Coordinator, to discuss proposed initiative regarding removal of children by law enforcement
- Virtually observed court proceedings around the State.
- Tribal Work Group and other meetings (i.e. TSA Meeting) to strengthen MIFPA.
- Various community events and provided information and resources about the Agency.

Feedback from the Community

Thank You for all your help and assistance during this process as I come from very little resources and few relatives. I keep hoping all is clear from here on out. Please keep up the good work, and endless efforts.

[Native Relative Foster Care Provider, July 23, 2023]

"Wow, I see you all over – at NICWA (Reno for the Annual ICWA Conference), at the Summer Institute {Walker for the American Indian Child Welfare Training), at the Pow Wow (Northern Minnesota), at the ICWA Celebration {St. Paul for the session hosted by Senator Tina Smith}, on Zoom (court hearings) and now here (Leech Lake Band and White Earth Nation Tribal Flag Ceremony in Dakota County – Hasting). July 28, 2023

News from the American Indian Community-Specific Board

RAMSEY COUNTY PRESS RELEASE: Transforming Systems Together (TST), Ramsey County's shared decision-making initiative with community members, awarded \$1,228,550 to 26 community organizations and individuals in its first-ever round of grantmaking.

Innovation Grants award \$50,000-\$100,000 to established community nonprofits to provide programs that currently or will serve families or individuals in Ramsey County who are vulnerable to involvement in, or have been involved, in the child protection system.

American Indian Community-Specific Board, which advises and assists the State's Ombudsperson for American Indian Families, awarded \$100,000 to develop and implement a training for elders on child protection laws, including the Indian Child Welfare Act, and how to form circles of support for families. Elder circles will provide culturally responsive support for families and youth to strengthen family bonds, improve child safety, and reduce child protection system involvement. The Board will also develop a training about child protection laws for youth, parents and families, including a mock court experience.

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American Indian Mental Health Advisory Council (AIMHAC) Report for Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

Location: Prairie Island Community

Date: August 17th, 2023

Time: Meeting 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Narrative

<u>Traditional Healing 2024</u> Grants were ending. We worked to pass Legislation and have received good news we will be continuing on with Traditional Healing grants. There is one Tribe who declined grant so there is additional money for each Tribe and urban grantee. This money is coming out of Opioid bill. The continued funding is \$2 million year. Perry Moore is working on the grants. Thank you for all your support. Chi Miigwech, Pidamaya

\$154,687 per Tribe and urban grantee

Mental Health Conference was successful. It was held at White Earth Nation on May 24th and 25th and over 200 attendees. Next years will be held at Fond du Lac Nation.

State Fair

Each Tribe and urban organization will be represented at the State Fair Mental Health Day on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023. We will give-away an informational brochure and promotional items at the table. There is an Invitation for Ojibwe and Dakota drum group. Grand Portage representatives have volunteered to be at the table, and Chippewa City drum group from Grand Portage will be drumming.

Next meeting – Joint Council Weds, October 18th, in Grand Portage Nation. Thursday and Friday, Oct 19th and 20th individual Advisory Councils will meet.