

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Task Force convened its first meeting in September 2019 and identified collective values to guide the vision, work, and outcomes of the MMIW Task Force. The MMIW Task Force values reflect the inherent values of the 11 Dakota and Ojibwe Nations in the state of Minnesota.

The Task Force is committed to equity, inclusion, and hearing the voices of those most impacted by the MMIW issues. Intentional consideration has been given to the public comment process at Task Force meetings in order to **honor, respect, and support** each individual providing public comment to the MMIW Task Force.

The Task Force members request that each person consider preparing talking points before providing public comment at the meeting as there are only eight minutes allotted for each speaker.

The co-chairpersons of the MMIW Tasks Force will facilitate the public comment session and will signal a “two-minutes remaining” cue to each individual providing public comment to ensure that the maximum amount of people will have the opportunity to speak during Task Force meetings.

We encourage each individual to also submit written testimony to the MMIW Task Force for consideration of inclusion in the Task Force recommendations in a report to the Minnesota Legislature in December 2020 (MMIWTaskForce@wilder.org)

