



The MMIR Office Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2023 | 8:30 AM | via Zoom

MMIR Office Advisory Council Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monte Fronk (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roberta Geiselhart | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne LaFrinier |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natasha Kingbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Hasse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Leatherman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Littlewolf | <input type="checkbox"/> Alyxis Feltus | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myah Wells |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth O'Keefe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacki Kozlowski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Blaschko |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eileen Hudon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brook LaFloe | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacqueline Beaulieu |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fran Kingbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Naida Medicine Crow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Season Means |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teddi Wind | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Mueller | |

Guests:

- ✓ Dawn LaRoque

DPS & MMIR Office Staff:

- ✓ Amber Schindeldecker, *Public Information Officer*
- ✓ Juliet Rudie, *Director*
- ✓ Ana Negrete, *Community Planner*
- ✓ Tawny Smith-Savage, *Violence Prevention Coordinator*
- ✓ Kayley Sansom, *Intelligence Specialist*

Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:30AM• Welcome Members and Announcements• Moment of respect to those missing and murdered relatives: Say Their Name
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First meeting, no minutes to approve
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions of Advisory Council and MMIR Office Director/Staff• Expectations for MMIR Office Advisory Council and the MMIR Office
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The MMIR Director and staff introduced themselves and provide brief information about what they have been working on the past 6 months.• Each Advisory Council member introduced themselves and provided information about their interest in being on the advisory council

<p>Expectations & Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5th MMIR/MMIW National Day of Awareness went well this year and overview provided by Ana Negrete, MMIR Community Planner • Chair Monte Fronk shared that the BIA Missing and Murdered Unit is now offering investigation of cases and can offer federal TA to law enforcement upon request. The MN MMIR office is not law enforcement, therefore collaborating with BIA MMU might be helpful on cases since there are limitations to what the MN MMIR office can do. Also, data collection processes should be reviewed with BIA MMU as to not duplicate efforts. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland’s commitment to providing support and resources as a part of the trust responsibility to Tribes was shared by Chair Fronk. • BIA Agent Michael Potter might be a good future guest to share how his office can be a support in MN cases. • NamUs might also be a topic that can be shared and discussed in order to provide information and connections especially in Indian Country and pass on the information to advocate that sit with families in their grief/loss to make sure registration with NamUs is done. • Canadian Border issue, Red River and Duluth ports was brought up to consider how the council will keep in mind the needs of these border crossings and international water ways. Grand Portage Chairman Deschampe might be a guest to share their experience and needs when working with Border Patrol. • Member Eugene Leatherman shared that the databases in Canada don’t mesh with US databases. Also, TSA-CPT recognizes unique tribal status of Canadian first nations and maybe there can be training for border patrol and maybe there is already resources for this through the RCMP. There is also an issue of misidentification of Indigenous people if personnel do not ask.
<p>Questions/Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework request from PIO Amber Schindeldecker: please consider providing a bio to add to the website, send to Tawny • Review the Wilder Report and provide feedback as needed send that to Tawny • Youth Runaway Laws? Are they working and we should consider our next meeting about missing youth on the streets • Tawny will send out a doodle poll for the next best date for our September meeting • Please fill out the SWIFT online application so you can be paid for your time as Advisory Council members
<p>Closed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM