



## The MMIR Office Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

October 11, 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 type="checkbox"/> Natasha Kingbird               | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Hasse                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Leatherman     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beth O'Keefe                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacki Kozlowski     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myah Wells          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eileen Hudon                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brook LaFloe        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Taylor      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fran Kingbird                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naida Medicine Crow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacqueline Beaulieu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teddi Wind                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Mueller                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Season Means                   |

#### DPS & MMIR Office Staff:

- ✓ Ana Negrete, *Community Planner*
- ✓ Tawny Smith-Savage, *Violence Prevention Coordinator*
- ✓ Kayley Sansom, *Intelligence Specialist*

#### Guests:

- ✓ William "Casey" Crump, Bemidji Area Injury Prevention Specialist with Indian Health Services

<b>Call to Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 AM</li> <li>• Prayer</li> <li>• Welcome Members</li> </ul>
<b>Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed and no correction requested motion made by Anne and seconded by Jacki to approve the minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Updates from the MMIR Office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Updates from Director, Juliet Rudie:</b></li> </ul> <p>The Wilder Report will be released soon and posted on the MMIR Office website, this report will cover reporting response, victim services and systems gaps. Also, the office will be acting on recommendations outlined by this report. Dir. Rudie met with Erik Misselt, Executive Director of the MN Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), who was receptive to looking at the recommendations. The schools are required to meet the learning</p>

objectives of the MN Post Board and Dir. Rudie will work with Ex. Dir. Misselt and collaborate on implementing some of those recommendations outlined in the report. The State is going through a supplemental budget process, when the office was given our budget at the MMIR Office, it mostly consisted of salary for staff. The office will be asking for additional funding for operational cost for training, incidental needs like promotional items. Hopefully, that will be granted and Dir. Rudie will give an update on that later. Dir. Rudie is also working on a license plate for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives. Those license plates are scheduled to be released in January, so as of now Dir. Rudie is working with Native vendors within the State on a design. Senator Mary Kunesh passed that bill, which designates the revenue generated from the license plates, \$25 dollars per plate, will go to the MMIR Reward Fund account, which is another place to get additional funding to assist families with MMIR.

- **QUESTION:** the POST Board has lacked cultural competency, what are you recommending with the POST Board related to your work?  
**RESPONSE:** Dir. Rudie stated additional training and education on missing persons cases, officers are still telling families that there is a 24-hour or 48-hour rule, officers must take the report per Brandon's Law. Our office would like to see more MMIR training in the 2- and 4-year college's law enforcement curriculum and in-service training required every three years. Dir. Rudie has not finished identifying everything to be submitting to the POST Board. Dir. Rudie will visit with Ex. Dir. Misselt and come to an agreement about what they will change with the POST Board. Dir. Rudie appreciates the advisory council's support and Chair Fronk is welcome to attend the meeting, as well as any feedback from the advisory council. Dir. Rudie will take the council's feedback and the new Wilder report when meeting with Ex. Dir. Misselt.  
**CHAIR FRONK:** Chair Fronk was hoping to speak with DPS Commissioner Jacobson about the cultural competency piece, especially when many Tribal police departments have non-Native officers. The POST schools do not give a foundation about working in Indian Country, especially understanding Public Law 280, Public Law and Order Act, and historical trauma and working within Tribal Nations. Also, 1854 Authority and GLIFWC and respecting Tribal conservation. Reciprocity should be accepted in MN for officers attending training in Artesia MN federal law enforcement training, there should be an opportunity to get Native American officers into the field. Regarding the MN MMIR license plates, please post on the MMIR website the existing Tribal license plates (Bois Forte, FDL and Grand Portage) as this is good for awareness.

- **Update from Community Planner, Ana Negrete:**

Search in Bemidji went well, our office was responsive to the family that wanted to search for their missing relative. We had over 100 people in a two-day period. The office is still working through a full debrief and working on an After Action Report. More families are reaching out to us and raising awareness about MMIR is happening. Tabled at Indigenous Peoples Day and giving out information to tell people what our office is doing. We were also at the MMIW Awareness Basketball game coordinated by Brook LaFloe and her group.

**RESPONSE:** Brook LaFloe said thank you for your sponsorship

**COMMENT:** Dir. Rudie stated this was the first time working with the Jon Francis Foundation and Called2Rescue, as well as many other agencies. Dir. Rudie thanked Ana for coordinating as the planning and logistics were done by MMIR with Bemidji PD as the Incident Command on the search. Collaboration is important in our office and the search was a community effort as well as a form of community restorative justice, a practice that we are working towards in MMIR.

**QUESTION:** Will the After Action Report be offered to the Advisory Council for review? Also, will there be a 'how to search' and guide (including cultural competency) for other communities available?

**RESPONSE:** Dir. Rudie stated the team is debriefing and have started with a framework for guidelines to be released publicly. Everything that was mentioned is going to be addressed in these guidelines. The search toolkits were used and each team that went out to search was assisted with a lead law enforcement officer, and they took out the groups. Mille Lacs, Lower Sioux, Leech Lake, and Red Lake participated and many others, the list is on our website. The After Action Report summary can be provided to the Advisory Council by the end of the month when we hope to have the summary done.

- Update from Violence Prevention Coordinator, Tawny Smith-Savage:

Reported that we will be going out to Grand Portage and meeting with them about their plans with the Canadian Border Patrol and discussing services and bringing back information. We are also going to be attending the DHS Joint Advisory Council and presenting among other professionals and reporting to them about our work and inviting any professionals to attend our MMIR Advisory Council meetings. As FSL we are taking case requests and the requests are coming in and there are two more active cases as well as the tabling going on, such as attending the MN Homelessness Coalition Annual Conference and attending the St.

	<p>Louis County Health and Human Services Conference. The first quarter will include more planning for the future.</p> <p><b>QUESTION:</b> Do you give updates to MIAC?  <b>RESPONSE:</b> Tawny stated Yes, Julie and Ana usually cover those meetings and provide updates as needed. Julie stated in 2024 we will be giving a presentation to MIAC about the work and there is a public portion to those meetings. Suggestions for tabling by Advisory Council members: ADYC Powwow February 10-11, 2024 and Evergreen Youth Services Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Updates from Intelligence Specialist, Kayley Sansom:</b></li> </ul> <p>Dir. Rudie shared the update, as Kayley was on the road at the time of the meeting. Kayley is working on the data dashboard. She helped work on an interagency agreement for summary data and due to data practice laws, this formal way of getting data and putting it on our dashboard is a part of what was asked for in the MMIW Taskforce. This is currently going through the signature process right now.</p> <p><b>QUESTION TO ADVISORY COUNCIL:</b> The MMIR office gives a report to the Governor’s office every two weeks, it’s a condensed report on updates etc. on our work. Is this something the council would be interested in?  <b>RESPONSE:</b> The Advisory Council agreed YES and providing feedback is important for our Office as a brand-new office.</p>
<p><b>Indian Health Services Discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Potter BIA, MMU and Michael Galvan were unable to attend and provide an update/presentation to the council.</li> <li>• William “Casey” Crump, Bemidji Area Injury Prevention Specialist for Indian Health Services, shared that a good conversation occurred between him and the MMIR office and discussing ways to support the work.</li> </ul> <p><b>QUESTION:</b> Is there a way to include IHS data in the MMIR dashboard? Potentially there could be data but that could be asked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the TRUST Task Force, and that they are going through a needs assessment and planning to update their protocols so that they can continue doing their work. The TRUST Task Force collaborates with the BCA on operational human trafficking investigations. They have a memorandum of understanding and has a representative from Tribal nations.</li> </ul> <p><b>QUESTION:</b> how does the MMIR office get referrals from Tribal and IHS facilities?</p>

	<p><b>RESPONSE:</b> Dir. Rudie stated right now the referrals come from an intake form that is on the website and the FSL can help fill out the form. Those referrals come directly from families.</p> <p><b>QUESTION:</b> When should IHS contact the MMIR Office?</p> <p><b>RESPONSE:</b> Dir. Rudie stated that our office and IHS should talk about how and when that can be made, there is an opportunity to help people and that can be discussed. Data sharing agreement might be discussed and talk about other options you can offer our office.</p> <p><b>COMMENT:</b> There is a BCA statewide hotline for human trafficking 1-877-996-6222 and <a href="mailto:bca.tips@state.mn.us">bca.tips@state.mn.us</a></p>
<p><b>Questions/Next Steps</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilmember Naida Medicine Crow (Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition) shared that she is planning for the 2024 MMIR Awareness Day and invited the office to participate. Ana will attend strategy meetings and coordinate.</li> <li>• Council would like an update from the TRUST Task Force.</li> <li>• The MMIR office will send the Advisory Council the bi-weekly reports submitted to the Governor’s Office and Tribal leadership.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Closed</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:40 AM</li> </ul>