



The MMIR Office Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 10AM | via Zoom

MMIR Office Advisory Council Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monte Fronk
(CoChair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Teddi Wind | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne LaFrinier |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natasha Kingbird | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roberta Geiselhart | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Leatherman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Taylor
(CoChair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jenna Lehti | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myah Wells |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth O’Keefe | <input type="checkbox"/> Lauren Matrious | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen O’Leary |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eileen Hudon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacki Kozlowski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacqueline Beaulieu |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fran Kingbird | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brook LaFloe | <input type="checkbox"/> Season Means |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naida Medicine Crow | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Mueller | |

Guests:

- ✓ Laura Provinzino, MMIP AUSA for the Great Lakes Region
- ✓ Michael Potter, BIA MMU

DPS & MMIR Office Staff:

- ✓ Tawny Smith Savage, Violence Prevention Coordinator

Opening & Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30AM Welcome Members • Minutes from January 2024 meeting was reviewed and approved
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tawny Smith-Savage, MMIR Office Violence Prevention Coordinator Draft agenda overview was provided • Feedback & discussion about it was provided by Advisory Council members to the MMIR Office staff, Tawny. • MN Protocol development discussion and how the MMIR Office could be utilized will occur at the training • Discussion about the potential site for the MMIR Training
Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Potter, BIA shared that he appreciates the coordination between the MMIR Office, DOJ and he has been working on onboarding new agents. • Laura Provinzino, MMIP AUSA for the Great Lake Region and Joel Postma will be providing a short description of their presentation and also bring in the Victim Advocate who is now located in Bemidji.

Laura shared that they were hosting the Indian Country Public Safety meeting in Cass Lake at the end of the March.

- Laura shared about cases and trials that she is working through in Indian Country here in MN. She said she appreciates the support of tribal advocates, school personnel and tribal staff in helping support victims as they work through the trials.
- Monte provided feedback about the MMIR Training June 4-5, 2024
- Tawny Smith-Savage, shared the last Biweekly Report that was provided and shared that the Intelligence Specialist interviews were conducted and the chosen applicant is going through a background check. The Victim Specialist position will be posted soon.
- The Case Management system for our Office is a priority since the work of the Family Support Liaison include case management.
- The Office of Justice Program, annual conference is also being discussed and the MMIR Office will be presenting this year in May.
- Tawny Smith-Savage, Violence Prevention Coordinator stated that dates for the upcoming Advisory Council meetings were set and July 2024 there will be no meeting.
- Monte shared: Advisory Council members are encouraged to share events, information and photo's to share what is happening across the state to raise awareness about MMIR.
- Names of those that have been killed due to homicide related to IPV, the list given to Ana to read during the February 14th event was from Violence Free MN. Naida, shared that those names can be added to that list. Natasha Kingbird, shared that the 'saying names' and honoring those families can be shared at their events to support survivors. Discussion about May 5th event at Bemidji Sanford Center May 5th

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