



The MMIR Office Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 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"/> Kristen O’Leary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Leatherman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natasha Kingbird | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Matrious | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myah Wells |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth O’Keefe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacki Kozlowski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Taylor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eileen Hudon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brook LaFloe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacqueline Beaulieu |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fran Kingbird | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naida Medicine Crow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Season Means |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teddi Wind | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Mueller | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roberta Geiselhart | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne LaFrinier | |

DPS & MMIR Office Staff:

- ✓ Juliet Rudie, *MMIR Office Director*
- ✓ Ana Negrete, *Community Planner*
- ✓ Tawny Smith-Savage, *Violence Prevention Coordinator*
- ✓ Kayley Sansom, *Intelligence Specialist*
- ✓ Amber Schindeldecker, *DPS Public Information Officer*
- ✓ *Guest: National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) Jessica Hager, Regional Program Specialist for Region 2*

Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM • Prayer • Welcome Members and new members Kristen O’Leary and Lauren Matrious
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed minutes, motion passed to approve 10/11/2023 minutes
Agenda Updates from the MMIR Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from The MMIR Office: <u>Director, Juliet Rudie</u> The DPS Tribal Liaison position was posted, the position works with the DPS Commissioner, Tribes, and urban native community as well. Two positions will be posted for the MMIR Office: Victim Specialist position and Case Review Coordinator. In 2024 the specialty MMIR license plate will be completed and \$25 will go into the MMIR Reward Fund. The MMIR Reward Fund Board has its first meeting

	<p>scheduled this week. The board has an open seat for a legal advocate that works with indigenous people. The office met with Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe and they are planning with the Canadian Border Patrol to include within their building plans, space for a Victim Specialist, these are all ideas and we will continue to have discussion. A survey for the Advisory Council will be sent out to ask about expectations, how often do you want to meet, what would you like the MMIR Office to focus on. <u>Violence Prevention Coordinator</u>, reported that she has been working with Grand Portage and brainstorming how to start and how to assist with their project. <u>The Intelligence Specialist</u> stated that she continues to work on the data dashboard and discussed how that could look and discussing where we would pull the data and planning to share the information with MIAC soon. Input will be needed from the Advisory Council about the dashboard to discuss what will be included in the dashboard. The <u>Community Planner</u> reported she is working on the 3-year strategic plan, the plan is being reviewed there has already been many things have been accomplished. A question for the Advisory Council is: where do you think the focus should be? The office has been involved with May 5th MMIR National Awareness Day planning with the planning team from MIWSAC and other groups that are also planning rallies. We are hoping to be in a community space for February 14th MMIR event, the space will be at the Community Center across from Holy Rosary. The debriefing with stakeholders and others is complete, the after-action summary and plan is also completed. We are hearing from family and community about debriefing afterwards and the need for this in the community. We hope to empower communities to learn the search process and get funding and help families in a timely manner. A search kit will be delivered to Red Lake Tribal police. (two way radios, high visibility vest, walking sticks and gps etc.) The guidance for use of the kits will be included.</p>
<p>Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) Jessica Hager, Regional Program Specialist for Region 2, Email: jhager@rti.org • Federally Funded through the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice (see PowerPoint) • Update from Michael Potter: the BIA MMU regional office is currently filling positions and doing case specific travel. • Question to Michael Potter, BIA MMU: How can we work together with NamUs, NECMEC to get missing persons information in the system? Michael Potter stated that establishing communication with both systems and inputting information and outlining a clear path for communication can be done, Jessica Hager NamUs is a good point of contact for inputting information and has helped with doing this on cases in the past.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question: To Michael Potter, BIA MMU and how do you get referrals? Michael Potter stated it comes via email and the point of contact (dispatcher) receives a referral and sends it out immediately and it get sent out to agents in proximity of that situation. • Question: Roberta Geiselhart asked if there could be a checklist for assisting Advocates on ways to use NamUs when working with families. Jessica stated she can attend another meeting with the tribal specialist and discuss how to develop tools for advocates and answer any additional questions.
Questions/Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting date and time-December 13, 2023
Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:07 AM