



The MMIR Office Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teddi Wind | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne LaFrinier |
| <input 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 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 Kozłowski | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Scott Mueller | |

Guests:

- ✓ Caroline Palmer, Minnesota Department of Health, Safe Harbor Director
- ✓ Ravyn Gibbs, Minnesota Department of Health, Tribal Liaison
- ✓ Laura Provinzino, MMIP AUSA for the Great Lakes Region
- ✓ Nicole Matthews, MIWSAC Executive Director

DPS & MMIR Office Staff:

- ✓ Juliet Rudie-MMIR Director
- ✓ Tawny Smith Savage, Violence Prevention Coordinator

Opening & Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30AM • Prayer • Welcome Members • (No minutes provided from February 2024)
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Introduction to MDH Safe Harbor Program • Safe Harbor Monthly Partnership meetings-the MMIR Office attends • Grants provided to Tribal Nations include aspects of working with local Law Enforcement and the TRUST taskforce as a part of a Statewide Response • Regional Navigators are available across the State as a Safe Harbor resource

- Laura Provinzino, Question: the numbers of prosecution do not reflect the numbers of trafficking in the State. Why are some of the youth are not showing up in cases? Caroline explained that fear of engaging in the systems is a factor. The advocacy programs work to build relationship with Law Enforcement to help youth feel comfortable with reporting to Law Enforcement. Building trust and partnership is important and with the MMIR Office this builds another layer of support. Safety is also an issue, Regional Navigators also work to build safety plans and work through the system to ensure that victims feel safe when reporting.
- Kristen O’Leary: Question regarding LOVE 146 Not a Number, are there groups meeting across the state and what ways we can be a part of this happening more? Caroline answered: In 2017 LOVE 146 was implemented, over 2,000 youth have been trained across the State. This is a 6 module training that has be delivered in person. The program is gaining more trainers and facilitators, this was also funded for three more years by the Carlson Foundation. There will be a five-year evaluation plan for the State. Anne LaFrinier Richie is a trainer in the State and is an Advisory Council member.
- Eileen Hudon: Question how are you working with the homeless youth? Caroline answered, the State funding goes through the Office of Economic Development (OEO) and they have 16 Housing Providers and shelters in the State to get youth into transitional housing. Streetworks is also a program that we work with as well as we are working on getting information and advertising on the busses and trains in the metro about how to reach help.
- What is the percentage of Native Youth at risk for trafficking? Caroline stated, we have many different data sources such as the MN High School Survey data, child welfare data, data from Red Cap and Law Enforcement data. Caroline can pull that data for us to show what it looks like in different contexts. Monte asked to bring that information at the June 4-5 training. He also suggested Rebecca Germaine as a contact on tribal data exchange from TribalEpi and Indian Health Service as well as tribal healthcare NACC.
- Reward Fund Update: Introduction to Nicole Mathews Reward Fund Chair also Executive Director for the Minnesota Indian Women Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC). Met with Crimestoppers, BIA MMU and reviewed how this can be set up and support the overall goal to help the community. The reward fund, guidelines will continue to be developed.
- Monte: Protocol discussion (June 4-5) should include a recognition of financial need to support families and victims.
- Reminder: April 8-12, 2024 MIWSAC Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska training with a pre-conference for Law Enforcement and Advocacy pre-conference registration
- MMIR Training June 4-5,2024 Advisory Council members have hotel space covered and there will be room for tabling. James Vulkevich, Laura Provinzino, Joel Postma, Michael Potter, NamUs Jessica Hager will be speakers. A Search and Rescue team in the evening of June 4th is still being planned, the Jacob Wetterling Resources Center ZeroAbuse Project is willing to assist in protocol and/or presentation. Next step, registration will go out soon, Tribal Emergency Managers

	<p>and Tribal Advocates will be given their 'Save the Date.' Tawny will need emails for tribal advocates in the Twin Cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question: Eileen Hudon asked Caroline about how you work with perpetrators? Nationally and Statewide there is not enough attention on work with perpetrators, Caroline stated, we look forward to getting more information through collaboration across systems. • Question from Bertie Geiselhart: Regarding, timelines from when family put in data into NamUs: At times, during cases the work of entering into NamUs drops off, Monte acknowledged that problem and maybe this can be discussed to talk about how BIA and DOJ could assist in the gap, a streamlined process would be better. Policy change and practical use of the NamUs system should be discussed. • Goal: The June 4-5 MMIR Training flyer will hope to be done by the end of the month is expected from the MMIR Office • Juliet Rudie, MMIR Director: Intelligence Specialist, Taylor Wencel has accepted the position and start April 10th • March 19, 2024 the Victim Specialist position was posted • A Search Kit was provided to an active search happening this week on Fond du Lac Reservation • Working with DPS Legislative Director on getting access to criminal investigative data • Tawny Smith-Savage, Violence Prevention Coordinator, reported with the increases in cases it has been a challenge is getting more services to families and working with the community on searches. We need more searchers to assist with the search for Jeremy Jourdain, pre-registration is required. • On the Fond du Lac Reservation Peter Martin was reported missing, St. Louis County Search and Rescue has been working with FDL PD and working on searching around his house. Ana is currently, at that search today. • Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, is training youth on LOVE 146 and Tawny spoke about the MMIR and Sextortion using NECMEC Netsmartz resources. • Tawny also spoke to AICHO Youth and tabled at the 13 Moons Wellness Conference at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College • Also working with Jacki Kozlowski, Grand Portage Human Services for a training by Amber Alert in Indian Country Initiatives • MMIW218 is going to have an event at the Sanford Center May 5th which our office is committed to attending. • Laura Provinzino MMIP AUSA for the Great Lakes Region, provided a quick update for some of the upcoming trainings in MN and assistance with Tribal Community Response Plans (TCRP)
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