

## **Charter for the Advisory Committee of the Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Children Exposed to Violence**

### **1. Official Designation**

The Advisory Committee of the Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence (hereinafter, the AI/AN Advisory Committee).

### **2. Authority**

The AI/AN Advisory Committee is established under discretionary Agency authority and will be governed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

### **3. Objectives and Scope of Authority**

The objectives and scope of authority for the AI/AN Advisory Committee are to provide the Attorney General with critical advice regarding a broad array of issues relating to addressing the problem of AI/AN children being exposed to violence in the United States. The AI/AN Advisory Committee will also provide ongoing advice to the Department of Justice (DOJ) through the Associate Attorney General. The AI/AN Advisory Committee may provide advice to the Federal Working Group of the Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence (hereinafter, the AI/AN Federal Working Group). The primary objective of the AI/AN Advisory Committee is to provide high-level policy advice and recommendations as part of the Attorney General's Defending Childhood Initiative.

### **4. Description of Duties**

The members of the AI/AN Advisory Committee will conduct up to four hearings and six listening sessions (as needed) nationwide to learn from key practitioners, academics, policymakers, and the public about the issue of AI/AN children exposed to violence in the United States and throughout Indian Country. The members will also learn of promising and evidence-based practices that deserve increased attention from DOJ.

Based on the information collected at these hearings and listening sessions, the AI/AN Advisory Committee will provide advice on a regular basis to the Associate Attorney General in such intervals as he may require. The AI/AN Advisory Committee will also develop a final report to the Attorney General presenting its policy recommendations, which are intended to serve as a blueprint for preventing AI/AN children's exposure to violence as victims and witnesses, and for mitigating the negative effects experienced by AI/AN children exposed to violence across the United States and throughout Indian Country.

## **5. Agency or Official to Whom the Board Reports**

The AI/AN Advisory Committee will report to the Associate Attorney General as requested and present its final report to the Attorney General. Upon request from the AI/AN Federal Working Group, the AI/AN Advisory Committee will also provide recommendations based on their findings to help inform the work of the AI/AN Federal Working Group.

## **6. Support Services**

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will provide all necessary support.

## **7. Designated Federal Officer**

The overall operation of the AI/AN Advisory Committee shall be managed by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), who will be a full time career employee in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The DFO will perform all responsibilities and functions as required under 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.120.

## **8. Membership and Designation**

The AI/AN Advisory Committee will be comprised of 10 - 12 members who will serve as representatives or special government employees who will be drawn from a cross section of experts who are knowledgeable about issues relating to AI/AN children's exposure to violence in the United States and throughout Indian Country. Members will include current and former elected officials, practitioners, child and family advocates, licensed clinicians, and other subject matter experts. Members will be appointed by the Attorney General.

## **9. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years**

Annual operating costs are estimated to be \$750,000. This estimate includes a portion of staff support time from 3 federal employees (1.5 FTE total) and approximately 7 contractors to support the activities of the AI/AN Advisory Committee. Travel costs for the AIAN Advisory Committee are included in the estimate as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703.

## **10. Meetings**

The AI/AN Advisory Committee will meet approximately 10 times through October 31, 2014 to carry out the duties identified in this charter.

**11. Duration**

The AI/AN Advisory Committee will not be continuing in nature. It will terminate when it submits to the Attorney General its final report of recommendations referenced above. The final report is expected to be submitted by October 31, 2014.

**12. Records**

The records of the AI/AN Advisory Committee will be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26 and other approved DOJ records disposition schedule. These records will be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

**13. Subcommittees**

Subcommittees will be created as needed with DFO approval, with all subcommittees reporting directly to the AI/AN Advisory Committee. Subcommittees will not provide advice or work products directly to DOJ.

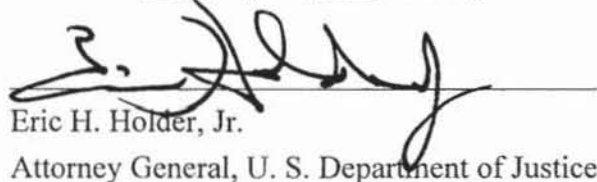
**14. Termination**

The AI/AN Advisory Committee is expected to terminate by December 31, 2014.

**15. Filing date**

The filing date is the date the charter is filed with Congress.

Dated this 16 day of Oct., 2013 by:

  
Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice