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Executive Summary

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Tribal Justice and Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Minority Health, and Indian Health Service; U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Office of Native American Programs; partnered together to deliver a consultation, training, and technical assistance session March 5-7, 2008 in Washington, DC. The events were held at the Grand Hyatt Washington.

Purpose

The session focused on the issues brought forward as Tribal priorities during previous consultation sessions, including funding opportunities, data management and collections, tribal courts, crime prevention, law enforcement, detention facilities, methamphetamine training, information sharing, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, AMBER Alert, and tribal economic development, among others. A special National Tribal Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability was also included.

The following bureaus, agencies and tribal organizations contributed to the event by providing presentations and participating in workshop discussions with the attendees:

U.S. Department of Justice

- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - Criminal Justice Information Services
 - Indian Country Special Crimes Unit
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
- Office of Justice Programs
 - Bureau of Justice Assistance
 - Bureau of Justice Statistics
 - Office for Victims of Crime
 - Office of Audit Assessment and Management
 - Office of the Assistant Attorney General
 - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
 - Office on Violence Against Women
 - National Institute of Justice
 - SMART Office
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- U.S. Marshals Service



Federal officials and tribal leaders engage in a panel discussion on data management

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- Indian Health Service
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Office of Policy, Planning, and Budget

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Office of Native American Programs

U.S. Department of the Interior

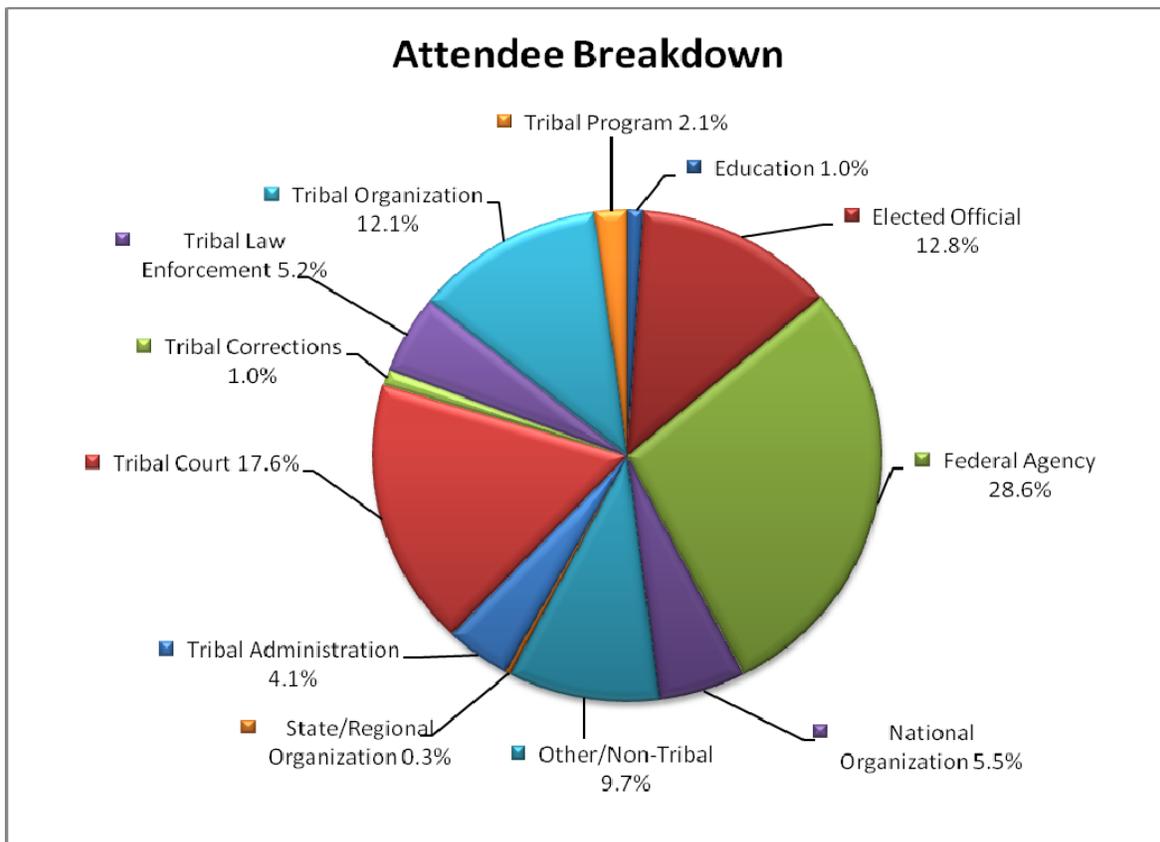
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Office of Indian Services
 - Office of Justice Services
- Office of Law Enforcement, Security, and Emergency Management

National Congress of American Indians

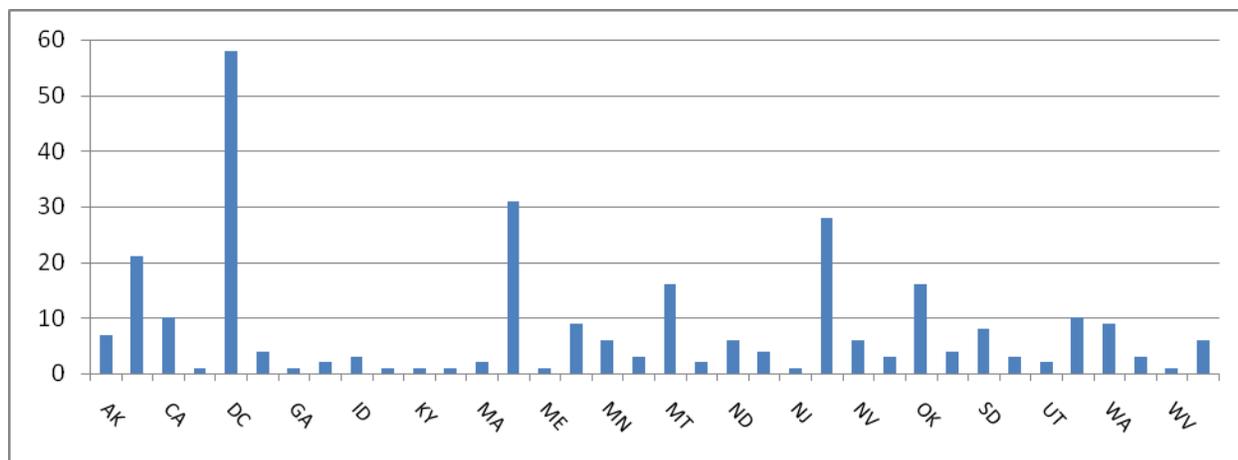
White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

Participant Overview

Attending the event were nearly 300 participants from 35 states and the District of Columbia. Over 60% of the attendees were tribal members and/or represented tribal agencies, with 42% representing tribal elected officials, tribal administration, tribal courts, tribal corrections, tribal law enforcement, tribal organizations, and tribal program managers/coordinators.



Participants by State



Event Overview

Government-to-Government Consultation Session – March 5, 2008

The fifth Tribal Justice & Safety Consultation session was held on March 5, 2008. Tribal leaders met in a general assembly to discuss local/tribal concerns with Federal officials from U.S. Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Interior. Discussions focused primarily on violent crime in Indian Country. Jonathan Windy Boy, Chippewa Cree Business Council, Montana State Legislator and Co-Chair, SAMHSA Tribal Technical Advisory Committee and Gretchen Shappert, U.S. Attorney, Western District of North Carolina and Chair, Native American Issues Subcommittee, U.S. Department of Justice, moderated this discussion.

Jonathan Windy Boy welcomed participants and thanked them for their attendance at the session. Next, Eugenia Tyner-Dawson, Executive Director, Justice Programs Council on Native American Affairs and Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General for Tribal Affairs, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, provided opening remarks, emphasizing the importance of previous consultation efforts and the work ahead to create solutions in Indian country.

Federal presenters were provided the opportunity to summarize their efforts and provide responses to the topics discussed during previous consultation sessions. After these updates, participants voiced their concerns and recommendations regarding violent crime in Indian country. Federal representatives from the Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, National Institute of Justice, SMART Office, Office for Victims of Crime, Office on Violence Against Women, Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Indian Health Service, SAMHSA, Office of Minority Health, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Office of Native American Programs were on hand to respond to participant inquiries. Eugenia Tyner-Dawson facilitated the discussion.

A separate summary details the tribal consultation session and discussions. A copy of the summary is available at <http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov>.

2008 National Tribal Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability - Thursday, March 6, 2008

The second day of the session was hosted by the Office of Justice Programs' Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office. A National Tribal Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability brought together leaders from across the country to discuss issues relevant to Native American communities. Speakers from the SMART Office, U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Marshal's Service, U.S. Department of Justice; National Center for Missing & Exploited Children; and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute offered their expertise.

Topics for the day-long symposium included:

- ~ An Overview of SORNA ~
- ~ Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website ~
- ~ U.S. Marshals Service Sex Offender Apprehension Initiatives ~
- ~ Leveraging Federal and Local Resources to Implement the Adam Walsh Act ~
- ~ Developing Tribal Codes and Cooperative Agreements ~
- ~ Sex Offender Placement and Treatment in the Bureau of Prisons ~

Training and Technical Assistance Workshops – March 7, 2008

March 7th marked the official opening of the Training and Technical Assistance session. Laura Ansera, Tribal Youth Coordinator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice, welcomed participants. She also introduced the U.S. Capitol Police Ceremonial Unit Color Guard. Robert D. Moore, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council, sang a traditional flag song, and Jerry Cordova, Taos Pueblo, gave a traditional opening.

Plenary sessions and workshops during the training and technical assistance session covered matters of interest to tribal communities. Topics for the plenary sessions were as follows:

- Methamphetamine Panel Discussion
- Data Management, Collection and Information Sharing Panel: Improving Knowledge and Practice in Indian Country

Michael Hackbarth, Treasurer, Sac and Fox Nation and Tribal Justice Advisory Group Delegate-Southern Plains Region and Dr. Eric Broderick, Deputy Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, (SAMHSA) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services moderated the opening and welcoming addresses. Dr. Broderick introduced Hope MacDonald-Lonetree, Councilwoman, Navajo Nation Tribal Council and

Co-Chair/Navajo Region delegate, Tribal Justice Advisory Group (TJAG), who gave the tribal keynote address. Ms. MacDonald-Lonetree expressed her pride in representing her people and serving on the TJAG committee. She also encouraged participants to continue building bridges of change, engaging in networking, and improving the lives of those in Native communities.

Next, Mr. Hackbarth introduced Rodger Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, who delivered the federal welcome. Mr. Boyd commented that the tribal presenters were eloquent and honest in defining issues of concern in their respective communities. He spoke about the importance of embracing the ideals expressed during the government-to-government consultation: leveraging resources, partnership, uniformity, and community building.



Acting Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, provides closing remarks



Robert D. Moore, Rosebud Sioux, sings a traditional flag song

Dr. Terry Cline, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, gave the federal keynote address. He explained SAMHSA's role in assisting tribal communities and spoke of his long-standing commitment to Indian country. One of SAMHSA's goals is to ensure that the federal government is well informed of tribal issues. It is hoped that the newly established SAMHSA Tribal Technical Advisory Committee will hold SAMHSA accountable and provide guidance to federal representatives. Dr. Cline also reviewed many of the grant opportunities available through SAMHSA. At the end of his presentation, participants were invited to ask questions.

Next, representatives from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, SAMHSA, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of the Interior took part in panel discussion on methamphetamine. They each shared actions their offices have taken to address the methamphetamine crisis in Native

communities. Participants engaged in interactive dialogue with the panelists and inquired about specific issues unique to their respective tribes.

Ada Pecos Melton, President, American Indian Development Association and Tribal Justice Advisory Group Alternate-Southwest Region, Pueblo of Zuni and Eugenia Tyner Dawson, U.S. Department of Justice moderated the afternoon data management panel. Representatives from SAMHSA, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Justice discussed the importance of a thorough data management system. In order for the government to address community issues, there must be solid data and information that describes public safety concerns in detail. Participants were invited to ask questions and provide comments to panelists at the end of the segment.

The session concluded with comments from Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. He thanked participants for their attendance and reminded them that the U.S. Department of Justice is committed to improving Native American communities. Jess Brien, Crow Tribe, gave a traditional closing.

On March 7, participants engaged in a variety of training and technical assistance workshops, including:

Grant Writing/Management

Drug-Free Communities Support Program
Effectively Navigating Grants.gov
Improving Future Indian Community Development Block Grant Applications
Performance Measures: What, Why, How?

Funding Opportunities

Bringing OJJDP Resources to Indian Country
Tribal Youth Program Funding Opportunity and Accessing Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance

Community and Housing Issues

Adam Walsh Act: Case Law Update
AMBER Alert in Indian Country
Basic Victimology
CMHS Initiative: Caring for Our Children Youth Suicide/Bullying Prevention
The Federal Crime Victims' Rights Act
FEWNET/Working Effectively with Tribal Governments Online Training Program Evaluation
Trafficking of American Indian Women and Girls
Victims of Crime

Drugs

Adult Treatment Drug Courts
DOJ-COPS Sponsored Indian Country Anti-Meth Training and Technical Assistance

Health Concerns

Co-Occurring Disorders
SAMHSA Prevention Strategies: CSAP HIV & Methamphetamine Prevention Programs

Tribal Justice and Public Safety

Correctional Options for Tribal Justice Systems
Forensic Interviewing of Children/Adolescent Victim/Witnesses
Information Sharing in Indian Country
Planning and Designing a New Tribal Correctional Facility
Tribal Criminal History Record Improvement Program (T-CHRIP): Development of Law Enforcement Records,
Court Databases, and Justice Information Systems in Indian Country

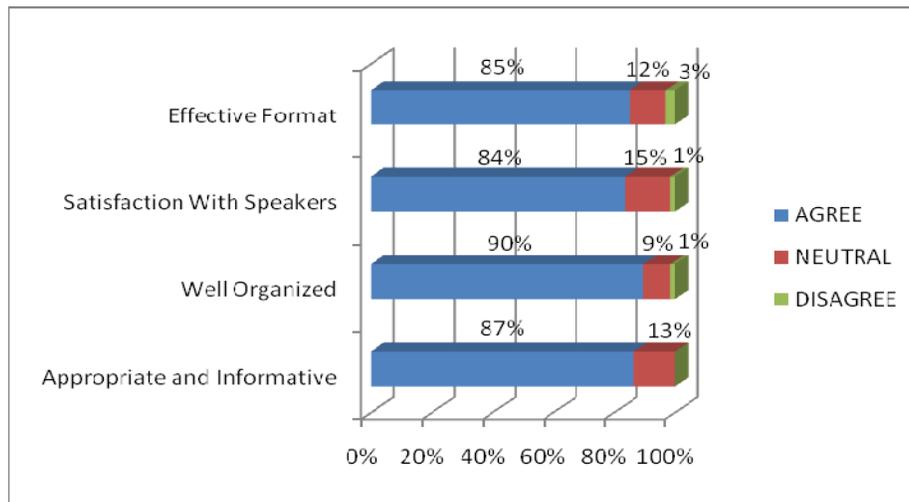
Collectively, this training and technical assistance session included 23 workshops and two plenary sessions.

Tribal Justice Advisory Group

In response to a recommendation that came from the July 2007 consultation in Phoenix, AZ, an advisory group was established to make recommendations to the Office of Justice Programs concerning tribal justice and safety issues, particularly regarding implementation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The Tribal Justice Advisory Group held its second meeting on March 7 in conjunction with the training and technical assistance sessions.

Event Evaluation

Evaluation comments reflect 85% of the attendees felt the session objectives were clearly stated. A summary of evaluation comments below represent key observations from the onsite evaluations. These collective comments will be helpful in shaping the direction for future sessions. Respondents answered the following questions using a 5-point Likert-type scale rating:



Participant comments:

- Excellent conference (5).
- Very informational, good speakers (2).
- Staff was commendable and friendly as usual. Keep up the attitude and warm generosity (2).
- Very informative; [received] a lot of new information and guidance on how to apply for money.
- Enjoyed sessions, learned quite a bit and found new resources. Great job.
- Overall, the sessions were well planned and informative in nature. [I was] impressed with the recognition of Tribal Sovereignities and equality. I feel confident the answers not available today will be for the next session.
- The overall sessions were valuable in the information that we received. The hotel was very good.
- I liked the short video called “Meth is Death.” It was very powerful.
- Good to hear what Acting AAG had to say!
- Love the FEUNET federal training program! Share widely.

Suggested improvements and opportunities for future sessions:

- Make the conference longer, particularly the consultation (2).
- [More] time for questions is needed (2).
- This hotel was too expensive for tribal folks (2).
- Need to set up time for one-on-one consultation with tribal leaders.
- Include entertainment/sight seeing tours.
- Provide statistics on strategies that are working and not working for tribes; make funding more easily obtainable.
- There needs to be people who decide about funding present (Senators, congressmen, etc.). [Also], problem solving ideas need to be presented.

- [Spend] less time on Fed credentials and more time on Native concerns; [address] specific questions and frustrations.
- Information sharing sessions should concentrate more on the types of information to be shared in relation to the Violence Against Women Act and Adam Walsh Act and the means (devices) used to share the information.
- Data needs to be more specific; have statistics readily available.
- Have staff from various agencies available in the lobby to answer questions and to provide information.

Recommended topics for future sessions:

- More topics concerning law enforcement (3)
- Policy Academy for unique strategies
- Tribal Grants available for meth lab clean-up
- Tribal court development, jurisdiction, pro-bono legal services
- Appropriate ways for tribal leaders to deal with offenders
- More on healing and wellness courts
- Advancement of data collection
- Avenues for Tribes to start from ground up with grant information. It's much more difficult for tribes not already financially seated to successfully obtain grant funds.
- Effective strategies to lower mental health related crimes and co-occurring crimes in Indian Country for juveniles and adult population
- More drug and alcohol classes
- Continue with statistics and FBI presentations
- Education funding for correction facilities
- Social services, substance abuse rehabilitation alternatives to incarceration
- Department of Labor, Department of Commerce, CUS Medicaid billing, ICE, Homeland Security on North/South borders. The integration of services and Impact of Collaborative work.
- Trafficking must be on the main agenda! This is a major issue and needs to be brought to the forefront!
- Non-federal government resource ideas
- Investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse (Indian Country)/investigation and prosecution of Indian Gaming and Casino crimes (for tribal police/prosecutors)
- Innovative alternatives to address how to build programs when adequate funding is not available.

Next Steps

Plans are underway for the second session of 2008 that will take place in Billings, MT, August 19-22. Future sessions will continue to include tribal consultations, will expand federal agency participation, and will include additional tribes. These sessions will enhance the capacity to collectively work on solving the numerous issues of joint concern. Tribal participants will be able to make recommendations that will influence future funding solicitations and access to non-tribal federal resources. For information on previous Government-to-Government Consultation, Training, and Technical Assistance sessions and details about upcoming events, visit <http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov>.

Participating Tribes and Tribal Agencies

Alabama-Coushatta Indian Nation
American Indian Development Associates
Assiniboine and Sioux
Bishop Paiute Tribe
Cahto Tribe
Cherokee Nation
Chickaloon Village
Chickasaw Nation
Chippewa Cree Tribes
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Coushatta Tribal Police Department
Crow Nation
Dry Creek Band of Pomo Indians
Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Indian
Reservation
Eight Northern Indian Pueblos
Fallon Pointe Shoshone Tribe
Fort Peck Tribes
Four Winds-Native American Family and Youth Center
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Hannahville Indian Community Tribal Court
Havasupai Tribe
Hoopa Valley Tribe
Hopi Tribe
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
Jicarilla Apache Nation
Karluk IRA
Kaw Nation
Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas
Klamath Tribes
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Laguna Industries, Inc.
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Lummi Nation
Mescalero Apache Tribe
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council of Urban
Indian Health
Native Tribe of Kanatak
Native Women's Society of the Great Plains
Navajo Nation
Nome Eskimo Community
Northern Arapaho Tribes
Osage Nation
Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Pueblo of Acoma
Pueblo of Laguna
Pueblo of Sandia
Pueblo of Zuni
Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Sac and Fox Nation
Sac and Fox Tribe of Mississippi in Iowa (Meskwaki)
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
San Carlos Apache Tribe
Santee Sioux Nation
Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Seminole Tribe of Florida
Seneca Nation of Indians
Shoshone & Arapahoe Tribes
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
Southern Band Tuscarora Indian Tribe
Spirit Lake Tribe
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak
Swinomish Tribe
Three Affiliated Tribes
Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Tohono O'Odham Justice Center
Tonto Apache Tribal Court
Tribal Law and Policy Institute
Tulalip Tribes
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in
Oklahoma
Ute Indian Tribe
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc.
White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Yakama Nation
Yavapai-Apache