Attorney General’s Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence

Hearing #1: December 9, 2013 - Bismarck, North Dakota

Theme: American Indian Children Exposed to Violence in the Home

Bismarck Ramkota Best Western - Lamborn Room

Agenda

8:30AM - 9:00AM  Invocation, Welcome and Introductions

- Senator Byron Dorgan, Chairman of the Board of Advisors, Center for Native American Youth
- Invocation: James Clairmont, (Citizen of Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sicangu Oyate), Spiritual Leader
- Video Welcome: Eric H. Holder Jr., Attorney General of the United States
- Special Remarks from Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)
- Opening Remarks: Tony West, Associate Attorney General of the United States

9:00AM - 9:15AM  Comments from Attorney General’s Advisory Committee Co-Chairs

- Senator Byron Dorgan, Chairman of the Board of Advisors, Center for Native American Youth
- Joanne Shenandoah, (Iroquois), Composer and Singer

9:15AM – 10:15AM  Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Physical and Sexual Abuse in Indian Country

- Lonna Hunter, (Tlingit and Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate), Project Coordinator, Council on Crime and Justice
- Sarah Hicks Kastelic, (Alutiiq), Deputy Director, National Indian Welfare Association (NICWA)

10:15AM – 11:15AM  Panel 1: Child Sexual Abuse in Indian Country

- Lenny Hayes, (Dakota), Mental Health Therapist, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; and Psychotherapist, Tate Topa Consulting, LLC
- Barbara Bettelyoun, Ph.D, (Sicangu Lakota, Rosebud Sioux Tribe), Psychologist
- Lisa Thompson-Heth, (Lower Brule Lakota), Executive Director, Wiconi Wawakiya, Inc.

11:15AM – 11:30AM  Break
11:30AM – 12:30PM  **Panel 2: American Indian Children Exposed to Violence in the Home**

- Linda Thompson, *(Bois Forte Ojibwe)*, Executive Director, *First Nation’s Women’s Alliance - Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition*
- Leander "Russ" McDonald, PhD, *(Spirit Lake Nation)*, Chairman, *Spirit Lake Nation*
- Sarah Deer, *(Mvskoke)*, Assistant Professor, *William Mitchell College of Law*

12:30PM – 2:00PM  **Lunch**

2:00PM – 3:00PM  **Panel 3: Multi-Disciplinary Teams Addressing Children Exposed to Violence**

- Michelle Rivard Parks, *Assistant Director, Tribal Judicial Institute, Former Tribal Prosecutor*
- Edward Reina, *(Salt River – Pima Maricopa Indian Community)*, *Retired Chief of Police*
- Leila Kawar Goldsmith, *Child Advocacy Coordinator, Tulalip Tribes of Washington*

3:00PM – 4:00PM  **Panel 4: Healing from Trauma and Programs for Children Exposed to Violence in Indian Country and Urban Communities**

- Terri Yellowhammer, *(Standing Rock Lakota)*, *Technical Assistant Specialist, Native Streams Institute, Education Development Center*
- Deborah Painte, *(Arikara)*, *Director, Native American Training Institute*
- Cecilia Firethunder, *(Oglala Lakota)*, *President, Oglala Lakota Nation Education Coalition; Member, Board of Directors for Little Wound School and Tasunke Wakan Okolakiciye; and Former Tribal President, Oglala Sioux Nation*
- Darla Thiele, *(Spirit Lake Nation)*, *Director, Sunka Wakan Ah Ku Program*

4:00PM – 4:15PM  **Break**

4:15PM - 5:55PM  **Public Testimony**

*Presenters must register with TLPI prior to December 9th and are limited to 5-7 minutes of testimony.*

5:55PM – 6:00PM  **Closing Remarks**