



Training and Technical Assistance – Session 10

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Executive Summary

Tenth TJS&W Session Convened

Since 2006, the Interdepartmental Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness (TJS&W) partners have collaborated to respond to the stated needs of tribes through a series of government-to-government consultation and training and technical assistance sessions held across the country. This session took place in Anchorage, Alaska on December 2–3, 2009 at the William A. Egan Convention Center and was held concurrently with the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 19th Annual Providers Conference. Session topics included panel discussions on federal funding opportunities and linking funding resources to provide public health and safety systems; domestic violence and sexual assault; trauma induced care and suicide prevention; child welfare and juvenile justice issues; and substance abuse and mental health services. Post conference skill building workshops were offered on grant writing, management, and reporting.

Who Are the TJS&W Partners?

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Office of Tribal Justice, and Office on Violence Against Women; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Indian Health Service, and Office of Minority Health in the Office of the Secretary; U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Office of Native American Programs and the Corporation for National and Community Service. TJS&W sessions have focused on public health and safety, drug awareness, tribal court systems, detention and treatment facilities, multijurisdictional coordination, behavioral and mental health, youth prevention programs and juvenile delinquency, sexual assault and domestic violence victims, sexual offender registry, and other wellness areas.

Event Highlights

☛ **Plenary Session – *Linking Resources to Fund Comprehensive Public Health and Public Safety Systems***

The panelists discussed the funding and grant programs that can meet the needs for public health and safety services in Indian Country. Rear Admiral Eric Broderick, D.D.S., M.P.H., Assistant Attorney General and Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); William Zachares, Administrator, Alaska Office of Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and Caroline Gary, Deputy Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), HHS, discussed funding opportunities in their respective agencies.

Patrick Anderson, Executive Director of the Chugachmiut Tribal Consortium, talked about childhood risk factors that lead to adult problems such as violence, alcoholism, and suicide, and resources to address these issues. Chuck Farmer, a law enforcement coordination manager in the District of Alaska, U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), described the Weed and Seed program, emphasizing the need for a coalition between law enforcement, citizens, and business to obtain community recognition from DOJ.

In response to questions and comments from participants, the panelists discussed the following issues:

- Funding for demonstration projects and the development of new programs
- How tribes bring together funding from multiple sources to support public health and safety programs
- The use of HUD funds to support treatment programs that serve people who live in affordable housing
- Problems with getting Recovery Act funding to the tribes and continuing programs after the short-term funding ends.

☛ **Plenary Session – *Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault***

The panelists provided an overview of domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Beverly Fletcher, Program Specialist, Tribal Unit, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), DOJ, described OVW efforts to address domestic violence in Indian Country and projects tribes could develop using OVW grants. Bryan Wooden, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service (IHS), HHS, discussed an IHS domestic violence pilot program and the expansion of a sexual assault program.

Linda McLaughlin, Chairperson of the Alaska Native Women's Sexual Assault Committee (ANWSAC), showed videos of public service announcements for VictimsHaveRights.org and provided an overview of ANWSAC. Sandra Samaniego, Executive Director of the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence, discussed the challenges of coordinating services to address domestic violence and sexual assault in a large state with many communities that are not easily accessible. Ben Hofmeister, a prosecutor specializing in sexual assault in the Anchorage District Attorney's Office, emphasized the importance of prevention. Tami Jerue, Executive Director of the Alaska Native Women's Coalition, discussed the need for tribal law enforcement and preventive services.

☛ **Dine and Dialogue – *American Indian and Alaska Native Trauma Informed Care and Suicide Prevention***

The panel discussed the effects of trauma in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Michelle Carnes, Ph.D., cultural anthropologist and government project officer, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA, HHS, described the *Resource Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Youth Suicide Prevention*. Lisa Neel, Kauffman & Associates, Inc., and Amanda Manbeck, Executive Director, White Bison, Inc., discussed the conclusions of the *American Indian Alaska Native Communities' Trauma Informed Care Work Group Meeting Report*. The group focused on both historical/intergenerational trauma and early childhood trauma, as well as the interaction between the two.

In response to participant comments and questions, the panel discussed the following:

- Suicide prevention needs to be a coordinated effort.
- There can be a long wait for professional suicide-prevention services. Training programs can build the skills of community members who help people in crisis.
- More resources need to be devoted to prevention, rather than crises.

☛ **Plenary Session – *Child Welfare to Youth Reentry: Intervening, Assessing Issues Early, and Seeking Solutions***

The panel discussed resources to support and enhance tribal juvenile justice systems. Dennis Dondoro, Office of Policy Development, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), DOJ, discussed programs that address juvenile justice across a continuum, from early intervention and prevention of delinquency, to targeted approaches for at-risk youth or youth already in the juvenile justice system, to suppression and reentry. Steve McComb, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, described successful early intervention efforts that disrupted gang activity in Fairbanks. He emphasized issues related to moving children from youth facilities back to communities and the need for early intervention with adolescent sex offenders.

Deb Alston, Alaska Native American program specialist/operations specialist, Alaska Office of Native American Programs, HUD, described two HUD funding programs: Boys and Girls Clubs and the Indian Community Development block grant program. In April 2010, all tribes will be eligible for funding of Boys and Girls Clubs under the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act. Tribes are eligible annually for the block grant program. Ms. Gary discussed ACF funding programs, including Recovery Act funding.

Bing Santamour, Tribal Courts Administrator, Orutsararmiut Native Council, discussed the process of gathering state statistics on child sexual assault and training tribal justices on this issue. Linda Joule, Executive Director, Kotzebue-Kotzebue IRA Council, described efforts to train youth court leaders and service providers in the talking circle method. Deanna Hardin, case manager/children's advocate, "Nitaput" Child Advocacy Center, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, discussed low-cost opportunities for community outreach and the Native Children's Bill of Rights.

Stephanie Autumn, Project Director, Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Program Education Development Center, talked about programs to help tribes to write competitive grant proposals.

☛ **Plenary Session – *Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, Aftercare, and Recovery Support Services—Building the Continuum of Care***

The panel discussed recovery support services to address substance abuse issues. Roula Sweis, M.A., Psy.D., Access to Recovery (ATR) team leader, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), SAMHSA, HHS, provided an overview of the ATR grant program, which supports services that extend beyond substance abuse treatment. New ATR grants will be announced in the near future. Previous cohorts of ATR grantees have met and exceeded their targets.

Eileen Garry, Deputy Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), OJP, DOJ, noted that BJA had received \$4 billion in Recovery Act funds. She described four BJA initiatives for tribal drug courts, wellness planning, justice and mental health collaborations, and consolidating the application process for drug courts and treatment programs.

Robert Hendricks, M.P.A., Special Assistant to the Director, CSAT, SAMHSA, HHS, discussed efforts to combine drug courts with treatment programs.

Information Session on Tribal Consultation – President Obama Executive Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Executive Order 13175 Implementation

John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians, discussed President Barack Obama's November 5, 2009, executive memorandum instructing federal agencies to submit a plan and complete a report on tribal consultation and coordination with Indian tribes.

Kana Enomoto, Acting Deputy Administrator, SAMHSA, HHS, noted that SAMHSA has already engaged in consultations, which have increased tribal grant applications. A 2010 pilot program will facilitate coordination between tribes and states to ensure that state funding reaches tribes. Mr. Wooden discussed IHS tribal consultations on initiatives involving methamphetamine, suicide prevention, and domestic violence. Mr. Zachares discussed HUD's efforts to develop an action plan and policies on consultations with tribes. Judy Pearson, revenue agent, Internal Revenue Service, discussed the Department of the Treasury's efforts to work with tribes to ensure compliance and avoid penalties.

The complete event agenda is available at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov.

Participant Overview

Attending the event were 293 participants. Tribal participants included tribal elected officials and/or representatives of tribal government and administration; tribal courts, corrections, detention and law enforcement personnel; tribal program managers and coordinators; tribal educators; and tribal medical providers including mental health, substance abuse and social services staff.

Participant Tribal Affiliations

- ❶ Akiachak Native Community
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- ❶ Alakanuk Tribal Council
- ❶ Alaska Inter-Tribal Council
- ❶ Alaska Native Justice Center
- ❶ Alaska Native Women's Coalition
- ❶ Alatna Tribal Council
- ❶ Algaacip Tribal Government
- ❶ Algaaciq Tribal Government
- ❶ Angoon Community Association
- ❶ Aniak Traditional Council
- ❶ Anvik Tribal Council
- ❶ Arctic Slope Native Association
- ❶ Asa'Carsarmuit Tribe
- ❶ Association of Village Council Bethel
- ❶ Association of Village Council Presidents
- ❶ Atmautluak Traditional Council
- ❶ Beaver Village Council
- ❶ Bristol Bay Native Association
- ❶ Central Council of the Tlingit/Haida Tribes
- ❶ Chevak Traditional Council
- ❶ Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
- ❶ Chickasaw Nation
- ❶ Chilkat Indian Village
- ❶ Chitina Traditional Indian Village Council
- ❶ Chuathbaluk Traditional Council
- ❶ Chugachmiut Tribal Consortium
- ❶ Chuloonawick Native Village
- ❶ Clarks Point Village Council
- ❶ Cook Inlet Tribal Council Inc.
- ❶ Crooked Creek Traditional Council
- ❶ Dot Lake Village Council
- ❶ Douglas Indian Association
- ❶ Ekeutha Village
- ❶ Fairbanks Native Association
- ❶ Fort Belknap Community Council
- ❶ Galena Village
- ❶ Grayling IRA Tribal Council
- ❶ Gulkana Village Council
- ❶ Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe
- ❶ Hoonah Indian Association
- ❶ Hooper Bay Tribe
- ❶ Hushes Tribe
- ❶ Huslia Tribal Council
- ❶ Hydaburg Cooperate Association
- ❶ Igiugig Village Council
- ❶ Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope
- ❶ Iqurmuit Traditional Council

- IRA Klawok
- Ivan of Bay Tribal Council
- Ivisaappaat Tribal Council
- Kaguyak Tribe
- Kaliss Consulting
- Kaltag Tribe
- Kasigluk
- Kawerak, Inc.
- Ket'acik Aap'alluk Memoriol School
- King Island Native Community
- King Salmon Tribal Village Council
- Kipnuk Traditional Council
- Kobuk Tribe
- Kodiak Area Native Association
- Kotlik Yupik Enterprises
- Koyuk Native Corporation
- Koyukuk Tribal Council
- Kuk Tribal Center
- Kwigillingok Native Village
- Louden Tribe
- Lower Kuskokwim School District
- Lummi Nation
- Maniilaq Association
- Manokotak Village Council
- Mashantucket Pequot Tribe
- Mentasta Tribe
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Mytribetv
- Naknek Native Village Council
- Native Village of Afognak
- Native Village of Akhiok
- Native Village of Barrow
- Native Village of Buckland
- Native Village of Eklutna
- Native Village of Emmonak
- Native Village of Eyak
- Native Village of Gambell
- Native Village of Kasigluk
- Native Village of Kongiganak
- Native Village of Kotlik
- Native Village of Kotzebue
- Native Village of Koyuk
- Native Village of Kwigillingok
- Native Village of Marshall
- Native Village of Mekoryuk
- Native Village of Noatak
- Native Village of Nuiqsut
- Native Village of Nunapitchuck
- Native Village of Port Lions
- Native Village of Sanoonga
- Native Village of Scammon Bay
- Native Village of St. Michael
- Native Village of Tanacross
- Native Village of Tununak
- Native Village of Tyonek
- Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government
- Native Village Tazlina
- Natives of Larsen Bay
- Navajo Nation Council
- Navajo Nation Department of Corrections
- Nenana Native Council
- New Stuyahok Tribal Council
- Newtok Traditional Council
- Ninilchik Traditional Council
- Nome Eskimo Community
- Northway Village Corporation
- Northway Village Council
- Norton Sound Health Corporation
- Nunakauyak Traditional Council
- Nunapitchuk IRA Council
- Organizational Village of Kwethluk
- Organized Village of Kasaan
- Organized Village of Kwethluk
- Orgnized Village of Kake
- Orutsararmiut Native Council
- Oscarville
- Pedro Bay Village Council
- Portage Creek Village Council
- Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska
- Ruby Tribal Council
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes at Duck Valley
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska
- Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak
- Tanacross Village Council
- Tanana Tribal Council
- Tazlina Village Council
- Tetlin
- The Association of Village Council Presidents
- Traditional Council of Togiak
- Tuntutliak Traditional Council
- Twin Hills Village Council
- Umkumiut Tribal Council
- Upper Kalskag Community
- Village of Bill Moore's Slough
- Village of Chefornak
- Village of Gakona
- Village of Goodnews Bay
- Village of Kaltag
- Village of Kipnak
- Village of Saxman
- White Bison, Inc.
- Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
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Attendee Evaluations Summary

Attendees were asked to complete the conference evaluation form by placing a circle around their rating using the scale of 5 being the most, highest, or best possible score and 1 being the least, lowest, or worst possible score.

1. Provide access to resources and information available on grant opportunities across federal agencies that pertain to justice, safety, and wellness issues.	0	0	0	0	7	5.00
2. Bring together elected Tribal leaders and key policy decision-makers, Tribal administrators, executive directors, finance and grant administration officers, Tribal planners, grant writers, justice and law enforcement personnel, and Tribal program project coordinators and grantee officers so that individuals may share their expertise and engage participants in dialogue about best practices for Tribal community capacity building.	0	0	0	3	4	4.57
Event Logistics Feedback	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Overall, how pleased were you with the event location?	0	0	0	2	5	4.71
4. How would you rate the event properties/facilities?	0	0	0	2	5	4.71
5. Were you pleased with how the event was organized?	0	0	0	1	6	4.86
6. How would you rate the event program materials?	0	0	0	4	3	4.43
Overall Conference Feedback	1	2	3	4	5	
7. Objectives were closely related to the purpose/goals.	0	0	0	4	3	4.43
8. Plenary presentations provided useful, relevant information.	0	0	1	3	3	4.29
9. Workshop presentations provided useful, relevant information.	0	0	1	4	2	4.14
10. Speakers/presenters were knowledgeable and delivered well organized and interesting presentations.	0	0	0	3	4	4.57
11. Content was objective and free from undue bias.	0	0	1	2	4	4.43
12. Information learned is relevant to my work.	0	0	1	2	4	4.43
13. Event was appropriate in length.	0	1	0	3	2	4.00
14. I was made aware of new funding opportunities.	0	0	0	1	6	4.86
15. I plan to apply for a particular grant or solicitation as a result of attending this session.	0	0	2	1	3	4.17