



Interdepartmental Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness

Government-to-Government Consultation, Training & Technical Assistance – Session Seven

Follow-up to Tribal Consultations: *Continuing the Dialog*
2008 IHS/SAMHSA National Behavioral Health Conference: *Partnering for Native Wellness*
2nd National BIA Conference on Child Protection & Child Welfare in Indian Country:
Celebrating Our Heritage for Future Generations

Billings, Montana
August 18-22, 2008

June 27, 2008

Dear Tribal Leaders and Tribal Colleagues,

As leaders of federal agencies with interests in Indian Country, we strive to address priorities and issues raised in our conferences and meetings. During the 2007-2008 consultation sessions and conferences, you emphasized the need to improve tribal capacity and infrastructure through government-to-government consultation, training & technical assistance (CTTA) to tribal communities. As federal agencies that are committed to developing strategic solutions for Native Americans, we are working to address specific issues of concern.

Since 2006, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Oriented Policing Services, Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, 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 (SAMHSA), Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Minority Health in the Office of the Secretary; U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Office of Native American Programs; and the Small Business Administration have worked steadily to respond to your stated needs through a series of CTTA sessions held across the country. Three sessions are scheduled for 2008, the first of which took place this March in Washington, DC. The March session focused on public health and safety, drug awareness, tribal court systems, detention facilities, multi-jurisdictional coordination and communication, sexual offender registry, and other wellness areas.

This second session will continue to emphasize justice and safety issues, while focusing specifically on health and wellness in tribal communities. Session topics include traditional treatment, family and community development, parenting, historical trauma, child protection and welfare, and behavioral health. We will 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. These individuals will share their expertise and engage participants in dialogue about best practices for tribal community capacity building.

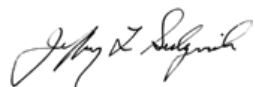
The upcoming CTTA session will be held in Billings, MT. At the request of Tribal leaders, consultation follow-up from prior sessions was necessary. Therefore, focused consultative dialogue group discussions will take place August 19, 2008. Over the remainder of the week, two previously established conferences will occur. The 2008 IHS/SAMHSA National Behavioral Health Conference and the 2nd National BIA Conference on Child Protection & Child Welfare in Indian Country will collaborate to provide training and technical assistance plenary sessions and workshops, August 20–22, 2008. DOJ/OJP will offer additional training and technical assistance workshops throughout the week included with the two national conferences.

Current DOJ/OJP grantees are eligible for funds to cover travel to and participation in these sessions. If you are not a DOJ/OJP grantee, limited scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis for your lodging and attendance. Please visit the Tribal Justice and Safety website at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov to register for upcoming sessions and find scholarship information, agenda updates, and hotel information.

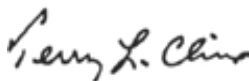
If you have any questions regarding the sessions, please contact the conference information toll-free information line at 1-866-581-2292, TDY/TDD 1-703-556-4831, or send an email to tribalconference@circlesolutions.com.

We look forward to our continued work with you to build and enhance tribal justice and public health systems in tribal communities.

Sincerely,



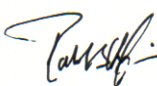
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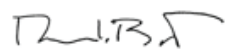
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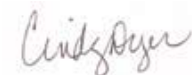
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