



***National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health Meeting Summary***  
Virtual Meeting | August 4, 2021 | 11:30am-1:00pm ET

**Attendees**

**National Tribal Advisory Committee (NTAC)**

- Jay Keel, Primary (Oklahoma Area), Diana Zirul, Primary (Alaska Area), Tara Ford, Alternate (Alaska Area), Janet Davis, Alternate (Phoenix), Cassandra Sellards Reck, Primary (Portland)

**Indian Health Service (IHS)**

- Glorinda Segay (DBH), Michele Howard (DBH), Tamara James (DBH), Chris Fore, (DBH), Shelly Carter, (DBH), Sarah Tillman, (DBH), Steven Whitehorn, (DBH), Pamela End of Horn, (DBH), Scott Zander, (DBH), Erika Salinas, (DBH), Derek Patton, (Phoenix Area), Elise Leonard, (Phoenix Area), Tom Walter, (Phoenix Area), Donna Enfield, (Bemidji Area), Teddi Penland

**National Indian Health Board (NIHB)**

- Courtney Wheeler, A.C. Locklear, Nathan Billy, Chyna Locklear

**Others**

- Candice Jimenez (Portland Area TA), Seth Green (Alaska Area TA), Darla Obi (Nisqually Indian Tribe, Self-Governance Coordinator), Alejandro Esquibel, Caitrin Shuy, Julianna Reece

**Summary:**

Five NTAC members along with IHS staff and representatives from NIHB were present during the Virtual NTAC meeting. Members reviewed the NTAC Roster and received a Legislative Updates presentation from NIHB. The remaining portion of the meeting was spent discussing updates to the NTAC on Behavioral Health Charter.

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Michele Howard, DBH Staff Analyst
  - DBH provided a welcome to new and previous NTAC members
  - NTAC members: Alaska Primary and Alternate (Diana Zirul and Tara Ford), Oklahoma Primary (Jay Keel), Phoenix Alternate (Janet Davis), and Portland Primary (Cassandra Sellards Reck)
  - New Federal Co-Chair was introduced: Dr. Glorinda Segay, DBH Director
  - NTAC Point of Contact (POC): Michele M. Howard
  - IHS and DBH Staff
  - NIHB staff
  - Others
  
- **Roster Review and Updates** – Michele Howard
  - Reviewed each NTAC Area POC's
  - Members in attendance confirmed contact information and/or provided updates
  
- **Legislative Updates** – NIHB Staff
  - The NIHB staff provided the members with a presentation on Legislative Updates.
  - The PowerPoint presentation was sent to members by NIHB staff.
  
- **Charter Review** – Dr. Tamara James, Acting DBH Deputy Director
  - Dr. James went over the Charter & asked members for input and feedback for updates.
  - Cassandra Sellards Reck
    - Requested that updates be sensitive & progressive
    - Would like to have remote as an option – virtual meetings (will be added)
    - Moving from grants to compact.
    - NTAC members are here to advocate for Tribes – Best Practice in place, want to modernize, not “mother may I.”
    - IHS didn't listen to NTAC's last recommendations
    - Having hard conversations
    - Partnership w/the Nation
    - Will continue to fight for the Tribes & push on the issues.
    - ISSDA – move to compact/contract
      - Been concerns
    - Tribes have the ability to give Tribes sovereignty that they deserve.
    - Modernize
  - Diana Zirul
    - Knowing the terms/changes to the charter (virtual/in-person meetings), will help with scheduling since some members are on Tribal Council.
    - Exchange & express concerns

- Would like a consolidated package (don't want to search through different e-mails)
    - Issue of funding, all doing the same on the admin side; admin spends more time than the service side does.
    - Want support from grants to compact.
  - Jay Keel
    - In 2018 and before then, wanted to do away w/grants;
      - Every area took comments from Tribes, NCAI voted and supported.
      - NTAC sent a letter to RADM Weahkee in September 2019.
      - Had a Face-to-Face Meeting
      - Received letter back about a year later from IHS, that recommendations were rejected.
    - Funding should be front and center
    - Change to compacting/contracting
      - Do not want grants; too competitive
  - Dr. James
    - Self Determination
    - DBH will draft the Charter for NTAC members review
    - Highlight Objective/Mission Statement
    - Will set a date to have feedback provided.
- **NTAC Tribal Chairperson Selection – NTAC Members**
  - Agenda item tabled for another meeting.
    - Must have a quorum of at least six Area Reps available for voting to take place.
- **Meeting Adjourned**