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South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations, (SD DTR)

2019 Performance Management Report

• Enhancing Tribes' Self Governance Efforts:

Social Service Programs

Background:

The SDDTR assisted the SD Department of Social Services in delivering information to all nine tribes the opportunity to assume three different social service programs that are currently operated by the state. The three programs are:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF
- Child Support Enforcement, CSE
- Child Protection Programs, CPP

Currently, only the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe has management of all three programs.[1] In an attempt to get tribal response and gauge the individual tribes' intentions or desires to assume these programs the DTR has continued to encourage tribes to engage in meaningful discussion with SD DSS and share information with them regarding the three programs.

Progress:

These attempts have resulted in the Rosebud Sioux Tribe showing interest and are in process of scheduling a meeting with SD DSS, SD DTR and Tribal Council.

Indian Health Service

Background:

The SD DTR has assisted Senior Staff in facilitating discussions with tribes, national and regional I.H.S. officials and the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board. Among other health care related issues and working proposals, the DTR has continued to encourage tribes to assume operational control of their local service units.

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[1] The SWST assumed management of these programs years ago and are currently the only tribe in the state that has exercised self-governance of all three programs. This fact comes from general knowledge of my tribe and affirmed by SD DSS.

Progress:

The DTR has continued to stay engaged with the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board and keeping current with the transition, challenges and overall reactions of tribal citizens that live on and off the reservations.

The DTR has been successful in connecting Senior Staff with national and regional I.H.S. officials regarding the Coordinated Care Agreements and other I.H.S. related discussions.

- ## Enhancing Government to Government Relationships:

Improving Community Public Safety

Background:

One of the main issues contributing to community distress is the use and distribution of methamphetamines. This year the SD DTR and the SD DPS facilitated the first ever State-Tribal Meth Summit where a multitude of information was provided to the tribes and other tribal stakeholders. Presenters from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, (SAMHSA), Administration for Native Americans, (ANA), Administration for Children and Families, (ACF) and the United States Department of Justice, (USDOJ), attended the summit and shared the wide array of federal grants available to the tribes.

Progress:

Engaging tribes with federal and state partners resulted in one tribe applying for a grant offered through the ACF. The Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe's Child Protection Program Director took the information presented at the State-Tribal Meth Summit and applied for the grant. The tribe's CPP was awarded a $500k grant; $100k/year for five years.[2]

Background:

Currently, tribal K-9 units hold B.I.A. K-9 certifications, (B.I.A. is a federal agency therefore tribal K-9's hold federal certifications). Attending the meth summit a tribal police chief asked how a tribal K-9 unit can become state certified and shared an experience where it would be helpful if tribal K-9's would be recognized by the state. Secretary Price and his DPS team shared information and invited the idea to have tribal K-9's run the state certification course and upon successful completion tribal K-9's would hold state certifications in addition to federal certification.

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[2] Micky Devine is the tribe's Child Protection Program manager and upon receiving the award letter shared the news with me and thanked the state for hosting this summit.

Progress:

Currently there are two tribal K-9 units in process of taking the state course. DTR has continually encouraged other tribes to engage with SD DPS and learn about the process and possibly schedule their K-9 units to take the state course.

Background:

Among various tribal executives and councilmembers from different tribes attending the meth summit, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe was well represented by their elected officials. Through discussion, the Rosebud Sioux elected leaders invited the Governor's office, AG's office, DPS and DTR to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to further discuss the possibilities of an MOU for cross deputation of State Highway Patrol to assist with the drug issues plaguing the tribe, and the possibility of a Joint Powers Agreement whereupon designated tribal officers would be recognized to follow up on drug cases occurring on tribal lands and landing within state jurisdiction.

Progress:

Although most of the tribal leadership completely misinterpreted the covenants of the two proposed agreements it did boost the tribe to do more than what they were currently doing to crack down on the drug issues within the tribe.

Background:

Upon seeing and hearing of the success of the first state-tribal meth summit, the Governor suggested asking one of the nine tribes to co-host a second summit. Because of the successful treatment program Rosebud operates and the resolve of a jurisdictional issue within a substantial contract between the state and tribe, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe was grateful to partner with the state to co-host this second summit. The U.S. Attorney's Office attended both summits and shared statistical data with the attendees. At the second summit the issue of charging mothers that continue drug addiction while pregnant become a hot topic. SDCL does not allow charging a mother who is abusing drugs while pregnant with child abuse, however, the U.S. Attorney's Office offered some recommendations.

Progress:

As a result of the second state-tribal meth summit the Rosebud Tribal Police department wants to keep the dialogue open and has requested to meet with SD DPS to consider other alternatives to the possible MOU and JPA.

Progress:

Tribal leaders and other key stakeholders were educated on some of the laws that can be imposed and laws that need to be strengthened; state laws, tribal laws and federal laws.

- **LEGISLATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS/INTIATIVES**

SB 126 and SB 164

Background:

Provided proposed amendment and support to SB 126. Supported SB 164.

Progress:

Officially recognizing the language of the Great Sioux Nation has strengthened state tribal relations as it shows the state truly recognizes our tribes.

The Governor and I were invited by tribal elders and a Yankton Sioux Tribe tribal councilman to participate in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's horse ride. This had a very huge impact on the tribal youth and tribal members that rode with the Governor; again, strengthening state tribal relations.

Respectfully submitted by,

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