# Bemidji Area IHS Division of Environmental Health Services Annual Report for Calendar Year 2021

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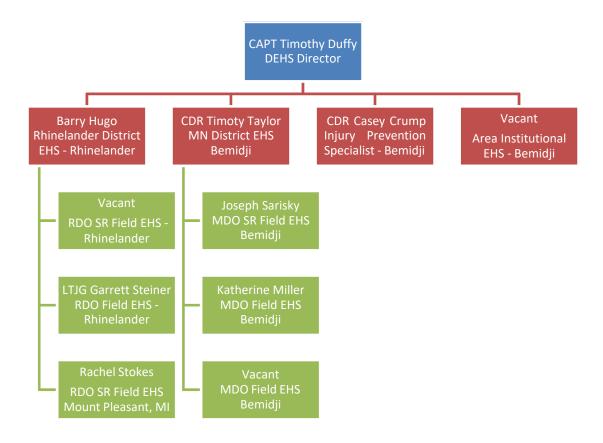




# **Section 1 Introduction:**

The Bemidji Area Indian Health Service (BAIHS)

serves 34 tribes occupying an area covering 5,183 square miles. Approximately 120,000 American Indians live within the BAIHS service area covering Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Environmental health (EH) services are directly administered through the Rhinelander District Office, Minnesota District Office, Bemidji Area Office and the 2021 addition of the Mount Pleasant Field Office. We have eleven EH staff with a range of supervisory and direct service duties and responsibilities. Our organizational structure is as follows:



### **Section 2 Workload:**

Tribal shares or associated EH funding is determined by the Resource Requirements Methodology (RRM). This is based on the inventory of defined facility types and the EH workload associated with that type; plus workload factors for injury prevention, institutional EH, and administrative activities. In CY 2021, there were a total of 1656, active RRM creditable facilities in the Area DEHS inventory (Tribal and IHS). This is an increase by 29 facilities from 2021.

The DEHS program is providing some level of services to 31 of the 34 tribes in our service area with an annual federal workload (DEHS RRM) of **34 person years**. Table 1 shows a breakdown of direct services provided at each administrative level. Direct environmental health services were provided to 23 tribes at the Area, District, and Field levels. Six tribes receive EH services at the District and Area level and one tribe is receiving services only from the Area office. Three tribes have taken all of their shares.

Table 1. Tribes and Levels of Direct DEHS Services Provided, CY 2021

Level of BAIHS DEHS Services Provided (Retained Shares)	Tribes	Number of Tribes	
Field, District, and Area	Bad River Bois Forte Fond du Lac Forest County Potawatomi Grand Portage Gun Lake Hannahville Huron Potawatomi Keweenaw Bay Lac Courte Oreilles Lac Vieux Desert Little River Band Little Traverse Bay Band Lower Sioux Mille Lacs Prairie Island Shakopee Pokagon Sokaogon/Mole Lake Stockbridge-Munsee St. Croix Upper Sioux White Earth Saginaw Chippewa	24	
District and Area	Bay Mills Lac du Flambeau Leech Lake Menominee Oneida Red Lake	6	
Area	Red Cliff	1	
No Direct EH Services	Grand Traverse Sault Ste Marie Ho-Chunk	3	
Total		34	

During CY 2021, the DEHS EHSA earmark of \$91,300 was distributed as follows: 1) \$1,000 to each of 33 tribes 2) \$45,896 was left for competitive project funding to include injury prevention and environmental sustainability. A total of \$19,000 was spent on injury prevention projects and \$26,896 went to the environmental sustainability projects.

## **Section 3 Program Elements and Services:**

Our Program provides environmental health (EH) services while ensuring a competent workforce that evaluates program effectiveness and quality services while researching best practices and innovative approaches. The following services are provided by our EHS's:

- Surveys/assessments of built environments (homes/public facilities)
- Investigations/special studies
- Samples, tests, monitoring
- Technical assistance consultation
- Training
- Policy development
- Program support

The DEHS range of services is guided by the Indian Health Manual Part 3 Chapter 11, which includes the following program elements:

- Air Quality
- Community Facilities and Institutions
- Community Injury Prevention
- Drinking Water Quality
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Sustainability
- Food Safety
- Health Care Institutions
- Healthy Housing
- Mass Gatherings and Recreation
- O&M of Sanitation Facilities
- Project Management
- Recreations Water and Water Features
- Safety Management
- Vector borne and Communicable Disease Control
- Waste Management.

The DEHS recognizes specialized services in institutional environmental health and community injury prevention. Our Institutional EH Program provides services to assist healthcare and other institutional facilities in providing a safe environment for patients, visitors, and staff. Our Injury Prevention Program strives to reduce the incidence and severity of injury among American Indians. We do this by partnering with tribes to identify local injury problems and developing and implementing evidence based interventions.

The Injury Prevention (IP) Program is led by the Area IP Specialist, CDR William Crump with collaboration and support from the DEHS team. Three Sr. Field EHS staff serve as collateral

duty Healthy Homes Coordinators while funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, Inter Agency Agreement. The Field, District and Area staffs provide IP-related, IEH and ES technical assistance to tribes while assisting them in capacity development in these programmatic areas.

Our DEHS program is focused on reducing resource depletion and preventing pollution. We look to partner with tribes in building community resilience through localizing food and energy systems. This is a priority area because scientific consensus reveals a near-future scenario in which climate change, environmental degradation, pollution, and resource depletion will significantly impact the public's health – and, the practice of environmental public health. This will become one of the greatest challenges facing the future of our DEHS program and tribal communities. DEHS staff strive to contribute to healthier environments, which translates to protecting people from their environment and a healthier population.

We have tried to capture this in our vision statement: "Through shared decision-making, we will champion the systems change necessary to create vital, healthy tribal communities by preventing environmentally related diseases and injury through a holistic practice of environmental public health"

# Section 4 Bemidji Area DEHS Accomplishments, Highlights & Goals:

# Top Accomplishments for CY 2021

- 1. In CY 2021, 100% of the healthcare facilities surveyed were using a Board Certified Medical Physicist for their performance testing. This was up from just 25% in 2014 and 80% in 2018.
- 2. Three tribes (Ho-Chunk, White Earth, and Stockbridge Munsee) received IHS Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program funding for FY 2021 through 2025 totaling \$750,000 in funds. First year accomplishments included Ho-Chunk: 30% Distracted Driving rate, 89% seat belt usage rate, and a 66% child passenger safety seat usage rate; White Earth 117 child safety seats distributed, 2 car seat checkup events, and 8 CPS technicians trained. COVID status had an effect on the outcomes planned by all three tribes since much of their work requires contact with tribal citizens.
- 3. The DEHS appointed our Sr. Field EHS staff form Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota as our healthy homes coordinators.
- 4. We have closed our year one of five with \$400K remaining in healthy homes program funding under an EPA interagency agreement.
- 5. The DEHS team closed out a prescription drug take back program that provided 18 drug disposal safes to tribal clinics, Deterra drug disposal bags, community education programs, and data tracking to determine the effectiveness of the collection program. Over 2 tons of prescription medications have been disposed of using this take back program since FY 2020.
- 6. The MDO and RDO staff completed surveys of all casino, head start, and child care centers that reopened during the pandemic.
- 7. The DEHS filled three vacancies during 2021, two District supervisory positions and one Injury Prevention Specialist.
- 8. In CY 2021, the DEHS team completed a total of 455 RRM creditable environmental health surveys on prioritized public health infrastructure (healthcare, restaurants, pools, casinos, schools, and community water, sewer and solid waste). In addition, they reached 304 people

with environmental health related training and many others with technical assistance in the form of investigations, special studies, plan reviews and policy development.

Facility Surveys: One means of monitoring and mitigating EH risk factors and hazardous conditions is through regular routine and follow-up surveys of food service programs, casinos, healthcare, childcare, recreational, and other facilities. Timely follow-up visits are conducted as needed to verify correction of deficiencies and to provide consultation and training. During CY 2021, the DEHS completed 455 environmental health assessments on active RRM creditable facilities for tribes receiving direct services. The Institutional EH Officer and the DEHS Director maintained 90% completion rate on 211 medical x-ray tubes listed in the WebEHRs database. The Minnesota District IHS, DEHS staff reported an overall priority facility survey completion rate of 60%. The Rhinelander District IHS, DEHS staff reported an overall priority facility survey completion rate of 80%. The DEHS high priority facilities are those requiring annual surveys per DEHS operating guidelines, which include: health care facilities, residential care, schools/preschools, head starts, daycare, senior centers, personal care services, bars, food warehouses, restaurants, aquatic facilities, celebration fairs and food service operations. (Facility types: 2.1, 3.1, 3.21, 8.1, 12, 22.1, 22.2, 23.1, 23.2, 33, 42, 45, 46.1, 46.2, 47, 48, 55, 58 and 80)

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Michigan Tribes Training Type:	KB	LVD	LTBB	LRB	Pokagon	Gun Lake	Bay Mills	HP	HV	SC	Total # Trained
Head Start Safety Training	15	14	6					14	12	10	61
Certified Food Manager	16									10	26
Total Number of Michigan Tribal Citizens and Employees Trained:											87

Wisconsin Tribes Training Type:	BR	LCO	SM	StC	FCP	ML	Total # Trained
Head Start Safety Training	20						20
Certified Food Manager		20		18			38
Total Number	58						

Minnesota Tribes Training Type:	BF	FDL	GP	LL	LS	ML	PI	RL	SH	US	WE	Total # Trained
Head Start Training	18	20	11	0	3	60	0	0	21	5	21	159
Housing Safety Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ServSafe Managers Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Minnesota Tribal Citizens and Employees Trained:										159		

# **Professionalism**

At the close of the 2021 calendar year, the DEHS 88% (7/8) professionally registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) / Registered Sanitarians (RS) and 88% (7/8) have a master's degree. The DEHS team has a combined 113 years (14 year avg.) environmental health experience.

### **Section 5: 2022 DEHS Goals:**

Goals are set each year to focus and improve services provided directly and indirectly to the tribes. This is based on needs identified throughout the previous year, ongoing projects/programs, facilitated planning sessions and discussions between the BAIHS Tribes and DEHS staff.

# Staffing Goal for 2022:

Goal: The DEHS program will be at least 90% staffed by the close of the 2022 calendar year. Accomplishments: in 2021, we have improved coverage and service by assigning three Environmental Health Specialists to key leadership roles at the District and Area level.

# <u>Institutional EH Program Goals for 2022:</u>

- 1. Conduct team environmental health and safety surveys and/or healthcare accreditation surveys at IHS and tribal healthcare facilities within one month of their request or upon survey due date in WebEHRs.
- 2. Maintain at least a 90% completion rate on radiation protection assessments.
- 3. Recruit and hire an Institutional Environmental Health Officer for the Bemidji Area.

### Injury Prevention Program Goals for 2022:

- 1. Development of a program guidance document to establish the framework for the Bemidji Area Injury Program. This document will be used to establish the program goals and objectives for a 5-year work plan that focuses on the prevention of both intentional and unintentional injuries.
- 2. Co-Sponsor the 2022 American Indian Life Skills (AILS) course with Bemidji Area Behavioral Health. Program will provide training to Tribal Schools to teach AILS to students in grade 6-12 to reduce suicide in Native American Youth. We expect 30 school teachers/counselors/leadership to attend this training from approximately 6 different schools.
- 3. Complete the prescription drug lock box distribution programs by end of FY22. Boxes have been distributed to tribes but verification of the installation in homes has been delayed due to COVID concerns from Tribal Elders and limited staff time.
- 4. Continue to support the three 2021-2025 Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Programs with project officer management and support.
- 5. Continue to support the annual Area Injury Prevention Project Awards by providing the marketing, awarding, technical support, and project development for proposed tribal projects.

# Minnesota District Office Goals for 2022:

- 1. Conduct at least 6 team surveys on priority facility groups (casino restaurants, bars, hotels and swimming pools) by the end of CY 2022 to allow for more interactions with tribal programs and further support and assist field staff, especially during program vacancies.
- 2. Maintain priority facility survey completion rate of at least 80% by the end of 2022.
- 3. Conduct vector surveillance near White Earth Head starts to determine deer tick prevalence and provide outreach for zoonotic disease prevention.
- 4. Increase environmental sustainability initiatives with the MN Tribes through technical support, collaboration, and funding opportunities. A minimum of two sustainability initiatives will be in place by the end of 2022.
- 5. Ensure all food service facilities receive program assistance with Active Managerial Controls (AMC) as determined by facility survey results. Results of AMC program assistance will be reported at the end of each calendar year.
- 6. Develop virtual survey protocols and training courses. Protocols and training document will be available by the end of 2022.

### Rhinelander District Office Goals for 2022:

- 1. Ensure all food service facilities receive program assistance with Active Managerial Controls (AMC) as determined by facility survey results. At least one AMC program should be initiated by each Environmental Health Specialist this year.
- 2. Solid Waste program implementation (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)
- 3. Local Food Production (Sustainability and Resiliency), ensure all tribal farms, Fish production facilities and aquaculture facilities are surveyed at least once this year.
- 4. Healthy Homes Indoor Air Quality surveys are conducted as requested.
- 5. Lead (Pb) in drinking water at tribal schools, Head Starts, and day care centers are completed this spring or as directed by Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center.
- 6. Expand the Vector Surveillance Project to focus on areas where increased risk of exposure may occur for vector-borne diseases of concern by conducting Tick Drags and mosquito collection, identification and testing, this will be done at all tribes this summer.
- 7. Continue working with tribes to establish tribal programs that include the adoption of ordinances, training of employees, and establishing enforcement programs.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

### **BOISE FORTE BAND OF CHIPPEWA**

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Performed the following Food Service Surveys: Mobile Meat Market, Lake Vermillion, Nett Lake C-Store and Deli, Sunset Steakhouse Restaurant and Bar, Gold Mine Grill, Northstar and Slots Bar, Lake Vermillion Boys and Girls Club Kitchen, Lake Vermillion ENP Kitchen, Nett Lake Pow Wow, Wilderness Bar, Banquets, Wilderness Club House Restaurant, and Nett Lake Head Start Kitchen.
- 2. Completed the following Institutional Environmental Health Surveys: Nett Lake Convention Center, Nett Lake Fitness Center, Bois Forte Maintenance Center, Lake Vermillion Community Center, Lake Vermillion Fitness Center, Fortune Bay Casino, Nett Lake and Lake Vermillion Head Starts.
- 3. Performed a team survey with MDO Engineering staff of O&M Surveys for Nett Lake and Palmquist.
- 4. Assisted Bois Forte and Nett Lake Clinics by coordinating shipments of Personal Protective Equipment and Covid 19 vaccines during the pandemic response.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe, Health Director, and programs to ensure that environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Provide technical assistance for complaints or concerns that are received relating to environmental health and safety hazards on the reservation.
- 3. Complete all annual surveys and reexamine overdue surveys.
- 4. Potentially develop a virtual inspection option for future surveys.
- 5. Initiate vector surveillance within reservation boundaries for a GIS Project.
- 6. Provide technical assistance for the Mobile Meat Processing Plant.
- 7. Provide a food safety training for Pow Wow food vendors (if Pow Wows are active).
- 8. Respond to complaints and concerns related to community safety and environmental health.
- 9. Implement a mobile hand washing unit for all food vendors at the Powwow.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

### FOND DU LAC BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed Food Service Surveys for the following facilities: Black Bear Deli, FDL Early Head Start Kitchen, FDL, Head Start Kitchen, G&G Deli, Cloquet ENP, Brookston ENP, Black Bear Event Center Food Service, Black Bear Cobalt Cabaret, Black Bear Casino Window Bar, Black Bear Golf Course Bar and Grill, Ojibwe School Summer Feeding Program, Black Bear 7 Fires Steak House, Fond du Luth Bar, Fond du Luth Snack Bar, Fond du Luth (1st floor), Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Cafeteria.
- 2. Completed the following Institutional Environmental Health Surveys: FDL Early Head Start, FDL Head Start, G&G Grocery, FDL Assisted Living Residence, Black Bear Course Shop/Clubhouse, Assisted Living Residence Kitchen, Tagwii Substance Abuse Treatment Center, FDL CAIR Clinic, FDL Min No Aya Win Clinic, Min No Aya Win Human Services Center, Minowigiwin Teen Outpatient Substance Abuse Center.
- 3. Assisted Min No Aya Win and CAIR Clinics by coordinating shipments of Personal Protective Equipment and Covid 19 vaccines during the pandemic response.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe, Health Director, and programs to ensure environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Complete all annual surveys.
- 3. Work with Tribe to assess vector related illnesses.
- 4. Offer food safety training whenever requested by the Tribe.
- 5. Continue to offer virtual-survey options when needed.
- 6. Continue to assist health care facilities with the pandemic response.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

### GRAND PORTAGE BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed the following Food Service Surveys for the following facilities: Grand Portage Head Start Kitchen, Oshki Ogimaag Charter School Kitchen, Grand Portage ENP, Grand Portage Casino Antler's Lodge, Grand Portage Island View Restaurant, Grand Portage Trading Post.
- 2. Completed the following Institutional Environmental Health Surveys: Grand Portage Head Start, Grand Portage Hollow Rock Resort, Grand Portage Casino, Grand Portage Lodge, Grand Portage RV Park, Grand Portage Marina, Grand Portage Lodge and Casino Pool, Grand Portage Community Center, Grand Portage Community Center Spa, Grand Portage Community Center Pool, Grand Portage Clinic, Grand Portage Solid Waste Transfer Station.
- 3. Assisted Grand Portage Clinic by coordinating shipments of Personal Protective Equipment and Covid 19 vaccines during the pandemic response.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe, Health Director, and programs to ensure environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Continue to assist with Sustainability Special Projects initiated.
- 3. Complete all annual surveys.
- 4. Work with Tribe to assess vector related illnesses.
- 5. Offer food safety training whenever requested by the Tribe.
- 6. Continue to assist with pandemic response where needed.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

# LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Provided technical assistance on COVID-19 related issues and sent out pertinent information regarding the pandemic and guidance documents.
- 2. Responded to Tribal inquiries and provided technical assistance upon request.

- 1. Continue to provide technical assistance to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal programs and entities.
- 2. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribal environmental health specialist to ensure the environmental health and safety services within the Tribe are met.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

### LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Made Tribal Connections with Lower Sioux in June 2021.
- 2. Completed an institutional survey of the Lower Sioux Clinic.
- 3. Completed food surveys for the Jackpot Junction Casino (Sports Bar, 2 Go Snack Bar and Dacotah Exposition Center/Snack Bar).
- 4. Completed health and safety surveys for the Lower Sioux Powwow.
- 5. Delivered Tick removal Kits to Lower Sioux Clinic.
- 6. A pre-operational survey was performed for the Lower Sioux ENP.
- 7. Completed food surveys for the Jackpot Junction Casino (Caribou Coffee, Banquets, Circle Bar, ADR/Sports Bar Kitchen, Full Deck Grill, Dacotah Restaurant and C-Store).
- 8. Completed surveys for the Lower Sioux Head Start and Kitchen.
- 9. Assisted Health Center by coordinating shipments of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Covid 19 vaccines during the pandemic response.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe, Health Director, and programs to ensure that environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Provide technical assistance for complaints or concerns that are received relating to environmental health and safety hazards on the reservation.
- 3. Complete all annual surveys and reexamine overdue surveys.
- 4. Potentially develop a virtual inspection option for future surveys.
- 5. Initiate vector surveillance within reservation boundaries for a GIS Project.
- 6. Provide a food safety training for Pow Wow food vendors (if Pow Wows are active).
- 7. Implement a mobile hand washing unit for all food vendors at the Powwow.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

### MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- Completed the following Food Service surveys: Grand Casino Hinkley: Double Diamond ADR, Grand Provisions Buffet, Silver 7 Bar, South Bar, Corner Bean Coffee Shop. Grand Casino Mille Lacs: 1991 Kitchen and Bar, ADR Kitchen, Bakery and Product Kitchen, Brand Burger Bar and Restaurant, Plums Restaurant, Up North Bar, GCML Beverage Stations. Head Start Kitchens: District 1, 2, and 3 Head Start Kitchens. School Kitchens: Abinoojiiyag K-5 Kitchen, Nay Ah Shing 6-12 Kitchen. Remaining food service surveys include: Mille Lacs Annual Wacipi, 14 food vendors surveyed, Grand Market Grocery Store.
- 2. Completed the following Facility Surveys: Grand Casino Hinkley, Grand Casino Hinkley Hotel, Grand Casino Hinkley Harmony Spa, District 1,2, and 3 Head Starts, Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Grand Casino Mille Lacs Maintenance Shops, Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel, Pool, and Spa, Mille Lacs Pow Wow Grounds Survey.
- 3. Completed the following Institutional Environmental Health Surveys: Preoperational Survey for New Clinic, Dental Radiation Safety Survey, Dental Nitrous Oxide Consultation, Review of Above Table Medical X-ray Medical Physicist Report.
- 4. Provided the following pandemic response activities: Coordinated shipment of approximately 150 boxes of Abbott ID Now Test Kits, Coordinated shipment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Covid 19 Vaccines to health center.
- 5. Provided the following training to the Mille Lacs Band: Head Start Annual Training (Food Safety, Blood Borne Pathogens, Emergency Procedures, Fire Safety, Fire Extinguisher Operation, General Sanitation, Bus Safety, Playground Safety, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Prevention) Over 50 staff trained for D1, D2, and D3.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe and Health Director to ensure that environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Complete surveys of all facilities in the Mille Lacs Band Service Area.
- 3. Provide technical assistance for complaints or concerns that are received relating to environmental health and safety hazards on the reservation.
- 4. Provide food handlers training, housekeeper's training and other training pertaining to environmental health and safety topics upon request or as needed.
- 5. Promote active managerial controls for facilities that are high in violations.
- 6. Respond to complaints and concerns related to community safety and environmental health.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

### PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed the following Food Service Surveys: Spirit of the Water Dinner Cruise Boat, Tinta Wita Tipi PIIC Assisted Living Residence Kitchen, Dakota Station Deli.
- 2. Completed the following Institutional Environmental Health Surveys: Prairie Island Marina, Prairie Island Community Center, Treasure Island RV Park, Tinta Wita Tipi PIIC Assisted Living Residence, Prairie Island Dakota Station.
- 3. Assisted Prairie Island Health Center by coordinating shipments of Personal Protective Equipment and Covid 19 vaccines during the pandemic response.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe, Health Director, and programs to ensure environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Complete all annual surveys.
- 3. Offer food safety training whenever requested by the Tribe.
- 4. Assist with any pandemic-related need.
- 5. Offer additional environmental health related assistance when needed.
- 6. Continue to provide support for pandemic response.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

# RED LAKE BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed a survey of the Hospital kitchen.
- 2. Provided technical assistance on COVID-19 related issues and sent out pertinent information regarding the pandemic and guidance documents.
- 3. Responded to Tribal inquiries and provided technical assistance upon request.

- 1. Continue to provide technical assistance to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians Tribal programs and entities.
- 2. Continue to assist Red Lake Band with their environmental sustainability goals upon request.
- 3. Continue to assist the Tribal Sanitarian upon request.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

# SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX (DAKOTA) COMMUNITY

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- Completed Food Service Surveys for the following facilities: Dakota Fitness Ice Areana Concessions, Refresh Coffee and Juice Bar, Dakota Sports and Fitness Snack Bar, Mazopiya Natural Food Market and Deli, Shakopee Convenience Store and Deli, Mystic Lake Casino (Mystic Express, Bakery, Commissary, Promenade, Minnehaha, Sweet Temptations, Caribou Coffee, Steak House, Promenade Bar, DrinX Bar, Lobby Bar, Casino, Banquets Hall), Little Six Casino Restaurant, Shakopee Pow Wow Food Vendors, Playworks Kitchen, Mystic Lake Golf Course Kitchen.
- 2. Completed the following Institutional Environmental Health Surveys for the following facilities: Mystic Clinic, Dakota Clinic and Pharmacy, Wellness Center and Treadmill Pool, Dakota Fitness Pool and Spa, Shakopee Dakota Sports and Fitness Center, Playworks, Mystic Lake Laundry, Mystic Lake Convention Center, Shakopee Public Works and Maintenance Halls, Hocokata Ti Cultural Center.
- 3. Distributed tick removal kits to Mystic Lake Clinic.
- 4. Assisted Mystic Lake Clinic in the pandemic response by coordinating shipments of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Covid 19 vaccines.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe, Health Director, and programs to ensure that environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Provide technical assistance for complaints or concerns that are received relating to environmental health and safety hazards on the reservation.
- 3. Complete all annual surveys and reexamine overdue surveys.
- 4. Potentially develop a virtual inspection option for future surveys.
- 5. Initiate vector surveillance within reservation boundaries for a GIS Project.
- 6. Provide a food safety training for Pow Wow food vendors (if Pow Wows are active).
- 7. Respond to complaints and concerns related to community safety and environmental Health.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

### **UPPER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY**

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Made Tribal Connections with Upper Sioux in July 2021.
- 2. Delivered Tick removal Kits to Upper Sioux Clinic.
- 3. Completed institutional and food surveys for Prairie's Edge Casino (Casino, Convention Center, Firefly Lounge, Meadows Restaurant, Prairie Tap House, Wotapi Deli, Hotel, Pool, Spa and Splash Pool).
- 4. Completed an institutional survey for the Prairie View RV Park.
- 5. Completed a food sanitation survey for the Upper Sioux ENP Kitchen.
- 6. Completed health and safety surveys for the Upper Sioux Powwow.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe, Health Director, and programs to ensure that environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Provide technical assistance for complaints or concerns that are received relating to environmental health and safety hazards on the reservation.
- 3. Complete all annual surveys and reexamine overdue surveys.
- 4. Potentially develop a virtual inspection option for future surveys.
- 5. Initiate vector surveillance within reservation boundaries for a GIS Project.
- 6. Provide a food safety training for Pow Wow food vendors (if Pow Wows are active).
- 7. Provide food handlers training and other training pertaining to environmental health and safety topics upon request or as needed.
- 8. Assist the Upper Sioux Office of the Environment to work on sustainability strategies and projects that could fit into their community to benefit the health and environmental impacts on the Tribe.
- 9. Implement a mobile hand washing unit for all food vendors at the Powwow.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

### WHITE EARTH NATION

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed Food Service Surveys for the following facilities: White Earth Energy Nation, Harvest Fest Pow Wow, White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension Services Building Kitchen, White Earth Tribal and Community College Kitchen, Rice Lake ENP, Elbow Lake ENP, Naytahwaush ENP, White Earth ENP, Pine Point ENP, White Earth Powwow, Pine Point School Kitchen, Circle of Life Academy Kitchen, Old Strawberry Lake Café, Shooting Star Casino-Little Dipper Grill, Shooting Star Casino-Little Dipper Bar, Strawberry Lake Store, M& W Foods, Ogema Pappy's Café, and Pizzeria EZ One Stop.
- 2. Completed Institutional Environmental Health Surveys for the following facilities: White Earth Infant/ Toddler Child Care Center, White Earth Child Care Center, St. Michael's School Day Care Center, Mahnomen Child Care and Learning Center, Naytahwaush Head Start, Mahnomen Head Start (New Building), Rice Lake Head Start, Waubun Head Start, White Earth Head Start, Pine Point Head Start, Oshki Manidoo Child Care Center, Naytahwaush Child Care Center, White Earth Child Care Center, Shooting Star Casino Bagely, and M & W Service Grocery Store White Earth.
- 3. Assisted White Earth Health Center in the pandemic response by coordinating shipments of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Covid 19 vaccines.

- 1. Continue to maintain a positive working relationship with the Tribe, Health Director, and programs to ensure environmental health and safety services are provided.
- 2. Complete all annual surveys.
- 3. Work with Tribe to assess vector related illnesses, especially around Head Start Facilities.
- 4. Offer food safety training whenever requested by the Tribe.
- 5. Continue to assist with the pandemic response as needed.

### **KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed environmental health & safety surveys for high risk facilities including; Donald A LaPointe Health & Education Center, Oshki Maaji and New Day; Ojibwa I and II Casino Food Service surveys, Head Start, Pre-primary Education Center. Performed food sanitation surveys and general celebration/campground safety surveys at Pow Wow celebration.
- 2. Provided training to 15 Child Development Center staff members on health and safety standards for child care facilities.
- 3. Provided ServSafe Foodservice Manager Certification Training and testing to 16 tribal employees. Working with Casino employees to identify a ServSafe Trainer for the tribe.
- 4. Coordinate meetings with Tribal Leaders to discuss the adoption of a KBIC Tribal Food Code.
- 5. The Fish Processing Facility was awarded the Environmental Health Sustainability grant and we consulted with the tribe on how to make tribal obtained fish available to tribal members and others.
- 6. Assisted the tribe and the area injury prevention specialist's project to get in home medication safes installed at the Elders Facility.

- 1. Assist the Tribe in establishing operation and maintenance policies for the new transfer station. This will include updating existing codes for solid waste management.
- 2. Continue to monitor closed dump sites to ensure no new waste is being deposited in the same locations.
- 3. Continue to assist the Tribe in establishing and implementing Tribal Health and Safety Ordinances such as the Food Code that will allow the Tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations.
- 4. Promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed. Discuss local issues and needs with the Behavioral Health Director, Tribal Safety Coordinators, and Tribal Environmental Health. Assist to find resources such as grant opportunities for funding.
- 5. Assist the tribe with the development and implementation of a Tribal Food Code.
- 6. Provide guidance to the tribe to construct/remodel a building for use by their tribal fishermen to use a processing facility. This facility will allow the tribe to sell fresh fish off the reservation. The facility is still under construction.
- 7. Continue monitoring the Permaculture Garden and track the updates completed by the tribe with the IHS Sustainability Grant funds they received.
- 8. Continue working with the tribal environmental departments to determine more areas to conduct tick/mosquito surveillance.

### LAC VIEUX DESERT INDIAN COMMUNITY

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed environmental health & safety surveys for high risk facilities including; The casino foodservice operations, the Pro Shop Bar, Child developments Center.
- 2. Provided technical assistance and recommendations as needed to the housing department.
- 3. Performed food sanitation surveys and general celebration/campground safety surveys at Pow Wow celebration.
- 4. Assisted the tribe and the area injury prevention specialist's project to finalize the in home medication safe installation in Elder's homes.
- 5. Completed several tick drags and did mosquito surveillance for the summer. No deer ticks were found and none of the mosquitoes tested positive for diseases of importance.

- 1. Continue to support the Tribal Clinic in meeting AAAHC accreditation for the new clinic.
- 2. Continue to respond to complaints or concerns related to community safety and environmental health.
- 3. Continue to assist the Tribe in establishing Tribal Health and Safety Ordinances that will allow the Tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations.
- 4. Promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed. Discuss local issues and needs with the Behavioral Health Director, Tribal Safety Coordinators, and Tribal Environmental Health. Assist to find resources such as grant opportunities for funding.
- 5. Work with LVD Tribal Directors, Facility Managers, and Safety Coordinator to develop a safety program for construction, operation and maintenance facilities.
- 6. Assist the Tribe with developing, implementing, and maintaining a Tribal Safety Program through policy & procedure development, creating a safety committee.
- 7. Continue vector surveillance.

### HANNAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- Completed environmental health & safety surveys for high risk facilities including; The Island resort & Casino Foodservice operations, Sweetgrass and Sage Run Golf course kitchens, Aquaponics Food Production facility, Nah Tah Wahsh School Kitchen, Head Start.
- 2. Provided technical assistance and recommendations as needed.
- 3. Conducted tick and mosquito surveillance around Pow Wow grounds and School.
- 4. Provided technical assistance to the Hannahville Aquaponics Program.
- 5. Provided 10 lockboxes to the tribal Community Health Program to be installed in the homes of Elders' for the safe storage of prescription medications.
- 6. Assisted the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by providing personal protective equipment, cleaning/disinfection products, and testing materials.
- 7. Provided mission-critical facilities (health clinic, casino, headstart/childcare facilities).

- 1. Continue to respond to complaints or concerns related to community safety and environmental health.
- 2. Continue to support the Tribal Clinic in meeting AAAHC accreditation standards.
- 3. Continue to assist and support the Tribal Head Start Program with consultation to meet the ITC Federal Review of the facility, and continue to provide annual Environmental Health and Safety training to center staff.
- 4. Promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed.
- 5. Complete the in home medication lock box project.
- 6. Assist the Tribe in establishing Tribal Health and Safety Ordinances that will allow the Tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations.
- 7. Continue to provide training support to the Island Resort & Casino as needed. In particular, train relevant Food & Beverage staff in order to have multiple Certified ServSafe Instructors/Proctors onsite.
- 8. Assist the Tribe with developing, implementing, and maintaining a Tribal Food Code.
- 9. Continue to conduct tick and mosquito surveillance in areas that see a large volume of community members during the summer months.
- 10. Continue the Hannahville Aquaculture and Greenhouse project consultation on water quality and food safety.
- 11. Assist the tribal Environmental Specialist in updating the Tribe's Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan, and conduct a waste stream analysis to provide data on the composition of what community members are throwing away.

### **SOKAOGON CHIPPEWA**

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Provided environmental health and safety services throughout the community in the areas of food protection, building plan review and safety. Facilities surveyed include the Mole Lake casino and Lodge foodservice facilities, The Elerly Complex, Transfer Station, A-Binoojii Daycare and the Purchase Referred care.
- 2. Continued to support the tribe by attending meetings to address food sovereignty goals and provide technical assistance.
- 3. Completed a survey of the Transfer station and entered the data into the SDS system.
- 4. Conducted tick drags and mosquito surveillance on tribal land.

- 1. Provide support to the Tribe's food sovereignty goals and initiatives by attending meetings held with work groups tasked with developing State level food sovereignty codes and consulting on upcoming developments in food sovereignty throughout the community.
- 2. Support the ongoing community construction projects through building plan reviews, code compliance, safety policy development, and focused surveys to ensure environmental health and safety construction standards are met.
- 3. Continue to support the Tribal Clinic in developing a health and safety program that will meet the needs of the clinic and AAAHC accreditation. This will be accomplished by providing standardized policies and training to clinic staff and by completing the annual environmental health and safety survey based on AAAHC standards.
- 4. Assist the tribe in establishing Tribal Health and Safety Ordinances that will allow the tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations. Updating the FDA Food Code will be the first ordinance proposed for revisions.
- 5. Work with the Environmental Department on implementing the integrated solid waste management plan, evaluating the solid waste curbside program, and surveying solid waste transfer station.
- 6. Assist the wastewater treatment facility with developing and successfully implementing a hazard communication program that meets OSHA's globally harmonized system requirements.
- 7. Continue vector surveillance activities.

### FOREST COUNTY POTOWATOMI

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Provided environmental health and safety services throughout the community in the areas of food protection, trainings, building plan review and safety. Facilities surveyed include, Foodservice facilities in the Carter Casino, Senior Center, Pre-school and Childcare, both Convenience Stores, and the Health & wellness Center.
- 2. Continued to assist the Tribe with pursuing the establishment of a food code.
- 3. Conducted the Solid Waste Survey at the transfer station and entered the data into the SDS system.

- Continue to support the Tribal Health and Wellness Center in maintaining AAAHC
  accreditation and in the application for Public Health Accreditation. This will be
  accomplished by providing standardized policies and training to clinic staff and by
  completing the annual environmental health and safety survey based on AAAHC
  standards.
- 2. Provide community food handler and/or manager training classes on a routine basis or as needed to ensure the community has plenty of opportunities to obtain the necessary information and credentials to protect food safety and have the tribe get a certified ServSafe Instructor and Proctor.
- 3. Continue to support the establishment and adoption of a Tribal food code.
- 4. Work with the Solid Waste Program to establish a formal safety plan and provide any required and/or requested safety trainings. The safety plan will emphasize documentation of safety activities and trainings attended by employees.
- 5. Assist the tribe in establishing tribal health and safety ordinances that will allow the tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations.
- 6. Assist the Potawatomi Casino-Carter in complying with applicable health and safety regulations. This will be completed through the completion of comprehensive environmental health and safety surveys and the annual training of staff.
- 7. Continue the vector surveillance program.

### STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE BAND - MOHICAN NATION

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed environmental health & safety surveys for high-risk facilities including the Health Center, The casino food service operations, Pine Hills Golf Course kitchen, Elderly Nutrition Program, Little Star Convenience Store.
- 2. Assisted the tribe with planning the rewriting of the Composting grant to include some equipment to haul food waste to the composting station for the Annual IHS Sustainability Grant.
- 3. Provided Tick and Mosquito surveillance at the Pow Wow Campgrounds and RV park. Deer ticks were found and sent to CDC for testing of Lyme's Disease. Supplied Tick Removal kits to the clinic for them to give to people entering the clinic.

- 1. Continue to support the Tribal Health and Wellness Center in maintaining AAAHC accreditation. This will be accomplished by providing standardized policies and training to clinic staff and by completing the annual environmental health and safety survey based on AAAHC standards.
- 2. Provide support to the Tribe's food sovereignty goals and initiatives by attending meetings held with participating work groups tasked with developing State level food sovereignty codes and consulting on upcoming developments in food sovereignty throughout the community.
- 3. Establish a community based injury prevention project based on needs determined by the Tribe and assist with efforts to implement and execute the project.
- 4. Continue to support the Tribe with updates to Chapter 56, Food Service Code.
- 5. Assist the North Star Casino in complying with applicable health and safety regulations.
- 6. Continue to work with the Occupational Health and Safety Department to develop an OSHA equivalent safety ordinance for the tribe.
- 7. Continue to assist the composting facility on maintenance and operations of the compost facility.
- 8. Expand our vector surveillance to include this area.

# MATCH-E-BE-NASH-SHE-WISH BAND OF POTTAWATOMI GUN LAKE TRIBE

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed 22 environmental health & safety surveys for high-risk facilities including healthcare and food service operations.
- 2. Continued routine food safety surveys throughout the Gun Lake Casino and surrounding properties.
- 3. Provided 15 lockboxes to the tribal Community Health program to be installed in the homes of Elders for the safe storage of prescription medications. Provided consultation to Health Center staff members throughout the process.
- 4. Provided technical assistance and recommendations to tribal programs as needed.
- 5. Performed tick and mosquito surveillance at Camp Jijak and the Luella Collins Community Center.
- 6. Assisted the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by providing personal protective equipment, cleaning/disinfection products, and testing materials.
- 7. Continued providing mission-critical facilities (health clinic, casino, headstart/childcare facilities) with catered guidance documents to improve their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

- 1. Assist the Tribe in establishing Tribal Health and Safety Ordinances that will allow the Tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations.
- 2. Promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed. Discuss local issues and needs with the Behavioral Health Director, Tribal Safety Coordinators, and Tribal Environmental Health.
- 3. Assist the Tribe with developing, implementing, and maintaining a Tribal Safety Program through policy & procedure development, creating a safety committee.
- 4. Provide plan review and development assistance for the proposed Casino Hotel and restaurant expansion, along with any other facilities being designed and constructed.
- 5. Continue to assist the health clinic in developing policies and procedures that would comply with AAAHC accreditation requirements, as a new clinic is planned.
- 6. Conduct tick and mosquito surveillance in areas that see a large volume of community members during the summer months. In particular, monitor for Eastern Equine Encephalitis in response to the local outbreak in 2019 and 2020.
- 7. Provide the tribal Environmental Department with a Model Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Program.

- 8. Conduct a comprehensive safety survey of the Gun Lake Casino adjacent properties to ensure
  - staff members are provided with a safe work environment.
- 9. Support the training needs of Gun Lake Casino staff. In particular, assist the onsite casino ServSafe instructor/proctor in getting additional staff available to conduct Certified Food Manager courses.
- 10. Complete the IHS drug lock box project by assisting CHR with the installation and administration of follow-up surveys, once the boxes are delivered.
- 11. Continue to assist the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by reviewing established policies and procuring additional supplies.

### NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed 14 environmental health & safety surveys for high-risk facilities including healthcare, educational & daycare facilities, and food service operations.
- 2. Provided technical assistance and recommendations as needed.
- 3. Performed tick and mosquito surveillance throughout the Pine Creek community.
- 4. Provided a virtual routine environmental health and safety training to staff members within both Huron Head Start facilities.
- 5. Assisted the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by providing personal protective equipment, cleaning/disinfection products, and testing materials.
- 6. Continued providing mission-critical facilities (health clinic, casino, headstart/childcare facilities) with catered guidance documents to improve their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

- 1. Assist the Tribe in establishing Tribal Health and Safety Ordinances that will allow the Tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations.
- 2. Promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed. Discuss local issues and needs with the Behavioral Health Director, Tribal Safety Coordinators, and Tribal Environmental Health.
- 3. Assist the Tribe with developing, implementing, and maintaining a Tribal Safety Program through policy & procedure development and creating a safety committee.
- 4. Continue to assist the Tribal Health Clinic with the development of safety policies and procedures. This will be geared towards obtaining accreditation with AAAHC.
- 5. Provide safety training and food safety trainings as requested by programs of the Tribe.
- 6. Consult with the tribe to determine the need for IHS to conduct annual foodservice surveys at Fire Keepers casino. A third-party inspection service is currently utilized, and casino food facilities are inspected biannually.
- 7. Conduct tick and mosquito surveillance in areas that see a large volume of community members during the summer months. In particular, monitor for Eastern Equine Encephalitis in response to the local outbreak in 2019 and 2020.
- 8. Provide the tribal Environmental Department with a Model Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Program
- 9. Continue to work with Pine Creek Environmental staff to further develop a community recycling program. In particular, conduct a waste stream assessment to determine the composition of trash thrown away by community members
- 10. Support the training needs of the community. In particular, work with tribal Safety Coordinator to get individuals trained as ServSafe Certified Food Protection Instructors/Proctors.
- 11. Continue to assist the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by reviewing established policies and procuring additional supplies.

### LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed 26 environmental health & safety surveys for high risk facilities including healthcare and food service operations.
- 2. Provided technical assistance and recommendations as needed.
- 3. Conducted tick and mosquito surveillance throughout the tribal Pow Wow Grounds
- 4. Provided a virtual routine environmental health and safety training to Next Generation Learning Center staff, including a module on COVID-19 mitigation in the classroom.
- 5. Assisted the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by providing personal protective equipment, cleaning/disinfection products, and testing materials.
- 6. Conducted multiple rapid assessments of the Little River Casino Resort and surrounding critical facilities to assess and assist in their COVID-19 planning and response.
- 7. Continued providing mission-critical facilities (health clinic, casino, headstart/childcare facilities) with catered guidance documents to improve their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.
- 8. Continued to assist the Little River Casino Resort with requested environmental monitoring to provide safe work environments for staff members.

- 1. Continue to respond to complaints or concerns related to community safety and environmental health.
- 2. Promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed.
- 3. Discuss local issues and needs with the Behavioral Health Director, Tribal Safety Coordinators, and Tribal Environmental Health and assist to find resources for funding.
- 4. Assist the Tribe in establishing Tribal Health and Safety Ordinances that will allow the Tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations.
- 5. Continue to maintain constant communication with Little River Casino risk management and provide technical assistance when needed.
- 6. Assist the Tribe with developing, implementing, and maintaining a Tribal Food Code.
- 7. Assist the tribe with plan reviews for their new casino to be built in Muskegon, MI.
- 8. Continue to conduct tick and mosquito surveillance in areas that see a large volume of community members during the summer months.
- 9. Conduct routine surveys, provide technical assistance, and assist with the implementation of a food truck, or other temporary food service program, at the tribal golf course.
- 10. Continue to provide technical assistance for the upcoming Food Distribution facility relocation.

- 11. Assist health director by conducting additional Environment of Care/Life Safety surveys in the proposed satellite clinic space, in Muskegon, MI.
- 12. Continue to support the training needs of LRCR staff and community members.
- 13. Provide the tribal Natural Resources Department with a Model Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Program.
- 14. Provide OSHA 10 and/or 30 Hour courses to casino staff members that are in need of this training.
- 15. Continue to assist the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by reviewing established policies and procuring additional supplies.

### LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND OF ODAWA INDIANS

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed 32 environmental health & safety surveys for high risk facilities including healthcare, educational & daycare facilities, and food service operations.
- 2. Provided technical assistance and recommendations as needed.
- 3. Provided a virtual routine environmental health and safety training to LTBB Head Start staff.
- 4. Coordinated between ITCMI, the State of MI, and Region 5 EPA in order to get a PFA's filtration system installed at the LTBB Head Start.
- 5. Performed tick and mosquito surveillance around the tribal Pow Wow grounds.
- 6. Assisted the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by providing personal protective equipment, cleaning/disinfection products, and testing materials.
- 7. Conducted multiple rapid assessments of the Odawa Casino & Resort and surrounding critical facilities to assess and assist in their COVID-19 planning and response.
- 8. Continued providing mission-critical facilities (health clinic, casino, headstart/childcare facilities) with catered guidance documents to improve their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

- 1. Continue to assist the Tribe in establishing a comprehensive environmental health and safety ordinance that will allow the Tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations: The tribe is in the process of adopting the 2017 FDA Food Code.
- 2. Continue to assist the Odawa Casino Resort in complying with applicable health and safety policies and regulations. This will be completed through the completion of comprehensive health and safety surveys and the training of staff.
- 3. Continue to promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed. Discuss local issues and needs with the Behavioral Health Director, Tribal Safety Coordinators, and Tribal Environmental Health.
- 4. Continue to work with the Tribe and the Head Start to get a new Head Start facility, and provide technical assistance and plan review.
- 5. Assist the Tribe with developing, implementing, and maintaining a Tribal Safety Program through policy & procedure development, creating a Tribal safety committee, and adoption of a Tribal Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance.
- 6. Continue working with the tribe to establish a safe operating farm for tribal members to utilize, assist with operating procedures for food safety, establish a food sovereignty and sustainability plan, and assist with identifying funding to operate the farm.
- 7. Continue to conduct tick and mosquito surveillance in areas that see a large volume of community members during the summer months.
- 8. Provide the tribal Natural Resources Department with a Model Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Program.
- 9. Continue to survey Minogin Market and provide technical assistance in the event this building is repurposed for fish or deer processing.
- 10. Continue to assist in the Victory Square construction projects. In particular, conduct a pre-operational survey of Boston's Pizza once operational.
- 11. Assist in the plan review for future Mackinaw City Casino expansions.
- 12. Assist casino personnel in reviewing plans for the proposed hotel and casino expansion in Petoskey, MI.
- 13. Provide OSHA 10 and/or 30 Hour courses to casino staff members that are in need of this training.
- 14. Continue to assist the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by reviewing established policies and procuring additional supplies.

### POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed 31 environmental health & safety surveys for high risk facilities including healthcare, educational & daycare facilities, and food service operations.
- 2. Provided technical assistance and recommendations as needed.
- 3. Provided technical assistance to the Interim Government Manager, and Zagbegon management, in order to plan ahead for the re-opening of Zagbegon in the Fall of 2021.
- 4. Provided a virtual routine environmental health and safety training to be used by Zagbegon staff, including a module on COVID-19 mitigation in the classroom.
- 5. Conducted tick and mosquito surveillance throughout the Dowagiac community.
- 6. Assisted the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by providing personal protective equipment, cleaning/disinfection products, and testing materials.
- 7. Continued providing mission-critical facilities (health clinic, casino, headstart/childcare facilities) with catered guidance documents to improve their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

- 1. Continue to respond to complaints or concerns related to community safety and environmental health.
- 2. Promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed. Discuss local issues and needs with the Behavioral Health Director, Tribal Safety Coordinators, and Tribal Environmental Health.
- 3. Assist the Tribe with developing, implementing, and maintaining a Tribal Safety Program through policy & procedure development, creating a safety committee.
- 4. Continue to provide technical assistance for the new casino in South Bend, Indiana. Although the main gaming facility is finished, a new hotel and casino expansion are being planned for. In addition, a small tribal village of approximately 40 homes is being planned for in this area.
- 5. Conduct tick and mosquito surveillance in areas that see a large volume of community members during the summer months. In particular, monitor for Eastern Equine Encephalitis in response to the local outbreak in 2019 and 2020.
- 6. Provide the tribal Environmental Department with a Model Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Program.
- 7. Conduct facility plan review for a new Elder Meal Hall, when plans become available.
- 8. Continue to support the training needs of Four Winds Casino staff and community members. Provide OSHA 10 and/or 30 Hour courses to casino staff members that are in need of this training.

- 9. Continue to work with the Interim Government Manager and Pokagon Emergency Response team to assist with future COVID-19 planning and mitigation.
- 10. Continue to assist the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by reviewing established policies and procuring additional supplies.

### SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Completed 100 environmental health & safety surveys for high-risk facilities including healthcare, educational & daycare facilities, and food service operations.
- 2. Provided technical assistance and recommendations as needed.
- 3. Successfully conducted baseline environmental health and safety surveys of all tribal facilities throughout the community, and updated the tribe's facility listing to include all facilities.
- 4. Provided a virtual routine environmental health and safety training to Saginaw Chippewa educational staff.
- 5. Conducted multiple environmental assessments throughout the community, including home assessment and mold surveys of community buildings.
- 6. Performed tick and mosquito surveillance around the tribal Pow Wow grounds.
- 7. Performed temporary food vendor inspections of all vendors serving at Soaring Eagle Casino concert events, and vendors serving at the annual Pow Wow.
- 8. Assisted tribal maintenance personnel in safely opening the Pow Wow grounds pool before the annual Pow wow.
- 9. Provided Soaring Eagle casino food and beverage management with ServSafe Manager training. This resulted in 8 Certified Food Managers, and 2 Certified ServSafe Instructors/Proctors so that the casino can host its own training courses in the future.
- 10. Assisted the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by providing personal protective equipment, cleaning/disinfection products, and testing materials.
- 11. Provided mission-critical facilities (health clinic, casino, headstart/childcare facilities) with catered guidance documents to improve their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

- 1. Assist the Tribe in establishing a comprehensive environmental health and safety ordinance that will allow the Tribe to ensure the protection of its members and the environment for future generations:
- 2. Continue to assist the Soaring Eagle Casino in complying with applicable health and safety policies and regulations.
- 3. Continue to promote and support injury prevention projects and assist as needed. Discuss local issues and needs with the Behavioral Health Director and Tribal Safety Coordinators.
- 4. Provide plan reviews for construction projects that will house programs covered by the DEHS.
- 5. Assist the Tribe with developing, implementing, and maintaining a Tribal Safety Program through policy & procedure development, creating a Tribal safety committee, and adoption of a Tribal Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance.
- 6. Continue to conduct tick and mosquito surveillance in areas that see a large volume of community members during the summer months.
- 7. Provide the tribal Environmental Department with a Model Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Program.
- 8. Provide OSHA 10 and/or 30 Hour courses to casino staff members that are in need of this training.
- 9. Continue to assist the Tribe in its COVID-19 response by reviewing established policies and procuring additional supplies.

### LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF OJIBWA

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Provided COVID-19 health and safety assessments at tribal clinic during the pandemic to assist in policy development and provide technical assistance. Conducted air exchange rate measurements for clinic's airborne isolation rooms to verify minimum air changes per hour requirements, ensuring safe usage for staff during pandemic, and provided initial Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) testing to identify potential gaps in environmental cleaning systems. Initial data showed a 48% pass rate of surfaces tested, with follow-up testing scheduled for CY22.
- 2. Provided a comprehensive evaluation of the LCO Clinic for mold issues. The issue was related to ongoing construction and water damage identified during demolition. The survey report titled "LCO Clinic Mold Assessment 2021.04.09" provides findings.
- 3. Provided ServSafe Food Safety Manager Training for 38 service unit tribal food operators.
- 4. Hosted and provided virtual head start training classes for more than 150 tribal program participants to meet annual head start training requirements.
- 5. Conducted annual comprehensive survey for the Sevenwinds Casino to meet gaming compact requirements, in addition to COVID-19 focused surveys and assessments for facility reopening. Provided past and ongoing guidance regarding COVID-19 positive cases and development of casino policies and procedures, in addition to participation in casino executive meetings for COVID-19 and walkthrough of gaming areas.
- 6. Assisted the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease conduct mosquito surveillance on the LCO Reservation.
- 7. Provided 11 environmental health and safety assessments of tribal facilities to include: smoke shop and gas station, boys and girls club, tribal casino and restaurant, tribal clinic, food distribution warehouse, head start, tribal housing, senior center, and grocery store.

- 1. Provide assistance to health care programs related to health care accreditation and implementing effective health care safety programs. By October 2022, assess assistance needs to include training, policy development, incident response and planning, risk assessments, mock surveys, and hazard surveillance.
- 2. Provide bloodborne pathogen, healthcare & general safety, children's environmental health, and other environmental health related trainings during 2022 to increase safety knowledge and respond to identified training needs.
- 3. Complete food service surveys for 100% of all Risk Level I & II food service establishments within the service area by December 30, 2022.

- 4. Provide at least two food manager training courses in the service area during 2022 to increase food safety knowledge and respond to identified training needs. This will include food manager and temporary food safety training courses.
- 5. Work with tribal housing partners and continue to provide requested and as needed technical assistance, training, and environmental assessments to support healthy housing needs during 2022. Work with EPA and tribal partners to conduct lead testing in tribal childcare facilities to identify sources of elevated lead if present.
- 6. Conduct follow-up ATP testing for tribal clinics and provide training, technical assistance, and policies and procedures to improve surface disinfection rates when needed.
- 7. Continue to serve as a resource to tribal programs during COVID-19 pandemic providing resources, on-site assessments, and guidance materials.
- 8. By May 31, 2022, contact special event coordinators and tribal leadership to provide information packet on food safety guidelines, Environmental Health Services, and initiate discussion about upcoming events and technical assistance needs.
- 9. Participate in Sanitary Surveys of sanitation facility systems (water, wastewater, and solid waste) with the District O&M consultant during 2022.
- 10. Assist the LCO Casino in complying with applicable health and safety regulations. This will be completed through the completion of comprehensive health and safety surveys and the annual training of staff.
- 11. Assess and reduce public health risk factors associated with vectors of disease.
- 12. In collaboration with the Area Injury Prevention Coordinator, identify needs and priority IP activities within the Service Area throughout 2022.
- 13. Provide ongoing technical assistance to tribal community and injury prevention coalitions, to include the development of goals, objectives, funding opportunities, and identifying evidence-based prevention strategies throughout 2021.

### BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Provided COVID-19 health and safety assessments at tribal clinic during the pandemic to assist in policy development and provide technical assistance. Conducted air exchange rate measurements for clinic's airborne isolation rooms to verify minimum air changes per hour requirements, ensuring safe usage for staff during pandemic.
- 2. Conducted COVID-19 targeted on-site assessments of essential tribal programs to include the health center and head start.
- 3. Hosted and provided virtual head start training classes for more than 150 tribal program participants to meet annual head start training requirements.
- 4. Conducted meeting with tribal housing department regarding meth remediation in tribal housing and conducted environmental health home assessments in collaboration with tribal housing.
- 5. During calendar year 2021, provided 11 environmental health and safety assessments of tribal facilities to include: smoke shop and gas station, boys and girls club, tribal casino and restaurant, tribal clinic, food distribution warehouse, head start, tribal housing, senior center, and the grocery store.

- 1. Provide assistance to health care programs related to health care accreditation and implementing effective health care safety programs. By December 2022, assess assistance needs to include training, policy development, incident response and planning, risk assessments, mock surveys, and hazard surveillance.
- 2. Provide bloodborne pathogen, healthcare & general safety, children's environmental health, and other environmental health related trainings during 2022 to increase safety knowledge and respond to identified training needs.
- 3. Complete food service surveys for 100% of all Risk Level I & II food service establishments within the service area by December 30, 2022.
- 4. Provide at least two food manager training courses in the service area during 2022 to increase food safety knowledge and respond to identified training needs. This will include food manager and temporary food safety training courses.
- 5. Work with tribal housing partners and continue to provide requested and as needed technical assistance, training, and environmental assessments to support healthy housing needs during 2022. Work with EPA and tribal partners to conduct lead testing in tribal childcare facilities to identify sources of elevated lead if present.
- 6. Continue to serve as a resource to tribal programs during COVID-19 pandemic providing resources, on-site assessments, and guidance materials.

- 7. Develop resources and trainings for housing programs to include: policy development; home assessments; regional trainings; grant assistance; and inspection checklists.
- 8. By May 31, 2022, contact special event coordinators and tribal leadership to provide information packet on food safety guidelines, Environmental Health Services, and initiate discussion about upcoming events and technical assistance needs.
- 9. Participate in Sanitary Surveys of sanitation facility systems (water, wastewater, and solid waste) with the District O&M consultant during 2021.
- 10. Assist the Bad River Casino in complying with applicable health and safety regulations. This will be completed through the completion of comprehensive health and safety surveys and the annual training of staff.
- 11. Assess and reduce public health risk factors associated with vectors of disease.
- 12. In collaboration with the District Injury Prevention Coordinator, identify needs and priority IP activities within the Service Area throughout 2021.
- 13. Provide ongoing technical assistance to tribal community and injury prevention coalitions, to include the development of goals, objectives, funding opportunities, and identifying evidence-based prevention strategies throughout 2022.
- 14. Provide assistance to the new Fish Processing Facility currently being built by providing ServSafe Food Service Manager Training, HACCP plan development and annual sanitary surveys.

### ST. CROIX CHIPPEWA

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021

- 1. Provided COVID-19 health and safety assessments at tribal clinic during the pandemic to assist in policy development and to provide technical assistance. Conducted air exchange rate measurements for clinic's airborne isolation rooms to verify minimum air changes per hour requirements, ensuring safe usage for staff during pandemic, and provided initial Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) testing to identify potential gaps in environmental cleaning systems. Initial data from 2020 showed a 45% pass rate and 2021 showed an improvement to 81% pass rate of surfaces tested, with follow-up testing scheduled for FY22.
- 2. Provided ServSafe Food Safety Manager Training for 18 service unit tribal food operators.
- 3. Hosted and provided virtual head start training classes for more than 150 tribal program participants to meet annual head start training requirements.
- 4. Conducted annual and COVID-19 tailored environmental health site assessments and walkthroughs for tribal casinos and hotels to ensure proper measures were in place during the pandemic. Providing guidance on developing policies and procedures, and response to COVID-19 cases within the facility. Provided recommendations for casino's policies and procedures based on federal guidelines.
- 5. Conducted COVID-19 policy review for the St. Croix tribal head start and provided guidance resources for reopening.
- 6. During calendar year 2021, provided over 12 environmental health and safety assessments of tribal facilities to include: casinos, head start, tribal clinic, convenience store, hotel, and senior center.

- 1. Provide assistance to health care programs related to health care accreditation and implementing effective health care safety programs. By April 2022, assess assistance needs to include training, policy development, incident response and planning, risk assessments, mock surveys, and hazard surveillance.
- 2. Provide bloodborne pathogen, healthcare & general safety, children's environmental health, and other environmental health related trainings during 2022 to increase safety knowledge and respond to identified training needs.
- 3. Complete food service surveys for 100% of all Risk Level I & II food service establishments within the service area by December 30, 2022.

- 4. Provide at least two food manager training courses in the service area during 2022 to increase food safety knowledge and respond to identified training needs. This will include food manager and temporary food safety training courses.
- 5. Work with tribal housing partners and continue to provide requested and as needed technical assistance, training, and environmental assessments to support healthy housing needs during 2022. Work with EPA and tribal partners to conduct lead testing in tribal childcare facilities to identify sources of elevated lead if present.
- 6. Conduct follow-up ATP testing for tribal clinics and provide training, technical assistance, and policies and procedures to improve surface disinfection rates when needed.
- 7. Continue to serve as a resource to tribal programs during COVID-19 pandemic providing resources, on-site assessments, and guidance materials.
- 8. Develop resources and trainings for housing programs to include: policy development; home assessments; regional trainings; grant assistance; and inspection checklists.
- 9. By May 31, 2022, contact special event coordinators and tribal leadership to provide information packet on food safety guidelines, Environmental Health Services, and initiate discussion about upcoming events and technical assistance needs.
- 10. Assist the St. Croix Casinos in complying with applicable health and safety regulations. This will be completed through the completion of comprehensive health and safety surveys and the annual training of staff.
- 11. Assess and reduce public health risk factors associated with vectors of disease.
- 12. In collaboration with the District Injury Prevention Coordinator, identify needs and priority IP activities within the Service Area throughout 2022.
- 13. Provide ongoing technical assistance to tribal community and injury prevention coalitions, to include the development of goals, objectives, funding opportunities, and identifying evidence-based prevention strategies throughout 2022.