

Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA)

Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee Meeting

March 28th, 2024

3:00 – 4:00 PM EST

1. Welcome and Roll Call

ACF

- Marisa Cummings
- Moushumi Beltangady

BIA

- Eugenia Tyner-Dawson

BIE

- Teresia Paul

DOJ

- Eileen Garry
- Jennifer Marsh
- Julius Dupree
- Sherriann Moore

DOI

- Babette Howe

ED

- Elyse Robertson

IHS

- Barbara Roland
- Cynthia Gunderson
- Kateri Fletcher-Sahmaunt

NIH

- Carly Marshall
- Kathy Etz

SAMHSA

- Alessia Mauro
- Brittany Barber-Alexander
- Jenna Meyer
- Kari Hearod
- Kim Beniquez
- Michelle Carnes
- Steven Whitehorn
- Tammy Liu

2. Nation Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda Update

- **Now live!** <https://www.samhsa.gov/tribal-affairs/national-tribal-behavioral-health-agenda>
- Elevating the National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda

- Main goal is to help align the strategies of the federal government, Tribes, and Tribal organizations to Tribal priorities.
- Document was developed 2014-2016, used listening sessions to compile this information. Very comprehensive and lots of work went into it.
- Grounded in evidence.
- At the center of the TBHA is the Cultural Wisdom Declaration.
- Maintained focus on collaboration.
- Worked with TTAC and internally with Office of Communications to develop landing page. Allows for easier navigation and highlights and elevates things in a much simpler way.
- Newly released data.
 - Want to update access to Tribal data (still being built out).
- Can quickly include links to new organizations.
- Recognizes current contributors, especially Chairman Garcia
- **Aligns TLOA and TBHA**
 - Work with ACF.
 - Not Invisible Act Commission recommendations.
 - HHS is currently working on response.
- **Our ask: look at the site, give us feedback about this work, what you like, what is missing, if there are resources that would be appropriate to share.**

3. Discussion of Charter and MOA

- [moa.pdf \(samhsa.gov\)](#)
- Potentially updating the MOA next year as time allows.
- Need to report on what has been accomplished and what has not been.

4. Report outs from Agencies

- (Welcome!) Cynthia Gunderson - IHS
 - Within HOPE Committee charter, specifically focusing this year on increasing access to medications for Opioid Abuse Disorder.
 - Based on recommendation from National Tribal Opioid Summit.
 - Naloxone Safety Net Pilot Project
 - limited amount of naloxone is available to support sites struggling to meet local naloxone needs.
 - Added access to drug checking equipment (xylazine and fentanyl test strips).
 - Purchased limited supply of equipment for Tribes.
 - www.ihs.gov/opioids
 - Worked with SAMHSA to identify opportunities to share messaging on available TA.
- Teresia Paul – BIE
 - New Behavioral Health and Wellness Program: <https://www.biebhwp.com/>
 - 24/7 BIE specific crisis line, virtual counseling, crisis support.
 - Services available not just to students but to staff.
 - Extended to Tribal colleges and universities that receive BIE funding, expanding past K through 12.
 - Goal is to bridge the gaps of services.
 - Model is school-based, short-term solution focused. Not designed to provide significant clinical services or medication services.

- Eugenia Tyner-Dawson - BIA
 - DOI and DOJ Joint Tribal Justice, Safety and Wellness Summit July 9th – July 11th
 - Participants are able to select the track they want.
 - Presenters and participants from this group are welcomed.
 - Not Invisible Act Commission completed all recommendations and they have been transmitted to Congress and federal agencies.
- DOJ
 - Julius Dupree
 - 2024 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review -- March 5th and 6th
 - Had some Tribes participate in a listening session which also included state and local individuals.
 - Moving forward, aims to do a national listening session on OFR (overdose fatality review).
 - Sherriann Moore, Jennifer Marsh
 - In OVW, working to address one of the findings of the Not Invisible Act Commission which is to create support and fund Healing and Response Teams (HRTs).
 - Put in request for funding FY 2025.
 - Working on generating a report of what currently exists with guidelines and principles.
 - Special initiative through Tribal Governments Program related to identifying ways to better support victim support service providers.
 - First listening sessions with Tribal Government Program grantees on April 8th and 10th.
- Marisa Cummings - ACF
 - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/priorities/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-people>
 - https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ana/TAC_MAP_FINAL.pdf
- Elyse Roberston – ED
 - ED via the TA Center NCSSE just hosted a webinar
 - [Lessons from the Field Webinar - Understanding Access and Promoting Safety: Youth and Online Drugs | National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments \(NCSSE\)](#)
 - Helped practitioners understand how counterfeit medications and illicit substances are made available online and shipped directly to homes
 - Discussed ways adults can support safer online access for students through digital wellness approaches

5. Next Steps

- Important meeting themes, takeaways, and next steps
 - Collaboration
 - Accessibility to resources
 - Tribal involvement
- Next meeting will be May 30, 2024 at 3:00 ET

6. Closing