

MINUTES
Approved by Council
Idaho Council on Indian Affairs
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
8:30 A.M.
Room WW17
Boise, Idaho

Chairman Guthrie called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.; a silent roll call was taken. Council members in attendance: Senators Jim Guthrie and Cherie Buckner-Webb; Representatives Neil Anderson and Chris Abernathy; Bobbi-Jo Meuleman, Office of the Governor; Vice Chair Ladd Edmo, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe; Ernie Stensgar, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; Shannon Wheeler, Nez Perce Tribe; Gary Aitken, Jr., Kootenai Tribe; and Ted Howard, Shoshone-Paiute Tribe. Legislative Services Office staff present were: Matt Drake and Ana Lara.

Other attendees: Tim Olson, Nez Perce Tribe; Joyce Broadsword, Department of Health and Welfare; Nicole Fitzgerald, Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance; Tyrel Stevenson, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; Tai Simpson, Nez Perce Tribe and Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence; Patty Sanchez, Idaho Board of Education; Janet Gallimore, Idaho State Historical Society; Hayden Rogers, Office of the Governor; Matt Wimmer, Department of Health and Welfare; Nicole Irwin, American Red Cross of Idaho; Melanie Flowers, Idaho Behavioral Health Planning Council; Darren Parry, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation; and Darren Williams, Nez Perce Tribe.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Chairman Guthrie welcomed the committee and invited Mr. Howard to offer the opening prayer. The council members introduced staff members in attendance. The tribal council members provided some brief commentary regarding tribal elections and other pertinent news.

Chairman Guthrie called for the approval of the October 3, 2019, minutes. **Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the October 3, 2019, minutes. Senator Buckner-Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

Medicaid Expansion Update

Chairman Guthrie recognized Matt Wimmer, Medicaid Administrator for the Department of Health and Welfare, to give a presentation regarding Medicaid Expansion. Mr. Wimmer's presentation included information such as Medicaid enrollment, waivers, and providers. Mr. Wimmer also gave a brief overview of the Medicaid Expansion website.

- Mr. Howard thanked Mr. Wimmer for exempting the tribes from the Medicaid work requirements. Mr. Howard highlighted how this exemption has helped increase health care access in his tribe.

Summary and Report on the Idaho Summit on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP)

Chairman Guthrie recognized Nicole Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance (ICDVVA), and Tai Simpson, Social Change Associate for the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (ICASDV). Ms. Fitzgerald gave an overview of the ICDVVA and its grant funding process. Ms. Simpson discussed the MMIP Summit and the its recommendations.

- Mr. Howard asked why May 5th was chosen to be the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Ms. Simpson stated that the National Indigenous Women's

Resource Center chose that date and the rest of the country followed in its footsteps. Ms. Fitzgerald added that President Donald Trump also recognized that day on a national level.

- Mr. Wheeler asked if there is data highlighting who is more susceptible to MMIP and if the data could be used to prevent this issue. Ms. Simpson responded that several factors influence this issue and underscored the importance of storied data from tribal citizens. Mr. Wheeler inquired about the grant application process. Ms. Fitzgerald explained that there are data reporting requirements and the ICDVVA is working with the Office of Victims of Crime to help tribes apply for funding.
- In response to a question (inaudible) from Mr. Stensgar, Ms. Simpson stated that jurisdictional issues affect how MMIP cases are reported. Ms. Simpson added that there is a need for better communication between different entities such as the tribes and local police departments.
- Mr. Wheeler encouraged the committee to advocate for peace officer recognition.

American Red Cross Presentation

Chairman Guthrie recognized Nicole Irwin, Regional CEO of the American Red Cross of Idaho, to give a presentation regarding the American Red Cross. Ms. Irwin gave an overview of the American Red Cross of Idaho and how it responds to certain emergencies in the state. Ms. Irwin highlighted how the American Red Cross of Idaho responds to home fires in tribal communities. Ms. Irwin encouraged the continued partnership between the American Red Cross of Idaho and the tribes.

- Mr. Wheeler asked how the American Red Cross of Idaho is alerted to an emergency situation. Ms. Irwin explained that the local county emergency manager calls the American Red Cross of Idaho to respond. Mr. Wheeler expressed his intention to discuss how the tribes can donate to the American Red Cross of Idaho.

Idaho Behavioral Health Planning Council (IBHPC) Presentation

Chairman Guthrie recognized Melanie Flowers, Membership Committee Chair of the Idaho Behavioral Health Planning Council. Ms. Flowers gave an overview of the IBHPC and encouraged the council to appoint a tribal member to the IBHPC.

- Chairman Guthrie asked if Ms. Flowers could provide more information to the committee secretary to relay to the committee later. Chairman Guthrie also encouraged Ms. Flowers to work with Bobbi-Jo Meuleman in regards to this topic.

Boa Ogoi Cultural Interpretive Center Update

Chairman Guthrie recognized Darren Parry, Chairman of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation, to give a presentation regarding the Boa Ogoi Cultural Interpretive Center. Mr. Parry stated that the project is about to break ground but is still seeking funds. Mr. Parry encouraged the State of Idaho to make a donation to the project due to its location within Idaho's borders.

- Chairman Guthrie encouraged Mr. Parry to put more information together so the Legislature can examine this request.
- In response to a question (inaudible) from Representative Anderson, Mr. Parry stated that the State of Utah provided the project a onetime fund. Mr. Parry added that, although he has reached out to Idaho legislators near the border, he expressed his willingness to present to the Idaho Legislature.

Idaho State Museum Update

Chairman Guthrie recognized Janet Gallimore, Executive Director of the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS), to give a presentation in regard to the Idaho State Museum. Ms. Gallimore gave

an overview of the companion book of exhibitions, provided data on the museum in its first year since reopening, and thanked the partners involved in the project. Ms. Gallimore also introduced ISHS staff members to the council.

- Mr. Howard thanked Ms. Gallimore for the hard work.

Council Discussion

Chairman Guthrie expressed his appreciation to those in attendance. Mr. Howard proposed that the tribes establish a tribal-state relationship with the Governor's Office and that a task force be established to focus on tribal involvement in the redistricting process.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.