

**The Community Initiative for Native American Families and Children
Woodbury County Citizen Review Panel
Annual Report - 2017**

The Community Initiative for Native American Families and Children (CINCF) meets every month at the Four Directions Community Center in Sioux City, Iowa. The Woodbury County Citizen Review Panel is part of this team. The members also attend conferences, events, and trainings throughout the year related to their work on CINCF team. The goal of CINCF is to better understand, articulate, and address issues contributing to the disproportionate and disparate number of Native American children and families involved with Department of Human Services of Woodbury County. The Woodbury County Citizen Review Panel Report is posted on the IDHS website. Members of the public can direct comments and questions to the Department or State Coordinator through this website.

Summary of Panel Activities in SFY 2016

CINCF meetings (all face-to-face meetings) were scheduled and/or held during SFY 2016/17 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) on the following dates, from 1:30pm to 4pm in Sioux City, Iowa:

Date	Presenters, Activities, and /or Topics Covered
07/2016	No meeting
08/03/2016	Presentation (Matt Walz) on the health concerns and cost of alcohol. Alcohol is linked to 7 cancers: breast, mouth, throat, liver, colon, esophagus, and larynx. By 2020 ingredients on beer must be listed on the can. Beer is high in carcinogens. In South Dakota, the 5 cent return on a can equals \$15 million/year. Cost for police, jailers, medical are estimated at \$542 million/year. June 2016 to present DHS Data: 62% placement with relatives, 40% non-ICWA
09/07/2016	Presentation: Securing Your Parental Rights-Action, Not Words: 16 enrolled with 14 graduating. Offered monthly. Service Care Provider: Met with Winnebago Health Advisory Committee to help fund the new position in Woodbury County June 2016 to present DHS Data: 71% placement with relatives, 45% non-ICWA
10/2016	No meeting.
11/02/2016	Native Foster homes: 7 new native foster homes with 5 active families and 1 in training. Service Care Provider: IA-DHS (Charles Palmer) approved a one-time \$50,000 grant to support this position in Woodbury County for 1 year. Whiteclay Summit: CINCF members attended. Topics covered included FASD, advocacy, education on malt liquor. Memorial March, 11-21 to 23, 2016: Plans reviewed to include the educational event featuring Dr Larry Byrd-FASD, Power of Illusion, the Memorial March for Lost Children, and Town Hall meeting. Presentation (Rita DeJong): BOOST program working with 14-24 years old

	<p>with juvenile record. The program helps with GED, post-secondary education, and job placement.</p> <p>June 2016 to present DHS Data: 139 self-identified cases in October. ICWA applicable children 71 with 68 non-ICWA applicable children. ICWA-relative placement was at 68% and foster care placement at 32%. Non-ICWA relative placement is 57% with foster care placement at 43%.</p>
12/07/2016	<p>Standing Rock: Frank Lamere has been present along with others from the Siouxland area</p> <p>Whiteclay: Reviewed progress on liquor licenses and benefits to defray costs.</p> <p>Service Care Provider: Winnebago Hospital has written a SA>HAS grant to support this new position. Job Description has been written and job posted.</p> <p>Jackson Recovery: One goal of CINCF was to work more closely with Jackson Recovery and the 4Directions Parent program. Jackson averaged 5-7 mothers with children. In Sanctuary, there are 5 Native women out of 24 residents.</p> <p>Memorial March: Hundreds of Native and non-Native people marched this year. Judge Tott addressed the crowd at the Courthouse. Students spoke at the Public Museum and released 114 balloons representing the 14th year of the memorial March. Matt Ohman and SHIP was presented with a start quilt.</p> <p>United Way Grant: SHIP is looking at an upcoming United Way grant to help support 4 Directions Center.</p> <p>Memorialization: Tribute respect was paid for the loss of two Native leaders, Judy Yellowbank and Liz White.</p>
01/11/2017 (Met at Goodwill)	<p>Service Care Provider: Interviews begin 1-12-17</p> <p>Parenting Classes: 4 Directions begins their parenting classes at Jackson Recovery. Jackson currently serving 29 women with 40 children of which 3 are native with 8 children. CSADV also holding classes at the Center</p> <p>Whiteclay: Beer establishments must re-apply for licensure using the long form. After a 4 hour hearing, the establishments were granted their license renewals. Next steps involve preparing for the Liquor Control Commission hearing in Lincoln.</p> <p>June 2016 to present DHS Data: 130 self-identified cases in December. ICWA applicable children 65 with 65 non-ICWA applicable children. ICWA-relative placement was at 75% and foster care placement at 25%. Non-ICWA relative placement is 57% with foster care placement at 43%</p> <p>Goodwill Presentation: Diane Neri shared the free services offered at Goodwill.</p> <p>SC Schools Attendance: Concern regarding poor attendance of Native children. Jen Gomez from the SC Schools to attend next meeting. Roland Warner working on starting an Indian Club at the schools.</p>
02/01/2017 (Met at SHIP)	<p>Service care Coordinator: Val Uken hired and to start 1-30-17. Office will be at 4Directions.</p> <p>June 2016 to present DHS Data: 120 self-identified cases in January. ICWA applicable children 65 with 65 non-ICWA applicable children. ICWA-relative placement was at 75% and foster care placement at 25%. Non-ICWA relative placement is 57% with foster care placement at 43%.</p> <p>Eight Magic Keys Presentation: Members watched a video featuring a student's perspective having FASD. The 8 strategies are concrete, consistency, repetition, routine, simplicity, specific, structure, and supervision.</p> <p>Street Project: Raising funds to continue a day shelter and hiring 2 security guards.</p>

	<p>Native Foster Care: Doing recruitment training</p> <p>FASD: Dr Chasnoff doing a 2-day seminar at Briar Cliff 6-13/14, 2017</p>
03/15/2017 (Met at H-Chunk)	<p>June 2016 to present DHS Data: 126 self-identified cases in February. ICWA applicable children 51 with 75 non-ICWA applicable children. ICWA-relative placement was at 55% and foster care placement at 45%. Non-ICWA relative placement is 59% with foster care placement at 41%.</p> <p>Linking the Generations Presentation: Pam Degener talked about services with the Meskwaki Tribe. They have a book of letters from Native elders to be handed down to younger generations.</p> <p>Street Project: Day shelter at the soup kitchen will be trialed 4-3 through 4-30-17. Goal is to have the day shelter open November through April.</p> <p>Whiteclay: Attorney David Domina will represent at the 4-6/7 liquor control Commission.</p> <p>Memorial March: Scheduled 11-20/21 with workshop followed by a Town Hall meeting and the march on 11-22-17</p> <p>FASD: Possible grant with Children's Justice Initiative to diagnose FASD at local clinics.</p> <p>Drug Testing: Local hospital policies and recommendations from the State's Perinatal Standards.</p> <p>NICWA Conference: 4-2 through 5 with local CINCF members attending.</p> <p>Paper Tigers Documentary: Showing several times in April at WITCC followed by discussion on IA ACES results</p>
04/12/2017	<p>NICWA Conference: 1300 in attendance. Russell Means' son honored Frank Lamere at a ceremony dinner.</p> <p>Service Care Provider: Val Uken gave a report on the number of people utilizing the shuttle to and from Winnebago for health care. She has also initiated youth dances and a monthly parent night.</p> <p>June 2016 to present DHS Data: 126 self-identified cases in March. ICWA applicable children 50 with 76 non-ICWA applicable children. ICWA-relative placement was at 52% and foster care placement at 45%. Non-ICWA relative placement is 59% with foster care placement at 41%.</p> <p>Whiteclay: CINCF members attended the rally 3-31 in Lincoln NE along with the Commission hearing. Decision to be released 5-2-17. Licenses for the 4 bar establishments was extended to 4-30-17.</p> <p>Iowa Commission on Native American Affairs: In need of Native American representation. Roland Warner requested to be a representative.</p> <p>Memorial March: Final plans were completed for the event 11-20-23 with the workshop, Sober Indian documentary, Town Hall meeting and dinner and the march.</p>

Annual Recommendations of the Child Protection Council

Recommendations of the Panel are as follows:

1. Increase Native American foster families by 3 to a total of 10 by utilizing the Native Families for Native Children (NF4NC) grant:
 - Continuing collaboration the DHS Native unit and Iowa Kids Net recruitment efforts and the formation of a support group for Native American foster parents

- Continuing to work with the NF4NC grant for recruitment and retaining native American Foster Homes.
 - Working with BCU and NF4NC promoting Native American Foster Care classes (TIPS-MAPP).
2. Increase enrollment in “Securing Your Parental Rights” class to 30 for Fiscal year:
 - Promoting the 2-day classes in the Native community
 - Working with the University of Iowa and BCU creating to provide parent curriculums and training
 3. Continue to promote Four Directions to be the Center for much needed services for the Native American Community by:
 - Continuing to be a forerunner in the Native community.
 - Working collaboratively with the Winnebago Tribe and Indian Health Services to support Four Direction and offer health care locally.
 - Continue active participation on the Vagrancy committees
 - Holding monthly CINCF Meetings
 4. Increase the referral of parents to Fatherhood is Sacred and Motherhood Is Sacred classes that are being offered weekly.
 5. Increase the awareness of the newly developed Care Coordinator position stationed at the Four Directions Community Center.
 - Coordinate needed services to families that are not involved with the Iowa Department of Human Services and are not on Title IX. Examples of services would include assisting in locating employment, referring to alcohol and drug assessments, assisting Natives getting to and from the Winnebago IHS, etc.

Progress and Implementations of Prior Recommendations

In FY 17 a goal of the Panel was to decrease the number of Native American Children in Care in Woodbury County. Data was taken from the Iowa Department of Human Services ROM Reports using Racial Disparity: Decision Points from January 2016 through January 2017.

Racial Disparity in Western Iowa Service Area for American Indian/Alaska Native Children

The numbers below show the Disparity Rate of Native American children compared to white children in the DHS Western Service Area. The Disparity Rate for FY 2015 and 2016 are shown. The chart indicates improvements in the Disparity Rate from 2015 to 2016.

Disparity Rate

Disparity Rate in the Western Iowa Service Area	Entered Foster Care	In Foster Care	Exited Foster Care	Accepted Intake Referrals	Child Victim/Founded Report
2016	10.365	8.14	11.54	4.21	6.32
2015	12.27	9.03	8.69	5.11	8.35

The Panel continued to promote the knowledge of the Iowa ICWA laws through ongoing training locally, regionally, and nationally at the NICWA Conference. Case studies were also reviewed at CINCF meeting and members were updated through electronic communication.

Working with BCU and Native American BCU students, curriculum for foster care parents and parenting classes has been reviewed and updated. The community remains committed to increasing Native American Foster Homes as it continues to be involved in the NC4NF grant for the recruitment and retention of native Foster Homes.

Future Direction and Focus of the Woodbury County Citizen Review Panel

The future direction and focus of the Woodbury County Citizen Review Panel will consist of recruitment for Native American Foster Homes and to continue to lower the disproportionate number of Native Children in out of home care. There is currently seven Native Foster Homes in Western Iowa. To lower the disproportionate number of Native American children in Foster Care, efforts will continue with the CINCF group, NF4NC and other local initiatives.