



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Winnay Wemigwase

Date: June 3 and 4, 2015

Re: MAST Summer Meeting 2015 Oneida, Wisconsin

I attended the annual Summer Meeting of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) held on June 3rd and 4th, 2015 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I was in attendance with our Tribal Chairwoman, Regina Bentley; Tribal Council Treasurer, Marci Reyes; and, LTBB Health Director, Sharon Sierzputowski. Please see the Agenda below with my notes:

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 3 2015

12:45 p.m. Call to Order – **President Michele Stanley**
Opening Prayer - **Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director, United Tribes of MI**
Opening Remarks
Roll Call – **Executive Director, MAST, Scott Vele and Secretary Melanie Benjamin**
Elders Comments/Requests - **none**
Executive Board Comments
Adopt, Amend & Approve Agenda

Tentative Issues & Speakers:

1:00 p.m. Ernie Stevens, Jr. – Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association Update
-**Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act; NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT**
Michigan, Connecticut, OK
-**Carcieri Fix – still advocating for a clean fix**

- Gen Welfare Exclusion – advocating for them to continue to support the moratorium on audits.
- Internet Gaming – DOJ 2011 Wire Act, most people in DC are pushing prohibition of internet gaming, but everything they’re moving on doesn’t include tribes still.

2:30 p.m.

Keith Longie Director – Indian Health Services

- Renew and strength partnerships with Tribes and Urban Indian Health Programs – IHS Bemidji Area Listening session at Mystic Lake August 2015
- Can find on website all the upcoming conferences; conference calls/webinars
- Advisory Groups – TSGAC, CSCWG, BFWG, ISAC, CHS, FAAB
- Tribal Consultation Activities Summary
- 5.1 Billion Proposed Budget for 2016; 4.6 Billion was 2015 budget
- The GAO estimates that extending medicare-like rates to physician and non-hospital based services could save IHS operated facilities approx.. \$32 million, annually.
- IHS Medicare-Like Rates
- Improve the Quality of and access to care –
 - Health Information Technology
 - *Meaningful Use 2 and 3
 - *RPMS enhancements will improve patient care; HIE and PHR
 - *ICD-10 Implementation: International Classification of Diseases, transition by Oct. 2015 is mandatory across the world.
- Behavioral Health – prescription drug abuse and increase in heroin use at Tribes – Melissa Danforth, Oneida spoke about the limitations for tribes accessing grants for intervention
- Improving Patient Care (IPC)
 - Patient Centered Medical Homes
 - Plan to expand throughout IHS system
- Hospital Consortium
 - Accreditation Process
- Special Diabetes Program for Indians - \$150 million/per year, we need to advocate an increase to this annual appropriation in order to meet cost increases

3:30 p.m.

Mr. Mark Butterfield – Administrator, Eastern Woodlands HUD

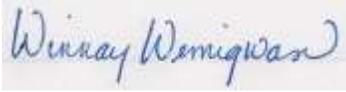
- The 6million for Mold Remediation is actually 12 million.
- Imminent threat funding available (storm damage/disasters) – to help something “not happen again.”
- VASH funding is NOW available on tribal lands (called VAT)
- Section 184

Brian Pierson – Tribal Equal Voting Act – states to provide polling places on reservations for elections. Important to establish Water Quality Standards for your tribe and Clean Air Act Provisions that are approved by the EPA in order to protect our lands from mining, mineral co.’s, etc.
Watch cases re: unions, NLRB and Michigan Tribes.

I have attached additional information/handouts that we received from the speakers and other attendees. I continue to learn a lot by attending the MAST meetings. We receive a lot of information regarding national issues and updates on what is going on in Washington, DC at these quarterly meetings. It is important for us to continue to participate in this organization.

I continue to be very grateful to be able to participate in meetings like this one. I would like to thank our Tribal Citizens for allowing me to attend these meetings, and I am humbly grateful to represent our community during my travels. Chi-miigwech!

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Winnay Wemigwase". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light gray rectangular box.

Winnay Wemigwase
Tribal Council