

INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRIBAL JUSTICE, SAFETY, & WELLNESS SESSION 11

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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OVERALL CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS SUMMARY

Number of Overall Conference Evaluations Received: 111

Attendee were asked to complete the conference evaluation form by place a circle around their rating using the scale of 5 as the most, highest, or best possible score and 1 as the least, lowest, or worst possible score.

| Key Objectives | FREQUENCY OF SCORE | | | | | AVERAGE SCORE |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. The agenda reflects topics raised or presented at past TJSW hosted tribal consultation sessions. | 1 | 2 | 23 | 43 | 29 | 3.99 |
| 2. Provide access to resources and information available on grant opportunities across federal agencies that pertain to justice, safety, and wellness issues. | 1 | 5 | 16 | 49 | 37 | 4.07 |
| 3. Bring together elected Tribal leaders and key policy decision-makers, Tribal administrators, executive directors, finance and grant administration officers, Tribal planners, grant writers, justice and law enforcement personnel, and Tribal program project coordinators and grantee officers so that individuals may share their expertise and engage participants in dialogue about best practices for Tribal community capacity building. | 3 | 4 | 28 | 38 | 37 | 3.93 |
| Event Logistics Feedback | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 4. Overall, how pleased were you with the event location? | 2 | 8 | 14 | 36 | 51 | 4.14 |
| 5. How would you rate the event properties/facilities? | 2 | 7 | 13 | 45 | 44 | 4.10 |
| 6. Were you pleased with how the event was organized? | 6 | 9 | 21 | 35 | 40 | 3.85 |
| 7. How would you rate the event program materials? | 6 | 15 | 21 | 38 | 31 | 3.66 |
| Overall Conference Feedback | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 8. Objectives were closely related to the purpose/goals. | | 4 | 12 | 72 | 21 | 4.01 |
| 9. Plenary presentations provided useful, relevant information. | 1 | 2 | 17 | 63 | 26 | 4.02 |
| 10. Workshop presentations provided useful, relevant information. | | 4 | 19 | 50 | 36 | 4.08 |
| 11. Speakers/presenters were knowledgeable and delivered well organized and interesting presentations. | | 2 | 12 | 50 | 46 | 4.27 |
| 12. Content was objective and free from undue bias. | 3 | 1 | 20 | 50 | 37 | 4.05 |
| 13. Information learned is relevant to my work. | | 4 | 11 | 55 | 41 | 4.20 |
| 14. Event was appropriate in length. | 3 | 8 | 15 | 56 | 29 | 3.90 |
| 15. I was made aware of new funding opportunities. | 2 | 7 | 21 | 47 | 33 | 3.93 |
| 16. I plan to apply for a particular grant or solicitation as a result of attending this session. | | 8 | 29 | 42 | 30 | 3.86 |
| 17. This training was planned using a "collaborative" approach. Several program offices conducted trainings, workshops or conferences throughout the week. How does the "combined conference" format rank in comparison to having separate, individual conferences over various dates at differing locations? Does the "combined" format enhance your conference experience? | | 3 | 10 | 40 | 51 | 4.34 |

Please share with us what topics you would like to see at future sessions and/or provide additional comments about the training.

- 1) More information and actually longer time for important subjects! One – overview of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. Good Stuff!! Needs to be better coordinated. Agree with concept.
- 2) No handouts provided for review – could have provided a thumb drive or CD with materials. Hopefully will be emailed, if not a waste of money on binders. Was not well organized and lack of key administrators from all departments. No clear indication that departments are committed to working together in the spirit of cooperation!
- 3) I had missed certain presentations due to time conflict. I would like to see more booths with presenters sharing more information and handouts. More professional input would be appreciated in the mental health format. I enjoyed the conference and its atmosphere.
- 4) More materials should be electronic to lessen environmental impact. More extensive advertisement to organizations in Indian Country that have access to Tribal Leaders who are probably unaware this was a consultation.
- 5) The grant writing was very informative. As an up and coming grant writer, I have better knowledge on how to complete applications, apply, and what to look out for. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to come out on scholarship (as a first timer, and last minute). Thank you.
- 6) Training of technologies to assist TRIESS in data information; communication information to assist departments who are building infrastructure to meet demands and to provide quality services to the prospective communities; build data resources for development of grant funding goals.
- 7) Winning grants had good sample work plans, budgets, etc.; financial management speaker is very knowledgeable. Could have used desk reference materials i.e., checklist, outline, etc.
- 8) I would like to see more complete financial sessions.
- 9) No training sessions had any “handouts” to distribute; this needs to be incorporated in the next session planned.
- 10) I disliked that several sessions were hosted at the same time, making it impossible for one person to attend both. Other than that, the conference was enjoyable and relevant to my needs.
- 11) The overall conference was useful and I plan to share the information with my tribe. The location was in a good area, but transportation was bad as we had to travel quite a distance.
- 12) The sessions (at least two) could have been 4 hour sessions and many didn’t have handouts. SORNA, data collection.
- 13) Need VAWA presenters to round off some of the information.
- 14) Need to give the PowerPoint material (handouts) at the next conference.
- 15) N/A, Youth. Gangs in native country.
- 16) More GONA.
- 17) The first day was useless – just a welcome and overview. Day 2 was too full; many times I wanted to attend two or three sessions at the same time. Day 3 is a waste – nothing to do with my area.
- 18) I would’ve preferred the lodging to be closer to the training facility. Please take that into consideration.
- 19) Advance notice further in travel arrangements. Did not know I was a scholarship recipient until a week before. The notification should be announced as far in advance as possible. There should be a networking room or a given option time slot specifically for network opportunities. The presenters were all great and well prepared just allow a little more time for attendees to speak or ask questions when presentations are concluded. It seemed a bit rushed. Other things to realize is some of the hotels that I reserved block were a bit dirty, small, etc. Just make sure that it is a wonderful opportunity for scholarship recipients, so fallen through by providing them with the best accommodations. Just some small minor requests/suggestions. Although the conference itself and South Dakota was a great experience! Thank you had a wonderful time in South Dakota.
- 20) Information was good for funding purposes.
- 21) I would like to see more discussion on elder abuse, social services, barriers, more social awareness problem in funding projects, state grants/tribal needs to be included as well.
- 22) Mental Health issues. FASD.
- 23) Any more information that can help us to continue learning and helping our people. I met people whom I can network with on OM projects.
- 24) More “hands on” working sessions on how to prepare a great application.
- 25) Wopila (Thank you).
- 26) Allow the presenters more time or put them on a strict time limit. The breakout sessions were good, but 3 days was not long enough to attend all the sessions. But overall I enjoy the conference very much.

- 27) More time or strict time limit. I enjoyed the sessions that I attended. The presenters were excellent. Thank you very much.
- 28) Still too much segregation from the culture with these training sessions. Most of the audience was the presenters. Trickle down is for the privileged who do not have to personally address the sub-cultures destroying our communities. NACE was GREAT. Also, problem solving utilizing courts. You are working with Indian people, yet there is still LACK of multicultural respect by not beginning sessions with prayer and song.
- 29) Adam Walsh review; more information for attorneys to represent individuals that are prosecuted in federal courts.
- 30) Training on Huffing such as what to do for – gasoline, paint thinners, etc. People who are on pain medication. More training on Methamphetamine. More information on suicide (this is a BIG problem on all Reservations). They need conference for the youth like this one I attended. This was very good.
- 31) Would have liked to see some of the topics offered again because there were so many topics that I wanted to attend, but couldn't. Need to offer coffee all day ☺. Make it mandatory for Tribal leaders to attend.
- 32) Interagency blending – where was IHS? Medical was relevant to all areas discussed – detention, mental health, substance abuse, etc. TEAMWORK – no more turfs. No enough monies available – more should focus on priorities.
- 33) More discussion on youth initiatives in regards to dating violence. What are other tribes doing or is there any model programs? Also, more information on healing and traditional ceremonies and model programs – what is working? The consultation seemed disorganized and hard to follow. It seemed that there was not enough planning and a lot of workshops were just last minute. I don't see a very well organized partnership. Also, I don't think there was much notice, therefore, a lot of leaders, etc, were unable to attend. Please give more notice at least 2 months or save the dates. Not enough law enforcements from tribes or more tips from BIA.
- 34) Eric Holder NEEDS to be present to hear our issues on juvenile justice in Indian Country.
- 35) Maybe how state government representatives be in attendance at these sessions.
- 36) DV, data collection, SPF.
- 37) Coordination within tribe in the area, culturally, out of respect for them to share their songs and prayers for openings and closings and sharing their strengths.
- 38) Thank you for the time you have put into this conference.
- 39) Could use a little more materials. More grants in the area of our training and who we represent: all areas of abuses, elders and especially the youth. I learned much; yet need to learn more to share with those who could not be here.
- 40) More awareness to Tribal/Native youth substance/alcohol abuse and cultural environment and health on reservations.
- 41) More detailed to specific program instead of general presentations and materials. I would have liked to see more elected Tribal leaders present for their input in the consultation process.
- 42) Smart office presentation didn't have enough time to cover questions and give answers, too much information in such short time!! I did gain knowledge from my attendance at this conference. Thank you!!
- 43) This training was mainly for Indian Reservations the way it was presented. For Alaskans, please have a workshop in Alaska.
- 44) Topics are fine, but the finding the rooms was confusing. I am a scholarship recipient and I was notified at the last minute so there was some confusion. The location of the hotel was so far out and we had to wait for taxis all the time. The conference itself was good, but it is just the logistics outside.
- 45) There was little to no time for networking. Busy going from workshop to workshop.
- 46) It seemed unorganized – the breakout sessions on last day should have been first day so the information and input could be ongoing for the week and then the wrap-up at the end. Poor notice to tribes – should be more publicized and sooner with more notice. Coffee set up and taken right down was a disappointment. SORNA seemed more worried about justifying selves than listening – even resistant to blanket extension because they want the power position of tribes “asking” for extensions, that's just to open dialog with tribes in submissive positions – what power those 10 people need!
- 47) Even though this was a collaborative effort, there needs to be more of a general population of the tribes. Some Tribal Leaders did not attend, but their people that are supposed to be representatives came and felt that the Tribal council people don't represent their needs – issues.
- 48) I was only here on Friday, so difficult to answer some of these questions.
- 49) More on SORNA and domestic violence.
- 50) Identify session for Tribal Leaders (policy) and Tribal administrators (practice).
- 51) I enjoyed the training

- 52) On-going construction made it very difficult to hear. I'm attending conference on a scholarship – checked in on the 16th at 9:00am with registration – I was told to come back at 1:00pm when the general session begins. I missed out on grant writing workshop that I needed to attend. Very frustrating since I traveled here from California.
- 53) The grant information presented was very valuable. Having more sessions that dealt with individual funding opportunities would be beneficial. Having tracks (breakout sessions) that highlighted difference grantee agencies and/or funding opportunities would be great. For example: having Fox Valley or Unified Solutions provide multiple sessions each individually highlighting what is available through OVC, SMART, etc. for the tribes to utilize. I strongly agree that the availability of combined conferences enhances experience. Being able to interact across the boundaries of law enforcement, social services, community programs, etc. is beneficial to understanding the comprehensive, collaborative approach to the issues. I believe that only through these collaborations will we be able to truly succeed. However, I am not sure that the combined conference works to cover so many topics in so few days. It would be great to have a longer conference – understanding that many tribes would not be able to send key staff for an extended period, perhaps a full 5 day conference, or at least 4 days would be more sufficient. Thanks for the opportunity to attend and be a participant!! I have made many contacts and gained useful information I will be able to take back to my agency!
- 54) Programs for youth or even youth involvement and exposure of this event so the youth can be represented or heard.
- 55) Put “dialogues” at beginning of conference, **NOT ATTEND!** Podium / general presentations were about 75% worthwhile, better than usual 30-50% at most conference. Length of breakouts not planned well, as some took half the time and some needed more time. If there are PowerPoint's – **PRINT THEM ALL** or flash drive them **ALL!** 3-hole punch the materials, so we can put them in the **BIG BINDER!** Get some paper plates – small. Provide ice. Provide some note pads in the binder (or insert a 50 page notebook paper packet (cheap in bulk). Provide some pens – boxes of Bic can be cheap – **DO NOT** pay for promotional pens! CDs for all – website for all. More participatory sessions – workshop oriented – like the granting writing session – **VERY HELPFUL.** It is fine to tell everyone they can do it their “own way” – but we still need some ideas, examples, and kick starts. **FANTASTIC** that **NEARLY ALL** presentations were by **INDIANS** – congratulations!
- 56) Methamphetamine awareness program because it's very much needed on our reservation.
- 57) Not many key policy decision-makers here. Top Government officials needed to be present for meaningful consultation and no need to split between consultation meeting – more listening session than consultation. All or more conference attendees needed to be in one hotel – limited interactions which are needed at these events.
- 58) Need more departments – BIA, IHS, Education, etc.
- 59) CTAS deadline is past. More time was needed for questions and feedback. Copies of all slides / presentation materials would have been great.
- 60) Additional outreach to tribal leaders needs to occur. Workgroups should be established. We discuss the lack of communication so when we are all together we should be working together. Not only do our tribal leaders need to attend, but we also need to decision and policy makers from the government and each program attend as well. Furthermore, empowerment of the tribal nations needs to occur. The oppressive nature of our society is apparent as our dependence on the federal government was apparent throughout the conference.
- 61) Put “note taking” pages in spiral notebook.
- 62) Need more handouts.
- 63) Provide paper copies of presentations. Do not read from materials already projected. Provide opportunities for Q&A during presentations; follow-ups for requests made during sessions; provide more details of topics presented to help attendees choose sessions; reduce number of sessions – have some repeats – have the facilitators talk less by way of introductions – give more time for presenters; allow interaction between participants; the opening presentation on grant-process was very well received; concurrent breakouts could have been better formatted – especially in the way the comments were recorded. As a scholarship recipient we were required to participate in two sessions and we had no paperwork provided to get signatures for showing that we attended the session. The hotel we stayed – charged a lot of money, but was just horrible!!!! (Econolodge). Please choose better ones in the future.
- 64) Better hotel facilities and coordination of scholarship recipient accommodations.
- 65) Actual help for the people and youth....!!
- 66) Some workshop needed more time. A few of the presentations provided were not prepared. Needed more information on how to apply for funding. If we are being to be away from our work have **ALL SPEAKERS BE READY!** Need topics about “children” services.
- 67) Bryan Wooden's presentation was absolutely awful, he just rambled and rambled. Some of the presentations, especially the PowerPoint presentations, failed to provide any paper copies of presentation. Having a paper copy would be very helpful to look up information and how to contact research topics presented. I was very thankful

- to see and meet so many government officials and have the opportunity to speak with them. Then “open mike” opportunity after the comprehensive Tribal planning and capacity building was excellent and should occur much more often during the upcoming Tribal Justice, Safety and Wellness sessions. As a scholarship recipient, hotel accommodations were provided: the hotel we stayed at, the Econolodge, was very, very poor. It was very dirty, the bathrooms were in disrepair – toilet rocked back and forth and hairs everywhere, spiders walking around, nothing washed down; the beds and floors were dirty – overall, I would NOT recommend this facility to future travelers. I would like to see more basic grant writing classes. Especially for those persons who have little or no prior experience in writing grants. I would like to see more law enforcement-related types of classes. I would like to see a more detailed narration of each topic heading that is listed in the daily agenda. I liked the working lunch sessions; it brought everyone together and allowed us to keep on working. When having breaks and snacks are provided, please provide paper plates for food also, please provide coffee and paper cups during the entire day.
- 68) Program manager updates for substance abuse.
 - 69) Need to have representatives from OMB and other policy makers.
 - 70) Would be nice to involve community/village tribal courts. Would like to have copies of PowerPoint presenters and speak on the subjects instead of reading off the PowerPoint sheets make copies for all the attendees. Better hotel selection and better accommodations. Also, notify communities of when these trainings will happen way in advance so that more of our entities can attend, like VPOs from the remote villages (Alaska). Also, include our Tribal administrators. Pick a month when communities are not gathering food for the winter months. YKHC Board of Directors should be invited to these trainings and AVCP Housing personnel.
 - 71) It's tough getting enough people out here. If I had known that scholarships were available more would have come and more would have gotten done. Also, more housekeeping needs to take place. Sometimes I wasn't sure how things were going to be organized.
 - 72) The Feds spend too much time justifying how they spent tax payers dollars by doing all these studies. The money should be given directly to the tribes instead. They know what's best and they pay the taxes. Indians aren't stupid. They can fix their problems if given the funds.
 - 73) Since I work with the DV, I would like to see more, but it was good to see tribes come and show what is happening in the reservation and how they are taking back their community. But overall, it was very interesting on what our people are fighting for to help communities better themselves “Thank you”.
 - 74) Treatment for child sexual abuse. More notice to Tribal Leaders – time frame needs to be longer.
 - 75) More workshops – Tribal comprehensive solicitation.
 - 76) BIA, OMB, Tribal Leaders, IHS need to be at next sessions.
 - 77) Please send information on future conferences to more than one contact at the tribe – our grants department didn't receive notice until 3 business days before this conference; maybe send notice to tribal chairs AND “grants department” that way you can fill more chairs and spread the information out to Indian Country across the nation – the information at this conference was extremely beneficial to all tribes. Also, please provide more information from Tribal Courts (include problems solving courts like drug courts etc.) in Indian Country. Megwetch! Current Tribal Court judges/staff can provide a wealth of knowledge to others. I loved this conference, but I think some topics, like grant writing and community needs assessment (among others), could use more time devoted to the topics. But since this is a conference and not a training pre se, your program was wonderful. I appreciate the opportunity to attend, especially since my tribe could not afford to send me. I now have a wealth of information to bring back with me to my tribe. Megwetch!