

## Fargo Native American Commission

12/1/2016

**Called to order:** 5:40pm, **Quorum:** 5:41pm

**Present:** Connie Longie, Sharon White Bear, Clinton Alexander, Maylynn Warne, Tanya RedRoad, John Strand

**Absent:** Guy Fox, Lenore King, Rebecca Knutson

**Also Present:** Willard Yellow Bird, Kara Gloe

**Approval of Agenda (with removal of minutes):** Motion Sharon White Bear, Second Connie Longie

**Presentation: Dr. Donald Warne, Chair and Associate Professor with the Department of Public Health at North Dakota State University presenting on Center for American Indian Trauma**

- Historical trauma, Prenatal Stress, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)
- Looking for 50-60 Native American families to participate in studies including biological samples, questionnaire regarding trauma, and screening for negative health consequences within Native American populations
- Findings could lead to health developments to reduce ACEs
- Culturally-appropriate disposal of bio samples – Center for American Indian Trauma Research would handle the samples based on the individuals' wishes and could be destroyed by burning and/or blessing them
- Confidentiality – all samples will be kept confidential. The only way to have it linked to the individual would require permission and that information would be kept in a locked box.
- Enrolling participants – Ask for volunteers through typical networks, looking for multi-generational family participants with one person living in the F-M area.
- Time frame – Proposal due middle of January, review over spring/summer, notification in fall. Earliest start date December 2017.
- Should Commissioner John Strand ask for support from City Commission/Mayor Mahoney? – Helpful, yes by the first few weeks of January Letters from Native American Commission, City Commission, and Mayor would be helpful to show they have community support – John Strand is willing to put it on the City Commission agenda and speak with the Mayor.
- Questions or concerns should be sent to Willard. He will then send them on.
- Discussion or questions – Everyone thanked Dr. Warne
- **Motion by Sharon White Bear, Second by Connie Longie:** To authorize Clinton to write a letter of support for the NDSU Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence application, and also request Commissioner John Strand to request a letter of support for the NDSU Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence application from the Fargo City Commission.
- The approval letter will be ready in the first few weeks of January 2017.

### **Committee Updates:**

*Ad hoc* – Clinton updated the Board on meeting with Barry Nelson - Clinton wants to move forward with Ad hoc committee in the framework previously approved and with the long-term approach of looking for truth, dismantling racism, and positive ways of moving forward.

*Health and Wellness* – Dr. Warne’s presentation

*Education* – Maylynn attended State of the Schools address:

- In March, there will be a measure on the ballot to increase school funding, did not pass last time, but it is important for it to pass because programs will be cut, supplemental funding for Indian Education will likely be considered for cutting. Resources offered from Fargo schools are really impressive, parents please look into this. Get word out to Native parents to get out to vote.
- Follow-up with Native American Commissioner Rebecca Knutson to find out about Natives being 3% of population figure
- Focus Group – suggestion of adding cultural acceptance to the 4 C’s and make implementation mandatory curriculum
- Parent Meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Agassiz Building – need more participation
- Indian Education funding change – Every Student Succeeds Act, Indian Education is now under Title 6, changing bylaws and will have community seats

**Announcements:**

- This Sunday religious leaders will be holding a ceremony at Standing Rock. Transportation leaving at 4:30 a.m. Barry Nelson is working on getting transportation arranged. Be ready to be self-sufficient. If interested, call Barry at 701-388-6156.
- December 9 at Red Raven – students from MSUM and Concordia will be holding a fundraiser for Standing Rock Tribe. Looking for donations for a silent auction. There will be speakers.
- Community Forum for people to share their experiences at Standing Rock and come together to find ways to move forward and heal on Wednesday, December 7 at 3 p.m. at UCC Plymouth (901 Broadway)
- Indian Education hosting Skate Night – December 6 from 6-8 p.m. at Skate City. Indian Education will pay for skating admission, one hotdog, chips, and a pop. Opportunity to have 506 form filled out. Bring tribal ID or parents/grandparents tribal ID for the form.
- Indian Education hosting Winter Gathering – December 14 from 6-8 p.m. at Fargo North High School (801 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North)
- Guy Fox will be taking over meetings in January – January’s meeting will be a retreat, no date yet.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Round Dance – will send out announcements for the planning committee. Will be New Year’s Eve. Narrowing down location.
- Ad Hoc Committee – motion made at last month’s meeting included addressing immediate needs of respite resources, and developing long-term strategy
- Tabled motion from last months’ meeting to create nominating committee – Will need to adjust bylaws to include this committee

**New Business:** No

**Public comment:** No

**Adjourn:** 6:42pm