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MONTHLY REPORT TO TRIBAL EXECUTIVES, TRIBAL COUNCIL & TRIBAL MEMBERS – NOVEMBER 2020

**Submitted by Myrna Thompson, Tribal Secretary
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Happy Holidays to the Oyate. It has been a challenging year with the Covid-19 pandemic that hit the world; including our own world here on the reservation. We have done as well as we could to protect our people considering this situation is unprecedented for us all. Sadly, we have lost loved ones to this virus. Our mission surrounding this pandemic has been to protect our people by creating policy and to enforce them as much as we can. To stop or slow the spread of this awful virus, we must: 1) Wear a mask; 2) Watch your distance; 3) Wash your hands frequently and/or use hand sanitizer; and, 4) Willingness to comply. Contrary to what some may believe, this virus is real. You don't know how real until you lost a family member because of it. We need everyone's cooperation to keep family members, all ages from the babies to the elders, as safe as possible. Please remember the incarcerated in your prayers; they are suffering behind the walls of jail and prison; this Covid-19 virus has taken their lives as well.

The Elderly Appreciation Day is scheduled for December 8th from 9:00am to 9:00pm at Dakota Magic Casino Convention Center. You must have a Players Club card and valid identification. You must wear a mask and create a distance of at least 6 feet between yourselves. For those that cannot attend, you may have someone pick up your appreciation benefit for you but they must have a note from you; have a doctor's note; or verification that you are either in isolation or quarantined (including the nursing home). There are 2,172 elders listed for the month of December 2020.

From the SWO Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise is the following information to be aware of when visiting Dakota Magic Casino for the Elderly Appreciation Day:

1. Dakota Magic Casino will not have any seating available, due to sanitation purposes.
2. Dakota Magic Casino will not have any wheelchairs available, due to sanitation purposes.
3. SWO Elders will be subject to temperature checks and will be required to wear a mask.
4. SWO Elders are encouraged to sanitize their hands upon entering the building and wearing gloves.

5. SWO Elders will be signing a waiver which states: “Participant releases and forever discharges the Activity Provider, its owners, directors, officers, employees, agents for or by reason of any injury to person or property, including injury resulting in the death of the Participant, which has been or may be sustained as a consequence of the Participant’s participation in the activity described below, and notwithstanding that such damage, loss or injury may have been caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Activity Provider.”
6. Due to capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements, each Elder will only be allowed one person to assist them.

Elderly food coupons for December 2020 have been ordered and will be processed upon receipt. Our projected dates for on-reservation food coupons distribution will be Tuesday, December 15, 2020 and Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at the Rotunda in the Tribal Administration Building. From the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm both dates. Off-reservation food cards will be mailed out starting on Thursday, December 17, 2020, until completed. Official public notice of the food coupons will come from my office and will be posted in the tribal newspaper Sota Iya Ye Yapi and Dakota Radio Station KXSW 89.9 FM.

For any Elders who prefer to have their food coupon mailed to your home, please send your self-addressed stamped envelopes to the Tribal Secretary’s Office with attention to Minerva Keoke, Elderly Coordinator.

There were twenty three (23) visitors that came to the Tribal Secretary’s Office (TSO) for the month of November; not including Program Managers, tribal staff, and/or Tribal Council. We logged in and responded to 86 phone calls. There was one complaint received this month. There were fifty-five (55) scheduled meetings with Tribal Executives, Council, Program Managers and others, including the WebEx or Zoom meetings with Administration for Children & Families; GPTCHB, Indian Health Service, and local entities; and, two (2) conference calls.

As discussed with Casey Family Foundation, the trauma informed care training that was scheduled for November 17th; has been rescheduled to a later date in 2021.

The Community Health Education hired a Covid Coordinator and two (2) wellness screeners who have begun screening the tribal employees and the general public daily. They are working hand-in-hand with the Vice-Chairman’s Covid Task Force and EMS. They are doing a good job.

I want to remind you all that the Tribal Secretary’s Office is open daily, and staff are available to assist you, including during noon for those wanting to do business during their lunch break. But please continue to call the office ahead of time so, if needed, we can direct you to the appropriate office if we can’t assist you and to prevent an unnecessary trip if it’s something we can handle over the phone. If you would like to schedule an appointment, feel free to do so. However, during this time of the surge in the Covid-19, please check in with Security; they will call our office and a staff person will come to the front to assist you. Masks are required.

Following are the reports from programs under my administrative authority:

Program Name: Tribal Health Department – Leah Fyten, Health Director

Function/Mission Statement:

To enhance and develop health management capacity and infrastructure systems by establishing mid-level management.

This report will serve as the Domestic Violence Prevention and Native Connections Report as these programs currently do not have program managers.

Executive Memorandums:

Three Tribal Executive Memorandums have been issued in November 2020 due to the rise in Covid Cases in the communities. All of the Tribal Health Programs have submitted their work plans for social distancing and rotating work schedules.

Staff Updates:

1. The DVP Program Manager position has been filled by Deatrick LaPointe. Mr. LaPointe will be starting the week of November 30, 2020.
2. The DVP Case Manager is still being advertised. The new DVP Program Manager will see to this position being filled.
3. The Native Connections Project Director has been advertised and Dr. Norman Johnson was hired on November 20, 2020.
4. The TREE Project Director was advertised for two weeks with no qualified applicants. It is now advertised open until filled. May consider changing the requirements for the position.
5. Native Connections Receptionist position interviews have been rescheduled due the Tribal Shut Downs
6. ILAUNCH is advertising for a Community Coordinator.
7. THD Administrative Assistant will be advertised in October. Applicants have been screened and are waiting for interviews.

Meetings/Conference calls:

1. The SWO Stakeholders Workgroup meet every Monday morning. The purpose of the Workgroup is to start the next SWO Five Year Health Plan.
2. The Health Director attends the WWKMHC Monday calls with Randy Jordan, CEO, Tribal Leaders, and community leaders.
3. Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center COVID19 call. These calls are scheduled every Wednesday at 11:00am. These meetings seem to be the most valuable for Tribes.
4. OMB Training on November 5, 2020. This training was virtual.
5. Monthly SAMHSA TREE GPO call on October 13, 2020. Discussion regarding position and Evaluation plan. There corrections that need to be made in ERA Commons. It was recommended that the Tribal Health Director be made Project Director until one is hired.
6. SWO Stakeholder's workgroup meeting on October 5 and 19, 2020. The purpose of the Stakeholder's Workgroup is to begin the next Five Year Health Plan. Reports were given on the Health Initiatives for the last five years.

7. Project Development Team meeting to discuss pursuing the Indian Health Service – Community Opioid Intervention Pilot Project Grant Opportunity. Mayuteca expressed an interest to writing for this grant.
8. Attended the monthly GPO call for SWO Youth and Family TREE Project. The THD is working on obtaining PI/PD status for the Project.
9. Attended the monthly GPO call for SWO Native Connections Project.

Successes:

1. Finalized and submitted the Indian Health Services grants 6th year non-competing continuation applications into Grant Solutions: MSPI/Generation Indigenous, DVPI Project, and MSPI/Mayuteca Project. Also submitted the Annual Performance Reports
2. Submitted annual reports for the SWO General Council meeting for Tribal Health Management, SWO Domestic Violence Project, and SWO Youth and Family TREE.
3. Submitted documentation for SWO Youth and Family Tree Project Director through ERA Commons.
4. Submitted revised budget for Native Connections through ERA Commons.
5. Hired a Project Director for the Native Connections Program.
6. Hired a Project Director for the DVP Project
7. The Request for Proposal is being advertised for the Feasibility Study of the new treatment center project.

Challenges:

1. Programs need a virtual platform/program for communication. The cases are going to continue to rise and staff will need to be diligent about social distancing.
2. Getting positions filled.
3. Dealing with the ongoing stress of the Covid Pandemic. I have had many discussions with staff one on one and in group meetings about physical, emotional, and mental exhaustion, insomnia, anxiety, and depression that has come from the Pandemic. I encourage my staff to take time off when needed and talk about the stressors of the pandemic and the affect it has had on them and their families. We all need to be kind to each other during these difficult times.

October Activities:

1. Get vacant positions filled.
2. Finalize the Pandemic Policy.
3. Continue with the Stakeholder's meeting for the Health Plan.
4. Continue the BHIT Team Collaborative Workgroup. This will provide a lot of change in how the BHIT Team addresses Behavioral Health Issues in the community.
5. Issue RFP with Specifications to Procurement for advertisement.
6. Continue to act as Project Director for Native Connections, TREE, and DVP until these positions are filled. This report will serve as the DVP and Native Connections report.
7. Get Four Directions and JD & C contracts renewed until the end of the year
8. Develop evaluation plans for Native Connections and Youth and Family TREE which will be approved by GPOs.

Program Name: Child Protection Program – Debra Divine, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement (what you do as a program to provide services to the community):

The purpose of the SWO Child Protection Program is to provide a tribally administered social services delivery system. Standards of child placement practices are in accordance with the standards of the State of South Dakota and the Child Welfare League of America.

The Child Protection Program offers six (6) categories of services. The following services are available through the program: child protection services, (abuse, neglect and exploitation), child placement services (foster care), adoptive services, licensing activities for adoption and foster care, parenting classes, and preventative services to families identified as “at risk”.

The goal of the Child Protection Program is to re-enforce and strengthen family values and stress management in those families experiencing dysfunction. By providing the identified services, we help such families cope successfully with stress so they are able to provide a nurturing home environment for their children. Program success is not measured by those children who are able to adjust well to out-of-home placements but by the number of parents who are able to successfully undertake the responsibility of parenthood. In this undertaking, we rely on the strengths of each other, of the extended family and of the tribe as a community concerned about our future.

Data for the month (this data should show how your services contributed to the community you serve) as follows:

The SWO Child Protection Program has legal custody of 95 children. Following is the breakdown on type of placements:

Foster Care:	39
Group Care:	12
Boarding School	04
With Parents	09
With Relatives	31

For the month, two children was returned to the legal custody of their parent(s)/caretaker.

For the month, the Child Protection Program received 43 referrals. These numbers reflect up to 02/27/2020. Following is the breakdown:

Neglect	11
Neglect/Drug	06
Physical Abuse/Drugs	02
Physical Abuse	03
Sexual Abuse	08
Infant positive for meth	01
Pregnant/Drugs	03

Truancy	07
Clothing Orders	03
Financial Assistance	07
Youth Behavior	01
Domestic Violence	01

For the month the SWO Child Protection Program received 230 ICWA notices. Sixteen (16) of these were SWO members and ICWA eligible.

For the month we had one person apply for foster care licensure.

The SWO Child Protection Program has an on-going need of recruiting and retaining foster parents, this has been a continuous challenge for not only the tribes but a statewide need. The SWO Child Protection Program along with the State of South Dakota continue its efforts in recruiting Native American foster families for those children who cannot remain in their homes due to safety risks.

The SWO Child Protection Program is in need of funding for additional staff. This would allow the client/caseworker ratio to decrease allowing for more effective case management. Our request to council has been denied, we laid off one employee effective 10/01/19. We will go through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request additional administrative funding.

Child Support Enforcement – Diana Canku, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement: Establish, modify, and enforce child support orders, collect/disburse payments, locate absent parents, and establish paternity through genetic testing.

Data for the Month:

Kimberly Craven, Attorney is getting a contract drawn up for Gina Rugierre for the Child Support judge. I will need a copy of it to send to the funding agency as soon as it is executed. I heard Gina may be resigning and am wondering how that is going to affect our department.

The Epidemic/Pandemic and Natural Disaster policies were completed and sent to HR for dissemination.

I drafted proposed changes to Chapter 21 regarding process service during a pandemic. I sent the proposed changes to the Executives, Council members, the attorney and the Chief Judge. I am waiting for a response.

Paternity testing is being conducted by appointment only.

Our department will need a copy of the new indirect cost rate proposal once that is approved. I am required to submit the new rate to the funding agency as soon as it is received by the tribe.

Court hearings were held on November 24 & 25, 2020.

Monthly calls are scheduled with our federal officials and other region 8 directors throughout this state of emergency. The most recent call was on October 22, 2020.

We continue to conduct paternity testing throughout this state of emergency. The staff wear a face mask, face shield, and rubber gloves when collecting samples from clients.

The collections are through November 30, 2020. There were 423 receipts.

Case Data:

Total Caseload:	1,517	
Caseworker:	Case Load: November	Cases Docketed: November
Jessica	296	20
Delight	209	17
Travis	231	16
Martha	207	2
Felix	261	16
Megan	313	16
Melinda (dismissals only)		0
Cases Staffed: November		Cases Closed: November
Local	18	
Interstate	12	
New cases:	30	Closed cases FY20: 104

PROGRAM NAME: Community Health Education - Audrey German, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement:

To provide community health education services in a manner that empowers Tribal members to make positive, progressive and sustained personal choices about healthy lifestyles, utilization of available health services, and prevention of chronic diseases.

Staff Update: The CHE Continuity of Operations Plan identifies all staff as essential. For November staff worked in the office, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30PM. CHE offices are located at the Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Care Center. Staff continue to follow safety protocols implemented by the Sisseton IHS which includes mandatory face masks, social distancing and documenting daily temperature and health screening questions. In addition this month staff meetings were conducted using Skype. This virtual platform is offered through the Indian Health Service. Even though we have our own office space, out of an abundance of caution, we followed the practice of Tribal Administration staff.

CHE was approved for CDC funding to assist in the COVID-19 pandemic mitigation efforts and activities in our community. Funding included positions for a COVID-19 Coordinator and two (2) Wellness Screeners. The Wellness Screeners are located at the SWO Tribal Administration Building. I am happy to report the Wellness Screeners started November 5th. Their tour of duty is Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Wellness Screeners are: Yolanda Starr-Amos and Renae Huntington. Gypsy Wanna is temporarily assigned to the COVID-19 Coordinator position until June 9, 2021.

Due to our work with the public it was requested of IHS to schedule COVID-19 Surveillance testing for CHE staff. Testing included the Wellness Screeners. This was completed on November 18th.

Prevention Education

1. Prevention activities hosted and organized this month:

- a. Facebook Live “CHE Fast Facts”: During this time of the pandemic CHE uses Facebook Live to share information with the community. These are five minute messages posted to the SWO Community Health Education Facebook Web Page. Three (3) Fast Fact segments were posted for this month.

- 11/3/20 “Types of COVID-19 Tests Available at IHS & What Determines the Test Used” There are two types of tests available at IHS, the molecular “send out test” for symptomatic and asymptomatic people and the protein detection “rapid test” used only for people showing symptoms. The anti-body test is not available at IHS.
- 11/5/20 “New Definition of Close Contact” The CDC definition of close contact changed to a cumulative duration of 15 minutes within a 24-hour period and within six feet of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. The previous definition was not a cumulative 15 minutes and so this was the point stressed during “Fast Fact.”
- 11/12/20 “Safer Thanksgiving – CDC COVID Safety Tips”
- 11/24/20 “Difference Between Isolation & Quarantine” The definition of each was explained, when an individual does one or the other and why isolation is 10 days and quarantine is 14 days.

- b. November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Plans were to made to participate in the Diabetes Center virtual conference scheduled for November 17th. The conference was cancelled due to Tribal office shutdown. Information on Diabetes and Smoking & Smoking Cessation Resources were included in the display information table at the rotunda of the Sisseton IHS.

- c. COVID-19 Preparedness & Response

For November we continued to experience a dramatic increase to the weekly positivity rate for COVID-19. The message of the 3 W’s – Wash your hands, Wear a mask & Watch your distance – remains the best way to reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19.

- Educational materials:

- Materials disseminated this month:

- 1. Brochure – “COVID-19. Positive. Now What?” was printed with 85 brochures disseminated to date. These brochures will be included with supplies distributed

to individuals isolated or quarantined as a result of testing positive or exposed to COVID-19. We are waiting for all the supplies to be received. COVID Care Kits will include: Hand gel, rubber gloves, sanitation wipes, digital oral thermometer and an oximeter along with information and a brochure. The Sisseton IHS agreed to distribute the COVID Care Kits at the time an individual tests positive for COVID-19.

2. Posters – Throughout November Community Health Education developed several posters that are being used community wide. Some of these posters include the following messages: Flu Vaccine Clinics in November, masks required, social distance, compiled wellness screening questions and a COVID-19 brochure. The Dakota Language Institute printed and laminated the documents for use. There are 15 SWO Tribal entities and Indian Health Service departments where these posters were distributed to including the following: SWO Tribal Administration Building Wellness Screeners, IHS Public Health Nursing, IHS Clinic COVID staff, Dakota Pride, Tribal C-store, SWO Homeless Shelter, SWO Warming House, SWO Elderly Nutrition Program, SWO Credit Union, SWO Diabetes and Fitness Center, SWO Food Pantry, Lake Traverse Utility Commission, SWO Behavioral Health, Dakota Crossing and Old Agency District Center. A total of 186 documents were distributed to these entities.
- CDC-RFA-OT20-2004: Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Grant. Community Health Education submitted a grant application to the CDC for the above grant. The Notice of Grant Award is for **\$352,877.00**. The purpose of the funding is for the prevention, preparedness and response to the novel coronavirus or COVID-19. Grant date is May 13, 2020 – June 9, 2021.

Gypsy Wanna was re-assigned to the position of COVID-19 Coordinator on August 16th to provide oversight of grant activities. Two (2) Wellness Screener positions were advertised and closed the end of September. Applicants were screened and one applicant will complete tribal orientation October 29th. In preparation for the Wellness Screeners standard operating procedures were drafted and approved by the Tribal Executive Committee on Wed. October 28th, PPE supplies were ordered and office furniture procured. Training for the program managers on the screening procedure was held November 4th.

d. Flu vaccine

As we enter cold and flu season we encourage community members to get vaccinated for the flu. Especially right now when there is continued community spread of COVID-19. Getting vaccinated helps to keep our immune system's strong. When you are sick with the flu your immune system is weakened. When your immune system is weakened you have a harder time fighting a more serious virus like COVID-19.

CHE promoted the November flu vaccine clinics offered by the Sisseton IHS Public Health Nurses held at the Dakota Crossing grocery store. CHE created a flyer for the dates and

times and distributed it in the community via CHE Facebook, tribal email, tribal administration building, Sota Iya Ye Yapi and KXSW Facebook page.

Tobacco Prevention/Cessation:

An information table was set up in the Sisseton IHS Rotunda to educate on several health issues. Smoking prevention/cessation and Diabetes and COVID-19. Small incentive gifts were set out in baskets as a way to draw people to the table and information. Every few days' information and incentives are restocked.

Injury Prevention Education:

Community Health will begin distributing child passenger seats soon. The car seat distribution program was suspended this past August due to the increase of COVID-19 in our community. Parents/Guardians requesting a car seat will watch an educational YouTube video, complete a quiz on-line, and pick up the car seat at the IHS Security Desk. If the car seat is for a newborn we will work with the health facility where the child is born to complete the required parent educational training.

By doing this we limit contact for the safety of staff and others. If someone needs a car seat for their child and they meet eligibility guidelines we will do our best to assist with their need.

New Initiatives:

- In the month of November Diana Hawkins created a YouTube account for CHE. This account will serve as a platform to upload educational videos the program has created such as our digital stories, videos that other tribal members have created such as wearing a mask, and any future videos we wish to create. The YouTube account will allow tribal membership and the general public to access our videos anytime, anywhere, and where ever internet is available. We also hope to upload our CHE Fast Facts on our channel as well as our car seat videos.
- Will design, print/laminate and distribute "No Smoking Signs" for the SWO Tribal Administration building. There will be one placed at each entrance.
- Staff will survey local businesses on their face mask policy for workers and patrons. The list will be compiled and shared with tribal membership as they make decisions about where they can safely shop locally.

COVID-19 COORDINATOR REPORT- Gypsy Wanna

I've been working on different avenues of educating the community about COVID-19 and the importance of wearing a mask.

I've also been working with Allison Renville. She is the Public Information Officer. I've requested her to put all the information/updates on the radio and the local tv channel as well as the SWO DARE COVID Response Facebook page.

Although the tribal administration building has implemented an employee/visitor screening process, and the Executives close "all tribal offices", there are improvements that can be made.

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe has an excellent plan so I've been using theirs and modifying it to our needs. I've sent those as separate documents.

There were four newsletters printed this month that were inserted in the Sota and the Sisseton Courier and starting this week, for the next 4-weeks is a full-page announcement about the new policy to visit the tribal building.

I realize things are so difficult because we don't have a plan. Working with the DARE Team and the ICS, we're hoping to have a better plan in place with specific guidance.

Wellness Screener Report

Two individuals were hired to complete wellness screening on employees and visitors at the Tribal Administration Building. Funding for this initiative comes from the Centers for Disease Control.

Before wellness screening was implemented at the Tribal Administration Building several things were completed:

1. Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Employee & Visitor Wellness Screening Standard Operating Procedures were drafted, adopted and approved the Tribal Executive Committee on October 28th.
2. Two eClear temperature kiosks were procured and set up on November 2nd.
3. PPE for screeners was procured and received through the Great Plains Resource Center.
4. Desk, chair & supplies were procured and are expected sometime after December 3rd.
5. Two Wellness Screeners were hired, orientated and trained. One screener started October 26th and the second started November 10th.
6. A meeting to review the adopted and approved "Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Employee & Visitor Wellness Screening Standard Operating Procedure" was held with program managers on November 4th. The meeting was scheduled for this day on the recommendation of the Security Director and Facilities Program Manager. This date was after tribal elections and during a tribal administration building shut-down. Despite these challenges and not having the virtual meeting option available or chairs set up the meeting went as planned. Ten (10) Managers attended and received information on public health and a copy of the Standard Operating Procedure. *Leaders attending were: Dr. Sherry Johnson, Breon Lake, Richard Bird, Kimberly Craven, Denise Red Horse, DelRay German, Jeremy Red Eagle, Darwin James, Chanda Joseph, and Donna Bursheim.* Manager's received laminated 11 X 17 posters with the Mask Up message. A reminder of the SOP was sent out to Program Managers and employees on November 10th and again on November 23rd.
7. Screeners started November 5th.
8. A meeting was held with Human Resource staff on November 10th to review how and where health documents and screening rosters/logs will be stored. Employee & Visitor Roster Logs must be kept in a locked file cabinet and can be shredded on a two week rotating schedule starting one month after the start of the employee screening or the week of December 7th. Employees affected by COVID-19 will have a separate *health file* to be added to their personnel file. This file will include the SWO COVID-19 Wellness Screening for SWO Employees Form, along with any documents for return to work or doctors notes that is completed by their

supervisor and submitted to HR. All documents can be shredded at the conclusion of the pandemic.

The Screeners track the number of people screened daily. For the period November 5 – 24 employees were screened on 12 days and visitors 13 days. The total number of employees screened for this period were 813 for an average of 68 employees per day. This number is deflated due to the remote work order for this time period. Total visitors screened was 1,533 or an average of 118 visitors per day. *See below table for daily totals.*

SWO Tribal Offices Closed per memos dated: 11/10/20, 11/13/20, 11/20/20							
SWO Work Remote Order per memo dated: 10/30/20							
Elderly Coupon Day							
2020 Winter General Council per memo dated: 11/20/20							
Week:		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekly Total
11/2/2020	Employee				89	74	163
	Visitor				122	105	227
	Total				211	179	390
11/9/2020	Employee	90	87	Holiday		31	208
	Visitor	105	102	0	364	109	680
	Total	195	189	0	364	140	888
11/16/2020	Employee	61	60	49	56	62	288
	Visitor	78	61	75	80	80	374
	Total	139	121	124	136	142	662
11/23/2020	Employee	72	82		Holiday/Admin Leave		154
	Visitor	62	190		0	0	252
	Total	134	272	0	0	0	406

Program Name: **Dakotah Pride Center - Richard Bird, MS, LAC, Program Manager**

Function/Mission Statement: To promote and sustain the quality of life, integrity, and empowerment of SWO Tribal Members by planning, developing and providing alcohol & drug addiction services consistent with the behavioral, physical, cultural and spiritual values of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Service Description: Dakotah Pride is a SD State accredited substance use disorder treatment program which provides alcohol & drug use disorder assessments; a 12-bed adult inpatient residential treatment program; intensive outpatient treatment program for adults; a 26-week aftercare treatment for adults; and a 10-bed transitional care halfway house for adult men and women. Other services provided by Dakotah Pride Center include; transportation for social detoxification; referral/collaboration to Mental Health Department at Indian Health Service; referral/case management for patients with co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health disorders; and a 24-hour on call counselor (742-3114).

Goals & Objectives:

GOAL: To raise the behavioral health status of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate to the highest possible level through the provision of prevention, educational, and treatment services as part of an integrated behavioral health approach to reduce the incidence of alcohol & substance use disorders by working collaboratively with medical and behavioral health providers.

Program Activities:

1. Provide intensive inpatient treatment for adults: On November 6th we completed an inpatient treatment group with 3 men and 3 women. We are anticipating starting the next group on November 29th. We have been closed as the Tribe has mandated all Tribal Offices to be closed due to the increase in Covid 19 cases in Roberts County, when that restriction is lifted we will start a new group.
2. Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services: On November 3rd we started with a group of 5 men and 1 female. They are expected to complete on December 10th.
3. Aftercare and Continuing Treatment Services: This group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00-8:00pm. The group usually has 10-12 clients in attendance.
4. Transitional & Halfway House Services: As of November 25th we have 8 clients living at the Dakota Pride Halfway House, with 5 men and 3 women.
5. Treatment Needs Evaluations: The treatment needs evaluations completed for September totals 18, with 08 females and 10 males. Diagnosis included: Alcohol Use Disorder 12; and Methamphetamine Use Disorder 08.
6. Placement & Referral to inpatient treatment services: Since October 1, 2020 we have placed a total of 26 clients using Contract Health funding. Thus far, 14 clients went to Keystone Treatment Center; 10 have been placed at Tallgrass Recovery Center and 2 clients are placed at Project Turnabout in Granite Falls, MN
7. Prenatal Empowerment Program: Dakota Gonsoir is assigned as the Case Manager for this program. She is working with 12 clients with various services, individual counseling; placement in a sober living environment; referral to treatment and insuring medical appointments are follow up.
8. SD State Accreditation Report: Dakota Pride Center Program was reviewed by the State Accreditation Team. Dakota Pride Center Program achieved a score of 83% and thus earning a 2-year certificate.
9. Staff Updates: We have an opening for a Licensed Addiction or Certified Addiction Counselor, as Ronald Hill recently retired from this position. Ronald Hill worked for Dakota Pride Center for 32 years. Due to the covid 19 virus 3 staff members are on quarantine due to being exposed to someone with the virus. They are expected to return to work on December 2, 2020.
10. New Treatment Center: The Indian Health Service awarded Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate \$218,000 to conduct a feasibility study to determine the need for a replacement treatment program to provide treatment for the increase in methamphetamine use and opioid use disorders. Monthly progress reports will be made available by the Treatment Center Feasibility Team.

PRENATAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020

Dakota Gonsoir, Case Manager, ACT

Function: The Case Manager (CM) position works primarily with pregnant women who are struggling with substance addiction.

Duties of Case Manager: 1) Addiction assessments; 2) Assist with medical applications; 3) Applications for substance abuse treatment centers; 4) Coordinate transportation for clients of off-reservation treatment centers; and, 5) May assist client or client's family members in completing applications within the court system.

Addiction Assessments/Intakes Completed: Two (2) intakes completed for Prenatal Empowerment Program. One addictions assessment completed. Three (3) referrals to Prenatal Empowerment Program.

Medical Applications: Insured necessary *Authorization for Use or Disclosure of PHI* was signed prior to coordination of care and treatment services for all clientele served.

Transportation: Ensured that transportation was arranged for Clients to and from prenatal appointments, DSS for SNAP and Medicaid applications, Dakota Crossing for household items and to Treatment CBISA classes.

Applications/Treatment Centers: Reached out to one (1) off-reservation treatment center where women can take their children with them. Purpose was to request information about their program to seek more options for Mothers.

Meetings Attended: 1) Attended weekly staff meetings at DPC, 2) Wellness Team Meeting weekly.

CM/Collaborations/Contacts: There were a total of 63 contacts (via phone calls, emails and text messages) made this month with clients, various entities/agencies; i.e., Parole Services, SWO Tribal Court, Full Circle Treatment Center, New Start Treatment Center, State Probation, Indian Health Service, Roberts County Jail, SWO Tribal Headquarters, CPS, etc. Letters were drafted to assist a client with SNAP and WIC benefits and one Court Hearing. Enrolled two pregnant moms into the Prenatal Empowerment Program. Assisted one client with paperwork for South Dakota Housing Authority.

Daily Activities/Other: There is currently one pregnant mother residing in the Prenatal Unit at the halfway house. One of my clients had her baby this month! She will be discharged from the program this month. I am a full time student at SWC and use 8.5 hours for classes, which I try to use via zoom to keep my office open to my clients. I was quarantined with my four children for two weeks.

Early Childhood Intervention Program – Charnelle Gill, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement:

The Early Childhood Intervention Program provides services to all native children ages 0-5 living on the Lake Traverse Reservation. ECIP's goal is to screen all children enrolled in our program at the appropriate age level. Refer children that show a possible delay or disability to the appropriate agency to be placed on an Individual Family Services Plan or Individual Education Plan according to age. Follow all children referred and placed on plans to provide Intervention services to the families. Provide monthly parent meetings with issues and concerns that affect parents enrolled in our program.

Services Provided:

Intervention: Due to the Pandemic interventions have been adjusted to keep staff and clients safe. Activities are made in the office, activities and supplies are packaged and distributed to families. We have increased the number of children that we serve that are in IEP's and IFS's to 65. This is the highest number of children on plans that the office has served. We are able to meet their needs at this time because we have limited services due to the pandemic. Since staff are not doing face to face, they are still able to leave activity packets and information with the families. Hygiene/household products that we receive through PWNA are distributed to families during this time. Diapers/wipes or laundry soap is given to these clients too. Once school begins, like our tribal head start, then the children attending school will no longer get regular activity packets. The concentration of activity packets will go to children that are not getting the in school education.

Tracking: Due to the Pandemic screenings are limited to on the phone or virtually. Once screenings are completed, families will get their incentive diapers dropped off at their homes.

Intakes: 15 new clients

October Parent Meeting- Virtual Parent Meeting and diaper disbursement was on Wednesday, October 21st. This is advertised through word of mouth and through the tribal radio station and social media.

Families with children on plans were given two sets of diapers to make up for their intervention visits.

Staff are back onsite to assist families. Diaper packages are being made up, along with activity and supply packages to be delivered to children that are on IEP/IFSP plans.

Next Parent meeting and diaper disbursement will be disbursed on Wednesday, November 18th, from 11am-3pm.

We are currently working with Information Technology Department in getting our ECIP Facebook page up and running. This will be our primary means of communication with our families. We are having difficulty getting this accomplished, with the pandemic there seems to be less communication with the IT department and for whatever reason the first attempt we were denied by Facebook for unknown reasons since we are unable to do this ourselves. The tribal radio station/Tom Wilson has offered their services of adding ECIP as a group onto their Facebook page. We are waiting approval from IT before this can take place.

Meetings: Staff meetings have been done through phone calls, messenger and texting. Staff are signing up for TED Talks and free webinars in the early childhood field.

Charnelle and Diane Rudolph completed the BIE's Biennial Report. This is done every two years that provides information on part C and Part B children that are enrolled in our program and receiving services, and children that are on plans, along with a future projection of what we can expect in the next two years.

1,000 Days monthly meeting, attended virtually by Charnelle Gill

We continue to work through the Pandemic in trying our best to meet our families needs. Even though we have less face to face contact with our families, we have had an increase in the number in intakes (newly enrolled children) and our diaper disbursement has nearly tripled in the amount of diapers we give out every month. October we assisted 256 children. We are still waiting for official confirmation, but due to the hard work of our ECIP staff last year, our next fiscal year's funding has gone up substantially. We hope once this pandemic passes, we can hire more staff to get caught up with our developmental screenings.

Our database is still an ongoing event. With the Pandemic, Lower Brule Community College has not been able to come onsite to download the database onto individual staff workstations.

Program Name: Tribal Education Department (TED) - Dr. Sherry Johnson

Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Education Department to provide a comprehensive network of services for quality lifelong learning.

Cares Internet Project: Continuing to process new vouchers and troubleshoot problems with current accounts. Preparing lists for the transition of internet service payment to the two tribal Schools.

Social Studies Standards: Standards are ready for Council Approval of the draft. Consultant was approved for the Disaggregate Social Studies Standards. Moving forward on Language and Culture.

Professional Tribal Certifications: The new application is completed and all certifications have been updated according to approved Board of Regents guidance. Procedures/Protocols still need to be written.

Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation:

- Continued interest in the program, having more phone calls and more people requesting applications.
- Have started to get some referrals from various Tribal programs and the local schools. Applications provided to them to hand out to the students and consumers.
- Continued advertising in the Sota.
- Have started a collaboration with Arizona University their AVIRTEC department that specializes in training and guidance to be compliant in the grant process.
- Staff have been participating in a 10 week course from Northwest Indian University and are close to completion of current training for TVR certification.
- Currently have six consumers and one consumer that we are awaiting for medical records to determine eligibility.
- Talks with South Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation on collaborating and starting a MOU between our agencies to help with cross consumer assistance/services.

Head Start Program: Alexandria Fancher's request for lateral transfer was approved for the Head Start Director.

The Wiyukcan ka Ecuipi (WE) project: Completion of reports. Attending the webex's for the new requirements. Advertising for the new staff person.

NIHB Grant: Project was funded for barriers to the school.

Dakotah Language Yukini Grant Project: Funding has been secured and we are bringing on Leslie Heminger whom was hired for the position prior to COVID.

Research: LRRB meetings are continuing. Monitoring of all research project continuing.

JOM: Continuing with processing requests as needed. Shania DuMarce, Classroom Aide, is in Westside and doing well. The Waubay JOM office was closed.

Other: I attended – mostly virtual

- Great Plains Tribal Education Department Zoom meeting
- Three ACTS meetings
- Two TZ School Board
- Enemy Swim Day School Board meeting
- BIE training Title Programs
- Healthy Living class 3
- Stakeholder meeting 3
- Dakotah Language class 4
- Council Meeting
- Browns Valley Parent Committee meeting
- SD DOE Meetings
- OMB training
- NCAI Tribal Leader consult
- Background meeting with BIE and ESDS
- School Choice meeting 3
- BHIT meetings
- Presented at the South Dakota Out of School Time Conference
- BIE Waiver Presentation
- Head Start Meetings 3 with consultant
- South Dakota Afterschool Partnership 4 meetings
- Head Start meeting
- Wiyukcan ka Eacunpi Consultant meeting
- BHIT meetings and Leadership meeting

Focus' for next month: Get the internet applications completed, Draft BOR procedures, Tribal Education Code review pushed forward, Teacher Certification procedures drafted.

Ulysses K. Abraham Tribal Elderly Nutrition Center – Danielle DeCoteau, Interim Program Manager

Our Mission: The mission of the SWO Elderly Nutrition Program is to provide quality services and other social activities to our elders to help restore, stabilize and strengthen the family unit so the elder can remain independent to the greatest extent possible.

MEAL STATISTICS:

The number of Elders served To-Go meals from the center, home delivered meals and food packages are as follows:

Congregate Meals	Home Delivered	Boxes Distributed	Non-Native	Donations	Serving Days
2611	2611	29	4	\$0.00	15

Total miles driven for monthly route deliveries: 3,481 miles

Staff Update:

The Tribal Elderly Nutrition Center currently has 5 full-time staff, 1 part-time staff, 1 Interim Program Manager, who are essential employees that prepare and deliver meals to home bound elderly members. The staff work various hours Monday – Friday between 6:00am to 4:30pm. We have collaborated with other programs to get more assistance in the building with boxing food packages, serving to-go meals and clean-up daily. We have 1 Work Experience employee from the state who works 26 hours a week delivering and helping with building clean-up and working with Mark Wynde from ET/DEMO in which brought on 5 Elder / Adult Work Experience workers who work 4 hours per day helping prepare to-go meals and make boxes of food packages and 1 volunteer driver to help with deliveries.

Information / Education:

A monthly newsletter is given to all home bound elders to keep them informed of our monthly menu, delivery dates, health and mental health information and SWO Covid 19 contact information and daily exercises.

Food Packages:

A flyer was sent out to all districts, Facebook and the Dakota Nation Radio Station Facebook page in regards to food packages being available for elders to pick-up or delivered to home bound elders that contain sanitizer and a sanitizer spray solution (21 Sanitizer mixture). We have disbursed 29 food packages in the month of November to homes that asked for boxes.

Building Maintenance / Equipment: (Approved / Pending Transactions)

On November 19, 2020 submitted a request to purchase a new vehicle for the program but in the meantime borrow a vehicle from another program to help with delivering meals.

An invoice was submitted to purchase a new furnace for the Elderly Nutrition Center in the amount of \$11,413.09 due to one of the furnaces is non-operating and is a fire and health hazard. The east furnace had a service call on October 14, 2020 as that furnace was non-operating momentarily, it is currently working.

We have submitted to purchase a new Restaurant Style Range in the amount of \$4,547.31 with 6 burners, 1 griddle, 1 broiler and 2 ovens as the currently range has knobs missing, the ovens do not work and has no griddle. This new range will help with getting more food prepared and cooked in a shorter amount of time.

We have utilized the Cares Act funds to purchase an SD-4 Walk Through Disinfectant System and a fogger along with solution in the amount of \$2,299.88. This will help ensure not only the safety of our elders who enter into our building currently and in the future but keep the staff safe from Covid 19 while working as they are essential employees who have a mission to feed our Community Elderly.

Meetings/Trainings:

On November 18, 2020 attended the Title VI LTSS Survey Webinar: Highlights from the 2017 Report and the 2020 Update.

Meeting with Nutritionist DeLaine Rasmussen, MS, RDN, LN, CDE Public Health Nutritionist/Diabetic Coordinator at Indian Health Service to go over monthly menus and nutritional meals and recipes. We discussed the different nutritional portions that an elder can have per meal and she approves our monthly menu.

Goals:

The Elderly Nutrition Center needs to hire an Office Manager to handle all budgets, cuff accounts, filing, data-entry and answer phone calls. We currently are catching up with payments and updating elderly information and maintaining day to day office duties in order for the Program Manager to conduct business as needed. We have advertised for an Office Manager and budgets are approved.

477/Employment Training Service Center – DeVon Bursheim, Director

Mission: To provide Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and employment training services to the qualifying members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

New Day Care Facility CARES ACT Funding:

Conference call with Michelle Boyer – ACF, Ken LeMieux – Grant Specialist, Tribal Executives, Tribal Attorney, Mathew Thompson – Planning Director, Jesse Larsen – Planning and Bruce Jones regarding the renovation project for the new daycare facility using CCDF carryover funds.

Application will need to be completed for approval. Sending the completed application October 5, 2020

Case Manager TANF

Function: TANF Intake:

Total Active Single Parent Cases:	18
Total Active Relative/Caretaker Cases:	105
Total cases:	123
Total active children on TANF for September:	224

TANF had one Relative/Caretaker case close due to parent returning from prison. Also, had two single parent cases close due to employment.

We are still collecting school verification for the new school year 2020/2021 for the children K-12. Some of the parents or Relative/Caretakers haven't received them yet because of the local schools had to shut down due to the COVID virus.

TANF office is continuing to work on the end of the fiscal year report for October 2020.

DATA Specialist/Child Care Specialist
Function: Data Entry, Childcare Assistance:

Program Name: 477 Data/Childcare Specialist

September:
 Total families served: 10
 Total children served: 17
 Total providers: 5

Approved 1 application for In Home Family Provider

Director, Ihanpi Cikcistina, Child Care Specialist
Function: Oversee the Tribe's Daycare facility and other licensed childcare providers

- Number of staff
 - ❖ 7 full time staff
 - 1 Assistant Director
 - 1 Cook
 - 4 Child care workers

*Reminder Ihanpi Cikcistina has been closed since March No children attending currently *

- Number of children enrolled:

	Enrolled	Vacant	ETDemo
Preschool	13	5	2
Toddler	1	5	2
Infant	2	1	1
Total	16	11	5

- Number of tribal employees Served: 10

- Number of Non-tribal members served: 2
- Number of Students attending SWC served: none
- Number of children receiving tribal/state subsidy: 10
- Number receiving free meals/ reduced meals: N/A
- Number of parents under Self pay: 6
- Delinquent bills for active parents: None

October Agenda:

- October 5th 2020: I launch meeting with April Eastman and
- October 5th to October 9th: Zero to three Annual conference 8 am – 3pm daily
- October 9th two bats in bathroom closed for removal
- October 14th and 15th: Facilities place three black boxes into building to help repel against mice, bats and small rodents
- October 19th to 21st: CACFP training for 2020-2021.
- October 22nd and 23rd: Snow days closed
- October 30th Interviews for childcare workers

This month at Ihanpi Cikcistina we have focused on trainings for all our staff members. We also have high hopes that our bat problem has come to an end. Thank you for all the help provided by Facilities and Fish and wild life for removing any batts from our facility and for providing 3 boxes that will now repel any future bats and small rodents from re-entry. We will be ending our month with interviews for Childcare workers. (Cross our fingers) Let's hope next month we will be introducing 4 new employees to our program.

Case Manager Adult Work Experience

Function: Employment Assistance, Adult Work Experience, Wellness Team:

Employment Assistance:

During the Month of September 2020 the 477 Program was able to assist the following:

Clients Served:

Adult Work Experience:

Adult	(SWO College)
Adult	(Homeless Shelter)
Adult	(Dacotah Pride)
Adult	(SWO College)
Adult	(Food Pantry)
Adult	(Homeless Shelter)

Elder Work Experience:

Adult	(Food Pantry)
Adult	(Long Hallow District CTR)
Adult	(Enemy Swim Elderly Complex)
Adult	(Elderly Nutrition Program)
Adult	(Veblin District CTR)
Adult	(SWO ADM BLD)
Adult	(OA District CTR)
Adult	(SWO College)
Adult	(Mail Room)
Adult	(SWO ADM BLD)
Adult	(Radio Station)

Wellness Team:

Meetings are going to start to resume again using zoom.

Adult Education Coordinator

Function: GED/Classroom Training:

GED 46 Participants

Adult Education 20 Youth Work Experience

Throughout the month, the GED program has been handing out the new 2020 GED books we received to participants. On the GED website there are five students using the online official testing option due to COVID-19. We are doing weekly follow-ups with the GED participants to make sure they are making progress and setting those that are ready up for practice and official testing. Jaylee has been tutoring four students. Two of the students have been through phone discussions the other two she has been sending example questions through video.

The youth work experience program collaborated with the adult education program to allow the youth workers the opportunity to continue to earn their incentives. The youth workers are participating in our online job skill building classes, basic computer classes and financial literacy classes to finish out their (8) week participation.

Our program was able to create alternative, work from home options to meet the needs of each individual wanting to further their education, job skills, computer skills and financial literacy skills

Case Manager Youth Work Experience

Function: Youth Work Experience and Supportive Services:

Total Youth Workers Active: 23

Total completed: 13

Due to COVID all 33 youth workers went from working on job sites to online job building classes, career pillars and mind set trainings. To complete their 8 weeks of youth work experience.

3 youth workers got permanent employment. One at Rosalies and 2 at Dakota Crossings.

Program Name: Food Distribution Program – Mark Thompson Sr., Manager

Function/Mission Statement:

- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- We provide food assistance to income eligible families in the Roberts, Day and Marshall Counties; also assist tribal members in the other surrounding counties.
- Each month participating households receive a food package to help them maintain a nutritionally balanced diet.

Data for the month (how your services contributed to the community you serve) as follows:

September participation was 372 individuals and 154 households.

No new items at the moment.

Due to 3 Food Distribution Staff having Covid-19 we were closed and shut down for a numerous amount of days. The Tribal Secretaries office received a lot of calls in regards to our shut down. Our staff had to follow CDC guidelines on each staff's return date.

Our participation numbers have gone down due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We are following all CDC guidelines while distributing commodities to our clients. We have shortened hours and days of distribution and staff is onsite during those hours. Clients are not allowed in the building and all staff are working together to make it a safe work environment.

Program Name: Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) – Sharon Morey, Program Manager

Mission Statement: Promote positive American Indian youth development and family engagement through the implementation of early intervention strategies, treatment, and aftercare, to reduce the risk factors for suicidal behavior and substance abuse.

Objective: Identify and address suicide ideations, attempts, and contagions among Native American youth through implementation of relevant prevention, treatment, and aftercare strategies.

Numbers are low this month due to Covid-19 virus restrictions, and taking holiday.

- Remained available to all clients and families 24/7
- 5 Sessions with 2 clients virtually and in office.
- 10 check-ins with 5 clients.

Objective: Promote family engagement

- Session with a parent to help support parent and client.

Objective: Collaborate with tribal and community programs that serve SWO youth to develop and support culturally appropriate suicide substance abuse prevention.

- Carried the Native Connections Crisis line Nov. 2-5, 2020.
- Collaborated with SWO Youth Dept. and SWO Child Protection Program on intake policies and procedures.

Meetings/Trainings attended:

- Attended Youth and Family TREE staff virtual meeting on 11/6/20, 11/13/20, 11/20/20.
- Attended Northeast Coalition Meetings via Zoom on 11/17/20.
- Participated in SWO BKTS virtual meeting on 11/5/20.
- Attended SWO Health Plan Stakeholders' Work Group Meeting via phone on 11/2/20, 11/9/20, 11/23/20.
- Attended webinar training "All About Attention Deficit Disorder" on 11/18/20
- Attended virtual Behavioral Health Interagency Team(BHIT) meeting on 11/19/20.
- Attended webinar training "Sympathetic Listening" on 11/19/20.
- Attended webinar "Upcoming Grant Opportunities for Individuals and Organizations from South Dakota Arts Council" on 11/20/20.
- Attended webinar training "Play Therapy: The Art of Play As An Adult" on 11/20/20.
- Continuing "The Body Keeps Score" trauma course provided by the I Launch program.

Sisseton-Wahpeton Head Start and Early Head Start – Ella Robertson, Interim Director

OUR PHILOSOPHY: Children are sacred. Children are valued and respected; viewed as strong, competent, and capable of understanding the most important part of living on this Earth - the spiritual nature of life. The Headstart and Early Headstart programs provides a host of cultural and educational services to children from birth to 5 years old.

Head Start and Early Head Start buildings remain closed to children, families and visitors. Our enrollment is open and we continue to accept students for the 2020/2021 school year. Our current enrollment is **137 students which is an increase of 2 students from the last report we submitted for October.**

84	Head Start	3-5 years old	63% capacity/full capacity is 134
13	Enemy Swim	3-5 years old	65% capacity/full capacity is 20
40	Early Head Start	0-3 years old	100% capacity/full capacity is 40

EDUCATION – Our Family Services made contact with to 22 Head Start and 17 Early Head Start families this past month and delivered 24 educational packets. We want to ensure we are providing the best service. If families are experiencing difficulty with virtual learning, do not have internet or phone service then our Family Service is providing the support they need to get those services in place. In collaboration with the SWO Education Department families were assisted to get forms filled out and submitted for Covid Assistance with Internet/Wi-Fi Service. We understand the unique situation our families are in with the Pandemic and take all factors into consideration to help our families reach their educational goals. Teachers are using multiple approaches to reach children and teachers as we are conducting classes virtually through platforms such as Classroom Dojo, Face Book, YouTube videos,

paper packets, etc. Teachers are mitigating an unprecedented obstacle in that they are not teaching a collective group of children on site but individually teaching each child and communicating with the family has proven difficult. We are improving each day and week.

HEALTH & NUTRITION – Head Start staff continues to deliver meals to students that have registered for this service. A total of 863 meals have been served for the month of November for Head Start, Early Head Start and Enemy Swim Head Start. I take great pride in the dedication of our cooks, bus drivers and monitors in providing food for our most vulnerable population. Our staff has a heart for our children and that is an excellent quality to have when you work at Head Start.

MAINTENANCE – Maintenance staff sanitizes offices and common areas through work the day. Fogger is used throughout the buildings at the close of the work week. Walk-Thru Sanitization Stations have been installed in the four buildings. Security doors will be completely by mid-November which allows for video monitoring, remote entrance and keyless entry providing an added security measure for Head Start and staff. We are still waiting for the approval of the contract (which was requested by Council) to be drafted and signed for the installation of 5 new furnaces in our west building.

SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES – Disabilities Manager is collaborating with area schools and specialists to collectively meet the needs of our students that are on an IEP, require special services, need referrals and to conduct necessary screenings (Brigance, vision, and hearing). The Pandemic has changed the way in which the screening process will take place, and eliminates home visits which provided the natural home environment conducive for observation. Collaborations allow for sharing of information that our staff may not have opportunity to gather due to current restrictions.

TRANSPORTATION - Bus drivers and bus monitors were sent out on routes to deliver meals. There have been some areas that are unpassable due to road construction, and bad weather, etc. Teachers send educational packets along with the drivers for students for delivery. Head Start has a total of (4) four bus drivers and 4 bus monitors.

There have been many areas that were in need of attention that are not being addressed and will bring us current on our requirements. Managers have drafted Standard Operating Procedures for each department, including teaching staff and are in the process of review. Managers will be working with Technical Assistance Specialist from Office of Head Start to draft updated Service Plans. Our fiscal year closes on November 30th, we are working with the funding agency to determine if a 90 day No-Cost Extension will be allowed. Time was an obstacle that we struggle with and the pandemic made it very difficult to expend funds as we were not open to students and purchasing was difficult. I feel staff are better equipped to address the financial challenges next year as our network has provided us with specialists that will contract their services to us and provide the required trainings and specialized services to our students and families. A new Director has been hired and this will allow for permanence and stability within the program. During my term here I have seen that the staff are knowledgeable and can work well as a team. They are in a unique position as a tribal program and educational facility and often times feel forgotten. The Head Start Program provides a very important service to our community through the education and care of our youngest tribal members, the future leaders for this tribe.

Program Name: Higher Education Program – Janel Williams, Program Manager

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Higher Education Program is to provide educational benefits to members of the Tribe, demonstration of cultural awareness that will encourage the Oyate to make post-secondary education a lifelong goal.

The undergraduate “Tuition Reimbursement” award is \$56/credit hour earned and graduate level is awarded at \$75/credit hour earned with the letter grade of at least a “C” grade or better.

***Program Summary:** During the month of November 2020, the program awarded a total of 7 payments to 2 undergraduates and 5 graduate level students which include the semester(s): fall 2020. The program had awarded 0 diploma incentives, this incentive requires a copy of the diploma and the final transcript. This list below is the level of studies, degree awarded, where the degree was earned and employment status.

Table A. indicates total students and total amount distributed during this month.

Undergraduate	Student(s) payment	
Fall 2020	5	
Diploma/reimburse	-	
Spring 2020	-	
Summer 2020	-	
UG Programmatic Cost	-	
Total payments	5	
Graduate		
Fall incentive	2	
Fall Grades	-	
Spring incentive	-	
Spring20 grade	-	
Summer20 grade	-	
Diploma	1	
Educational Assistance	-	
Programmatic Cost	-	
Reimbursements	-	
Total payments	2	
Total UG/Grad students	7	

The program application is available for the current academic year 20/21 and does not have a deadline date. The program is currently awarding the fall20 undergraduate quarter final grades and the graduate level incentive. The deadline date for the fall20 graduate level incentive is November 1. Students are allowed to request an extension for grade submission based on incomplete grades or if there is a hold on student accounts with a receipt of contact which may include an email, phone contact or in person. Total program costs for the month of November 2020 is \$13,290.35.

*The program's method of receiving documents still remains in effect. The in-person contact has also been limited and is minimal at this time. During the month of December, the fall semester will end for most students, the program's productivity will increase. The program will award the fall grade incentives until February 28 along with the graduate level incentive for the spring 2021 semester.

**All program forms and scholarship are available and accessible on the tribe's Web site.*

Program Name: Project Indigenous LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) – April Eastman, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement: SWO Project Indigenous LAUNCH cores strategies include: (1) Enhanced Home Visiting; (2) Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation; (3) Family Strengthening; (4) Developmental & Social/Emotional Screening; & (5) Integration of Behavioral Health into Primary Care. ILAUNCH added two additional core strategies because of the Community Needs and Readiness Assessment (CNRA) process. They include (6) Community/Systems Wide and (7) Workforce Development.

Data for the month (this data should show how your services contributed to the community you serve):

1. ILAUNCH supports the GPTCHB TMIECHV Home Visiting program staff. TMIECHV has enrolled 10 families* to date. ILAUNCH provides 2 hours of IECMHC services per week to the Family Spirit Home Visitors. IECMHC continues to provide trainings on the FS screens and assessments.
 2. IECMHC services provided to HS Education Manager on a bi-weekly basis; 2 hours/month.
 3. ILAUNCH PD participated in 29 meetings during the month (IECMHC, Evaluation team, Interagency-team meetings and program partners).
 4. ILAUNCH PD attended 2 Family Spirit Leadership webinars supporting ILAUNCH core strategies. Also attended 2 trainings related to administrative responsibilities.
 5. BTC Evaluation team completed 1 key informant joint interview (13 total to date).
 6. ILAUNCH partnered with TMIECHV to coordinate a Motivational Interviewing training for the FS Home Visitors; 4 FS HV attendees.
 7. IECMHC services provided to Provider of Care (PoC) group (Behavioral Health providers); 2 hours/month and 6 attendees invited.
 8. Brazelton Touchpoints Center Evaluation team member presented on Touchpoints training overview to 19 program partners.
 9. Distributed #90 Breathe Like a Bear books to SWO Head Start for children and teachers. Distributed #5 to I.H.S Behavioral Health provider.
 10. Distributed #367 SWO Young Child Wellness Resource Directory booklets to 50 providers.
- *Reported 15 families enrolled last month; this was inaccurate.

Work In-Progress:

1. Revisions to the Strategic Plan for year 3; updating the Evaluation Plan to align with the strategic plan. ILAUNCH will submit the revisions to the GPO in December.

2. BTC data collection workbooks. On-going, monthly updates.
3. Distributed the Behavioral Health/AODA Provider survey to 16 program partners to assess professional development needs for behavioral health therapists, social workers and addiction counselors in the community.
4. Screened applicants for the Community Coordinator/Home Visitor position.
5. MOA with SWO Head Start Addendum to include data sharing/evaluation agreement. Submitted to Legal for review.
6. MOA with TMIECHV; submitted to Legal for review.
7. Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health (JHCAIH) Year 3 contract Affiliate fee addendum for Family Spirit Technical Assistance services.
8. IECMHC services provided to SWO Head Start to assist with Ready Rosie parenting curriculum and virtual implementation.
9. FY21 budget modification.
10. SWO DLI project; The Parent Partner is working with the Graphic Designer to create a digital story.

PROGRAM NAME: Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) - Sara DeCoteau, Project Director for SAMHSA

Function/Mission Statement: To respond to the national opioid abuse and overdose crisis and reduce unmet treatment need through development and implementation of collaborative prevention, treatment, and recovery support services and activities for Tribal citizens diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring stimulant misuse and use disorders.

Data Through the second month of a twenty-four month project, we have accomplished the following:

Workload Measures	Nov	TOTAL
1. Update TOR strategic plan and coordinate efforts with SWO Health/Tribal Action Plan for collective impact		
<i># Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Completed or Revised for TOR</i>	0	0
<i># Stakeholder or TAP initiative implementation meetings attended</i>	9	12
<i># TOR updates or reports made to stakeholders at collaborative meetings</i>	1	3
<i># TOR Strategic Plan Participants (coalition or activity)</i>	9	9
2. Organize workforce (employee) education and development activities		
<i># Events</i>	1	1
<i># Participants (employees)</i>	4	4
<i># Trainings, webinars, ECHO sessions, etc. attended on topics related to prevention, treatment and recovery</i>	6	13
<i># Naloxone (Narcan®) training for first responder staff</i>	1	1
<i># Participants - First Responder staff trained to use Narcan®</i>	4	4
4. Provide care coordination services to people with Opioid Use Disorder (50 in TOR II and 26 continuing from TOR I)		

Workload Measures	Nov	TOTAL
# Initial Contacts	6	12
# Intakes	5	7
# Participant contacts (other than data collection)	22	46
# 6-Month Contacts	2	2
# Discharges	2	2
# of referrals received	6	12
# of referrals from criminal justice system	1	1
# of referrals made	57	105
# Collaboration meetings	1	3
# Collaborative contacts	68	131
5. Assess impact of the grant, working with Tribal Epidemiology Center, State Dept. of Health, IHS, CDP, Aliive Roberts County and other partners		
# Meetings, trainings, webinars attended on data collection and evaluation	4	8
# of new databases developed or revised	0	1
# of reports submitted	2	3

Note: Data for the last week of the month will be included in the next report since it is due prior to the end of the month.

Update TOR strategic plan and coordinate with SWO Health / Tribal Action Plan for collective impact:

The TOR strategic plan is integrated as an annex to SWO Health Plan / Tribal Action Plan (TAP) and its fifteen initiatives. The TAP identifies tasks, strategies, and initiatives to improve health status, quality, and access to care on the Lake Traverse Reservation. The current TAP (2016-2020)¹ was adopted by Tribal Council Resolution SWO-16-081. TOR staff coordinate efforts with other TAP stakeholders for collective impact through participation in teams for concurrent work that is underway to achieve the overarching goals of the TAP.

For collaboration this month, TOR participated in the First 1,000 Days Interagency Team and Behavioral Health Interagency Team virtual meetings, both held on 11/19. These teams continue to discuss ideas for improving “warm hand-offs” between clinical providers and community programs. A work group is to be convened to develop recorded introductions and/or digital stories that can be used by medical providers to introduce or refer a program such as TOR to patients. The PM/DS was introduced in these Teams. Findings of the Harm Reduction Community Needs and Readiness Assessment were briefly described.

[Aliive-Roberts County completed the](#) report of findings for 153 key informant interviews and joined the TOR huddle held 11/12 to discuss it. Aliive was contracted in February 2020 to conduct a Harm

¹ Link to SWO Health /Tribal Action Plan (2016-2020):

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A4eba460e-57ec-48e9-ae74-c4e3e667f7e7>

Reduction Community Needs and Readiness Assessment (CNRA) that would inform the TOR strategic action plan regarding community knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and commitment for future promotion and implementation of MAT, opioid reversal agents, prevention of blood borne infections via needle-exchange programs or other measures, and support of with drug-exposed pregnancies prepare for the special care needs of their infants.

Community education and treatment strategies were viewed as most effective, but support was also expressed for a needle safety program of some sort and enactment of laws to regulate Kratom products. Few (21%) knew where the three medication disposal bins are located in Sisseton. Some (31%) were unsure whether Medication Assisted Treatment is an effective harm reduction strategy. The full draft report may be viewed at the following link:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:df990ac2-b816-4c3d-be24-fa284bcd2bac>

The SWO Health Plan Stakeholders' Work Group Meeting met 11/2, 11/9, and 11/16 to continue working on the successor TAP (2021-2025). The 11/16 session was devoted to review of the Tribal Opioid Response Harm Reduction Community Needs and Readiness Assessment and providing input to the strategic action plan due for TOR II. Nine stakeholders attended this meeting. The NCC facilitated the discussion, using the PowerPoint available at this link:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:53abdb2a-7aa1-455f-af14-07cf79731ce3>. The meeting was recorded and available at the following link and with the Passcode:

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[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/MkBTfcKAv8hHwoDbb3gD59jUc2S-](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/MkBTfcKAv8hHwoDbb3gD59jUc2S-XIA_ZSmuaxVNRpm1QVnnzmZMmTvOzaWHYFh.Ytx-9oW99X_Kvqkr)

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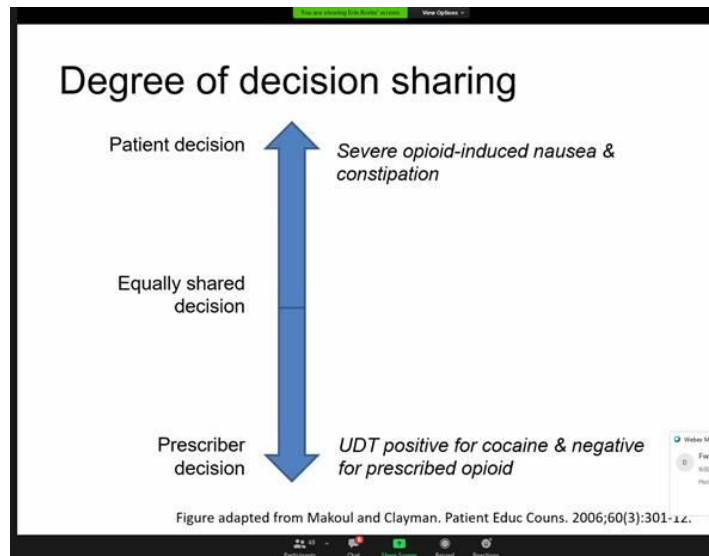
TOR also participated in two Project Development Team meetings held to discuss prospects of applying for the Indian Health Service Community Opioid Intervention Pilot Project grant, due next month. There was interest but timing and lack of a Lead who could commit to develop a competitive proposal were factors in assessing feasibility. Lack of facilities to house new projects is an issue.

Organize workforce (employee) education and development activities:

The NCC presented a virtual Narcan® Kit Training for two Enemy Swim Day School staff on 11/20/20. It was also attended by the PM/DS and Health Coordinator. Pandemic related closures prevented the presentation from being face-to-face. Here is a link to the PowerPoint:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e780df9e-21c7-4e5d-8408-326cf508426b>

TOR staff attended 6 webinars and/or sessions this month. Of particular were sessions on implementing MAT services for people in jail and tapering. The evidence finds patients are tapered from opioids too fast by prescribers are often lost to follow-a result going forward, prescribers monitored for abruptly tapering (as overprescribing). Another key point plan of care should be a shared decision with patients, as described in adjacent diagram. The patient might on their own to stop the opioid due to effects, while the provider might to stop due to discrepancy with the taking MAT as prescribed.



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Implement outreach, community education, and mass media messaging activities:

Community education is impeded due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases and SWO's stay-at-home order in effect most of this month. Many possible events are on hold for the safety of participants.

Provide care coordination services to people with Opioid Use Disorder:

This month, the NCC received 6 referrals and completed initial contacts on all. There were 5 new participant intakes, 1 three-month contact, 2 six-month contacts, and 2 participants were discharged after completing the sequence of contacts specified by the grant. The NCC documented 68 collaborative contacts and made 57 referrals to other agencies. Two mothers with opioid use disorder on MAT delivered babies this month!

Twenty-three participants are being continued in NCC services from TOR I through a No Cost Extension. This is for 23 participants with opioid use disorder admitted prior to September 29, 2020 who did not complete services in the project period. The incumbent NCC plans to transition out of the TOR Project after completing Nurse Practitioner educational and licensing requirements, which will likely occur between March and June 2021. To provide continuity of services and avoid disruption for TOR participants and partners, we plan to overlap NCCs for four or five months and will hire a second Care Connector. The staff requisition to recruit for the second NCC was initiated 11/20.

Because of restricted access to the facility, the NCC continues to deliver some services via telehealth but also arranges to meet participants outside the Sisseton IHS or at Coteau des Prairies Hospital.

The Tribal Parole Wellness Team met 10/28 to discuss parolees and collaboratively address swift and certain sanctions for violations of the conditions of parole. This Team meets with parolees returning to the SWO community about the programs and resources available to help with successful transition. The

Team is an important potential referral source for this high-risk subpopulation. During this meeting, we reviewed 20 cases of concern and 8 housing plans.

Assess impact of the grant, working with Tribal Epidemiology Center and other partners:

On 10/29 TOR staff attended the SAMHSA TOR Grantee Orientation Webinar to discuss programmatic and grantee management expectations, as well as introduce technical assistance available through the Technology Transfer Centers Program. On 11/12, TOR staff attended the Tribal Opioid Response Webinar – Introduction of Program Monitoring and SAMHSA’s Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS) Overview.

During the reporting month, the Project also held a Conference Call with its Government Project Officer (GPO) on 11/13 to discuss the initial groundwork for TOR II.

On 11/17, TOR participated in the Aliive Northeast Youth Collaborative Meeting and discussed suicide data and trends during the pandemic.

LIST OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THIS MONTH:

1. The annual report for the Tribe’s General Council meeting was submitted.
2. The TOR I No Cost Extension budget for the period ending July 30, 2021 was submitted to the Tribal Secretary’s Office and Budget Office for approval.
3. The staff requisition form and position description for the Nurse Care Connector that will overlap and be trained to assume services when the incumbent leaves next year was submitted. The position will be advertised until filled, beginning in December.
4. Access to the SAMHSA’s Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS) portal was provided to the PM/DS and updated for TOR II for the NCC.

LIST MEETINGS ATTENDED THIS MONTH:

1. 10/28 Parole Wellness Team Meeting
2. 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 SWO Health Plan Stakeholders' Work Group Meeting
3. 11/4 MCH Team Meeting – ILAUNCH shared their program
4. 11/6, 11/9 Project Development Team Meeting to discuss IHS FY 2021 Community Opioid Intervention Pilot Project grant opportunity
5. 11/13 SAMHSA TOR Conference Call with GPO
6. 11/17 Aliive Northeast Youth Collaborative Meeting – Discussed suicide data
7. 11/19 First 1,000 Days Interagency Forum virtual meeting
8. 11/19 Behavioral Health Interagency Team virtual meeting
9. TOR staff huddles took place 3 times a week throughout the month.

LIST THIS MONTH’S TRAINING (INCLUDING WEBINARS):

1. 10/28 GoToWebinar - Provision of Methadone for Opioid Use Disorder within a County Jail
2. 10/29 SAMHSA Tribal Opioid Response Webinar – The 2020 TOR Kickoff Grantee Orientation Webinar
3. 11/5 Webex: CARES Act Risk Considerations, Presented by McCabe CAP Group (about OMB Supercircular and other Topics)

4. 11/5 Integrated Opioid and Addiction Care ECHO: Best Practices in Controlled Substance Prescribing: How to (Work with Patients) to Taper Long-Term Opioids
5. 11/10 RCORP TA: Healthcare Provider Burnout and Substance Use Disorder Webinar
6. 11/12 Integrated Opioid and Addiction Care ECHO: Tapering Benzodiazepines
7. 11/12 SAMHSA Tribal Opioid Response Webinar – Introduction of Program Monitoring and SAMHSA’s Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS) Overview
8. 11/18 Midwest Tribal ECHO: November 18: Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder at the Hennepin County Jail
9. 11/20 TOR Narcan First Responder Virtual Training – requested by Enemy Swim Day School

IDENTIFY CHALLENGES OR BARRIERS AND PLANS TO ADDRESS EACH:

1. Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in our community continues to be a barrier to people seeking TOR services. TOR continues working closely with IHS and CDP, efforts continue going forward. New providers have been hired at IHS and a care coordinator at CDP.
2. COVID-19 has resulted in many barriers including closure of Tribal programs not essential that aid in assistance for participants. Another barrier is inability to hold or maintain planned in-person events due to exposure risks.

LIST NEXT MONTH’S GOALS:

1. Continue to support Sisseton IHS efforts to implement MAT services and renew efforts to schedule MAT coordination communications. Look for an opportunity to engage IHS partners in conducting a self-assessment, utilizing the Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) and Stimulant Treatment Integration with MOUD (STIM) Program Implementation Readiness Matrix.
2. Draft TOR II’s Strategic Action Plan for submission to SAMHSA.
3. NCC will organize a Lunch and Learn Narcan® Kit training event utilizing Zoom and invite employees who are teleworking through a flyer routed to employees and posted on FaceBook.
4. Develop a plan of action for implementing the safe medication storage lock box pilot project.
5. Provide community education through the TOR FaceBook page, documenting posts and views.
6. Complete TOR I end-of-project final report, due December 30th.
7. Recruit for the second Nurse Care Connector position and prepare / arrange for office space, equipment, and logistics.
8. TOR will participate in the Warm Hand-off Presentation Planning Work Group that will be organized by Health Administration.

Wacinyan Tipi (House of Hope) – Dora Arteaga, Program Manager

Mission Statement:

To restore the basic integrity and dignity of Dakota values of each individual who passes through our doors by operating a shelter and developing a plan to enable them to regain their social, physical, emotional and spiritual values.

Program Manager – Dora Arteaga – 605-698-2020 – Darteaga@swo-nsn.gov

Resident Assistants – 3 Full Time Staff and 2 are from Work Experience Program

Current Residents – Adults 7 and 17 Children

October Applications – Adults – 8 and 10 Children

Monthly Events:

Wacinyan Tipi held our monthly resident meeting on November 4, 2020. We went over healthy ways of living, policies and procedures, and any concerns the residents may have had. It has been a busy month for us, we received plenty of food donations from TZTS, and the community. Numerous clothing donations. We would like to thank all of those who have donated, it is greatly appreciated.

Wacinyan Tipi staff has been working together to keep the shelter a safe and healthy environment. We are still facing this pandemic, and we are taking all necessary precautions to keep each individual safe and healthy. There is still no visitation as of now for the shelter residents, due to the pandemic. We are doing our best to keep everyone safe and as comfortable as possible.

Upcoming Events

We have nothing planned as of yet, due to the pandemic. Prayers for our community and hope everyone is doing their best to stay safe, wear their masks, and are practicing social distancing.

Program Name: SWO Youth Department/Youth Lodge – Derrick McCauley, Manager

Function/Mission Statement:

The Youth Lodge will foster positive youth development among Sisseton Wahpeton Youth through traditional cultural teachings, connectedness and a holistic health.

Meetings:

- **November 3:** I met with Dr. Azure at the college to look at possibly leasing a portion of the property that runs along BIA 700 for a temporary home for the lodge. The current location that we have been given has created issues with putting in the water. I have been in contact with Jerry Eastman in Realty, Ross Hansen at Indian Health Service to find a viable spot to move the dorm. Dr. Azure stated that he would meet with his facilities person and get back to me. As of yesterday (November 23rd) I have not received a response from his office. I emailed his administrative assistance letting him know that I am in need of an answer. (11-24)
- **November 10:** ZOOM Rape Prevention Education Sexual Violence Planning Committee Meeting. The Network Sioux Falls SD. Network with area people
- **November 12:** ZOOM SD Network Tribal Advisory Meeting
 - We are working on creating a Mens Group to not only spearhead discussion on sexual violence through leadership but also as an outlet for helping communities for the men who not only are living in a violent home but whom may also have displayed aggressive behavior in their relationships. I have had verbal confirmation to participate from Derrick McCauley, and Dallas Owen

- **November 12:** Webinar SAMHSA New Grantee Training
- **November 17:** ZOOM/In Person Meeting, SAFE Home Planning Committee
 - As a component expansion for the SAMHSA Grant we received we are partnering with the SWHA to create a safe home in each district area as well as one located in Sisseton. This was the first planning meeting and we are excited that this project looks like it will be a great addition for the community. The idea behind this expansion project is for families to be able to identify a safe home in their community. These homes will act as “first responders” for families/children who may feel in immediate danger. We are also working with the network in Sioux Falls to provide some of the trainings for these families.
- **November 23:** ZOOM with Debra Divine, CPP; Tracey McMahon, SDSU, Sharon Morey, Behavior Health and myself
 - First drafts of some of the policies for the Youth Lodge have been completed. We had a meeting with CPP to discuss their input for many components that the Child Protection Program has already adopted and we would like to be consistent with their organizational structure. WE are excited to be working with them on setting up the processes for the lodge. We have scheduled a standing weekly meeting with her to make sure we are setting a great foundation for our working relationship. Our standing meeting will take place every Wednesday at 2:00.

To Do List:

- Policies first draft has been completed
- Finding land for the dorm to be moved
 - SAMHSA is requesting additional documentation which we are working to get together. Although the renovation budget will come as in kind from the Youth Center they are requesting official estimates from licensed people that will be working on the project. WE have a written MOA with SWHSA to do the work and with the recent COVID spike we are working to get these in by mid-week
 - Waiting for an answer from the College to see if we can do a 5 year lease for the front portion of the land that runs adjacent to BIA 700.

We are going over the job descriptions so we are ready to begin hiring staff: Specifically the teaching position, our goal is to support our families with tutoring by appointment and by with a school referral. Youth worker/culture staff: we would like to develop the components for the lodge. Youth worker to get support culture personnel and teaching personnel until the lodge is open.

PROGRAM: SWO Youth and Family TREE- SWO Behavioral Health – Director

Function/Mission Statement:

Treatment Recovery Expansion and enhancement for youth (12-17) and young adults (18-26). The **Mission** of SWO Youth & Family TREE Program is to improve the Physical, Spiritual, Emotional, Mental and Behavioral Health of the tribal youth members effected with substance use disorders and his/her family through an integral holistic system based on a balanced program of patient care through

education counseling, group therapy and spiritual guidance. The vision of the SWO Youth & Family TREE Program is so the SWO tribal youth member will be resilient, sustainable, healthy, and productive for the community.

Project Director: Vacant **Lead Evaluator/Data Specialist:** Clarise Bernard **Youth Services/Recovery Support Coordinator:** Teresa White **Family Coordinator:** Alana Littlebird **Recovery Coach:** Vacant **After-School Group Counselor:** Vacant **Adult Case Manager/Culture Advisor:** Tom DeCoteau Jr. **Student Interns:**

Objective: Train people in the mental health and related workforce in the specific mental health related practices and activities specified within the grant. Or received training related to MH or SU.

- Attended Behavioral Health Interagency Team Meeting
- 4- Clinical Supervisions
- Attended a TREE grantee meeting

Objective: Collaborate, coordinate, and share resources with other targeted organizations.

- 01-NE Youth Coalition Meetings, 12 attendees
- 04-Clinical Staff meetings with an average of four in attendance.
- 01-Behavioral Interagency
- 00-In home care team
- 02-Great Plains Youth Regional Center
- 01-Lutheran Social Services
- 04-Roberts and or SWO tribal Jails
- 00- Monster Bash Event
- 03- Piya Canku planning meeting- 4 in attendance
- 00-Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Collaborative
- 0-Medication Assisted Therapy/Tribal Opioid Response Committee meeting at IHS
- 0-Equine Assistant Learning (EAL) groups with Joy Ranch

Objective: Involve consumers and family members in work groups and advisory groups.

- 00-Adolescent Recovery Plan, Step 1-5 (12-step)
- 00-Parent meetings
- 00- AA/12steps-
- 00- AA-
- 00- 12 Steps, AA, Spirituality-
- 00-AA- meetings
- 00 clients Attended-Spirituality-
- 16- individual session step 8/acceptance (1)
- 16- individual session, acceptance
- Afterschool program students (4, 8th graders) in attendances spoke as a panel to promote the importance of after school care and the benefits to providing a safe space for all children in South Dakota

- Community Events

Objective: Provide evidence-based mental health related services as a result of the grant.

- Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Solution-Oriented Therapy
- 02-Anger Management
- Reducing Anger in Adolescent (REBT Approach)
- Children of Alcoholism (“Repeat After Me”)
- Emotional identifications and regulations
- Medicine Wheel 12 Step
- Dialectic Behavioral Therapy- stress management
- Intensive Outpatient Program After School Groups
- 03-Culture Group
- Living in Balance
- Canoe Journey Group
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Art Therapy
- Experiential Therapy
- Talking circle

Objective: Screen individuals for mental health or related intervention.

- 03-referrals received for the month on October.
- 02- Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale
- 02- Rule 25 Assessments completed for the October
- 02-Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (youth)
- 02- Suicide Risk Assessment
- 02- SAFE-T suicide risk assessments
- 00-Urinary analysis
- 02- Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)
- 02-Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7)
- 02 –CAGE Questionnaire for detecting alcohol
- 05- CSAT. GPRA- SBIRTS
- 04- Staff assisted with crisis line

PROGRAM: Home Health Care and Elderly Affairs – Bonnie Thompson, Director

Our medical transportation is funded by Indian Health in Aberdeen, SD. Both elderly and non-elderly may receive assistance, providing they are not on Medicaid and enrolled here also a referral from Indian Health. The board meets every second Monday of every month and the elderly protection team meets every third Wednesday of the month. There is monies available for glasses, this is for the elders 55 years and older. They may receive \$140.00 each appointments can be at Indian Health optometry Sisseton, SD at 742-3793 or Dr. Grimsrud.

For the month of February 2020 there were 1 deceased elders.

We also received items from Rapid City, SD (PWNA), they are bagged up and each elder that the girls have their list are given out first, then we put out the rest of the items on the table and they sign their names.

PROGRAM: Mayuetca Day Treatment Program – Skyman Redday, Manager

Mission Statement:

To improve the physical, spiritual, emotional, mental and behavioral health of the tribal members effected with substance use disorders and his/her family through, an integral holistic system based on a balanced program of patient care through education counseling, group therapy and spiritual guidance.

Vision:

The SWO tribal member will be resilient, sustainable, healthy and productive for the community.

Activities:

- We are continuing virtual groups for our clients, we are using zoom to do this and it has been working very well. We continue to tell clients about the virtual AA/NA meetings that are available for them.
- We continue to deliver meals to our clients that have been in group for the day.
- We are continuing to go to the jails when asked when a prisoner needs an assessment done.
- We are continuing to collaborate with the TREE program, with working with clients ages 18-26.
- We continue to work the Wellness team on getting our members who are paroles assessments, so they can get help if need be.
- We are waiting on word to see if we will receive the SAMHSA grant we put in for.

Name	# of Clients	# of Groups held/hrs	# of assessments	Referrals	Individual sessions
Skyman Redday	0	0	0	8	0
Dionne Lake	8	27	6 Scheduled 1 Completed	1	5
Gretta Lavergne	6	27	5 Scheduled 2 Completed	1	3
Kelli O'Riley	14	20	2 Scheduled 1 Completed	1	5

PROGRAM: SWO Diabetes Center – Sara Lincoln, Director

Program Staff:

Sara Lincoln, Program Manager
 Pauline White Thunder, Administrative Assistant
 Natasha Renville, Incentives Coordinator
 Danielle Grey, DPP Coordinator
 Ashley Lee, Fitness Trainer
 Chelsey Owen, Outreach

Tyler Bellonger, Fitness Room Attendant
Glenn Fineday, Trainer/Outreach

We received grant funding for FY 2021.

Zombie Crawl ends October 31st, as of October 26th we had 29 people complete.

November we will be hosting our 2nd annual Diabetes Conference Virtually.

Turkey Trot will be held November 23-25th. Diabetes Awareness Month we will also be holding a month long event.

PROGRAM: SWO Food Pantry – Geno Locke, Manager

Mission Statement: Serve the SWO tribal members with food boxes as needed.

Data for the month:

1. Feeding South Dakota delivered on 11/12/2020
2. For WalMart donated Produce there was 85 SWO Tribal Members that signed up.
3. For SWO members that sign up for Food Pantry Totaling 122 SWO Tribal Families
Elderly-80 Children-219 Adults-195 Total-494
4. Food Pantry – Need no action
5. Emergency Management got Produce from Great Plains for the members the Food Pantry.
Handed out for the Emergency Management but still have some spaghetti and squash left. 60 members sign up from the produce.

PROGRAM: Health Services Administration – Sara Decoteau, Director

Function/Mission Statement: Administer SWO's Indian Health Service Comprehensive Health Care Services Contract (*Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act or "638" IHS Master Contract*); implement health initiatives and grants; participate in interagency coordination activities to promote collaboration and collective impact; and plan and develop services that will improve health status, quality, and access to care (*SWO Health Plan*).

The IHS FY/2021 Master Contract is awarded to support continuing operation of Dakotah Pride Center, Community Health Representative, Maternal Child Health, Community Health Education, Health Administration, and Purchased Referred Care programs plus associated Indirect Costs. (*Purchased Referred Care programs are: 1) substance use disorder treatment level of care that cannot be met at Dakotah Pride Center, 2) children's orthodontics, and 3) non-emergency medical transportation.*) The IHS processed two FY/21 payments for the recurring type funds. On 10/19, 19.73% was deposited, and on 10/29 the remaining 80.27% was deposited; then in November these funds were allocated and credited to the fund accounts utilizing allocation formulas. Although non-recurring Indirect Costs and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Tribal Shares are awarded, payment for these categories has not yet been issued by IHS.

Regarding the Purchased and Referred Care Orthodontics Program coordinated by Health Administration, 6 children have been referred for treatment so far this year and obligated. Delta Dental of South Dakota serves as SWO's contracted fiscal intermediary. The bill for October was paid on 11/2/2020. Payments for 5 children who completed treatment and 5 who started. Currently, we have

obligated for the 154 children who are in some phase of treatment, including the 26 children waiting to start treatment. The Orthodontics Team did not meet this month, but a meeting is scheduled for 12/2.

Regarding the Purchased and Referred Care reimbursement to the Tribal Elderly Affairs Program for non-emergency medical transportation assistance payments provided to Tribal members referred by the Sisseton Indian Health Service, for October for 189 referrals.

We are researching ways to get the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that is restricted for diagnostic testing only, which was “modded” into the IHS Master Contract on 3/30, over to the Sisseton Indian Health Service “side of the house”. Because SWO has not assumed clinical or laboratory services, diagnostic testing capacity is not in place. The funding should instead be available to support the efforts of the Sisseton IHS, which is performing this function.

Health Administration staff participated in 56 meetings and webinars this month. Seventeen (or 30%) were about the COVID-19 pandemic and held with the Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board or Epidemiology Center, South Dakota Department of Health, and/or Indian Health Service. This month, the South Dakota Department of Health, together with Indian Health Service, implemented COVID-19 sentinel surveillance testing of asymptomatic patients. The State has arranged to send test specimens to National Jewish Hospital in Denver. The goal is to test 5% of the population, which for SWO is based on the active registered users of the Sisseton Indian Health Service (*calculated 169 per week*). Tribal Health staff began attending the weekly calls with the SD-DOH and IHS to discuss the sentinel testing plan and implementation with National Jewish Hospital. We were informed that the SD Department of Health implemented contact tracing automated e-mail assessments as of 11/13. Due to the rise in cases, the disease investigation specialists are not able to keep up with the workload demand for rigorous person-to-person investigations. Through the technology, within a few minutes after the State Lab has a positive test, an e-mail or text is sent, asking the infected person to identify close contacts and provide information. The e-mails come from sddoh@gmailserver.com. They are getting good response so far. When COVID-19+ people do not respond within three days, the SD DOH will call or coordinate with the Sisseton Indian Health Service to find the person. Exciting news is that by next month’s report, the two messenger RNA vaccines should start rolling out, becoming available first to the Tier 1 priority group (health care workers) followed soon after with doses for high-risk populations. These vaccines are exceptionally safe and effective. Much outreach and effort will be required to efficiently promote vaccinations so that “herd immunity” can be achieved, which will happen when the population is at a 70% vaccination rate. It is a two-dose vaccine, so if most of our population can be vaccinated by Spring 2021, we can get past the pandemic and into recovery. A note with regard to safety is there are no additives to Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which is why they have to be stored at the super cold temperatures. (*In recent years there has been concern directed towards the trace amounts of certain preservatives added to vaccines, viewed as unsafe.*) The other exciting development this month is potential for contact management through South Dakota Department of Health data sharing (American Indian people having zip codes for towns within the Reservation boundaries). The Tribal Secretary has requested technical assistance in the form of a public health authority authorizing resolution, as well as standard operating procedures for responsible data management and contact management.

The HC oversees the Tribal Opioid Response grant, which submits a separate report. A total of fourteen meetings were held this month, including eleven staff huddles, one conference call with the Government Project Officer, a meet and greet with the new COMPASS Care Connector at Coteau des Prairies

Hospital, and a webinar on SAMHSA's Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS). Implementation of the No Cost Extension, orientation of the Project Manager/Data Specialist, analysis of the Harm Reduction Community Needs and Readiness Assessment for the strategic action plan, and annual reporting were administrative focuses.

The HC facilitated the First 1,000 Days Interagency Forum meeting held 11/19 where coordination continued on the following topics: new hires and staff vacancies, support for working mothers to breastfeed, pediatric healthy weight management, child passenger seats, childhood immunizations, home visitor's collaborative, and "warm hand-offs" for better coordination of care for pregnant women and drug exposed infants. The HC asked for volunteers to serve on a Warm Hand-Off Workgroup that will record virtual introductions and/or digital stories that can serve a two-fold purpose: 1) briefing medical providers about community services available for referral and 2) informing and motivating patients to accept a referral and what to expect. There was a presentation on Touchpoints, a potential program associated with Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard, for professional development that teaches a shared construct of support for families during the predictable times when there is to be a developmental burst -- accompanied by concurrent regression in developmental milestones (*such as feeding, sleeping and toileting*). Bringing this understanding to providers and families can improve confidence in parenting, help children achieve better, and alleviate frustration and negative reinforcements. We look forward to opportunities to learn more on Touchpoints through the ILAUNCH project. Parents are indicating to ILAUNCH that they are unaware of the resources available in the community, which reinforces a surprising concurrent finding from the Tribal Opioid Response Harm Reduction Community Needs and Readiness Assessment -- that people are not seeing community education messaging.

The Emergency Preparedness for Patients with Serious Medical Conditions Coordinating Committee Work Group met 11/13. The goal of this group is to provide consistent and united processes and information across all agencies to promote safety for patients, workforce and the public and compare notes about readiness for Winter and other topics. Outcomes included follow-up to make sure the people on dialysis have the Dispatcher number to call in an emergency, potentially adding patient contact lists for other high risk populations (*such as those who might need snow removal or transportation access to cancer treatment during weather-related closure*), adding to the number of non-congregate units at the I-29 motel by installing microwaves and refrigerators, clarifying how the pandemic is affecting community transportation services, and the forecast for "*colder than normal temperatures and above normal snow fall*" this winter. The next meeting is scheduled 12/4.

The HC participated in 4 meetings of the Sisseton Area Health Network (SAHN), an interagency consortium organized in 2019 by Coteau des Prairies (CDP) Health Care System pursuant to a HRSA Rural Health Network grant to develop strategies for improving community health. Because this group identified prenatal substance use as a priority issue, CDP then applied for and was awarded a Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome grant from HRSA. This month, there was follow-up on a Board assessment, which identified other priority issues including mitigation of COVID-19 and vaccine plan coordination, chronic disease management, workforce development, and development of wellness and substance use disorder treatment facilities for the community. Through discussion, we learned that Sanford has a pediatric *fit* kit curriculum, developed with philanthropic resources and available free of charge to be used with children and families. An introductory virtual meeting that will include the SWO Diabetes Program Manager is scheduled 12/9.

HRSA grants, such as the two Coteau des Prairies Hospital have, require formation of consortia that can be sustained after the grant ends. This month, letters of commitment from three potential partners seeking HRSA grants were requested. The Health Coordinator explained to these entities that official support requires legal counsel review and Tribal Council action before the Tribal Chairman can sign the Memoranda of Understanding expected by the granting agency. However, under the general authorization provided the Tribal Council Resolution No. SWO-16-081 that approves the SWO Health Plan (2016 – 2020) and authorizes its implementation, including mobilization of resources, fund-seeking efforts, collaboration and partnerships to achieve its stated Mission, a general letter of intent to recommend the required partnership if the grant is funded could be provided. On 11/5, the Health Administration provided a letter of intent to support the South Dakota AHEC's application for a Rural Health Network Development Planning grant to partner to develop strategies to grow the behavioral health workforce. On 11/16, a letter of intent was provided to support the American Indian Cancer Foundation's application for a Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program to partner to reduce commercial tobacco use. The American Indian Public Health Resource Center at North Dakota State University has requested a letter, too, by 11/30. They are applying for a HRSA Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program grant to partner to improve tribal maternal and infant health outcomes. In deciding whether to formally commit to consortium participation via MOUs, the Tribal Council will need to consider whether the benefits of networking outweigh the staff time outlay, which could be considerable if these grants are funded.

The SWO Health Plan Stakeholders' Work Group met 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 and 11/23 to work on the successor plan (2021-2025). Stakeholders reviewed the inventory of current and emerging initiatives and indicated whether they agreed or disagreed that the list is complete. The draft community assessment module of the Health Plan was compiled and routed for review by stakeholders. Stakeholders are asked to send other data that should be included in the Community Needs Assessment module of SWO Health Plan 2021-2025 by 11/25, such as the Community Needs and Readiness Assessments (or CNRA) summaries from Native Connection, ILAUNCH, and Tribal Opioid Response. Then Sara D will revise the Community Needs Assessment module before routing it again. Attendees used a Survey Monkey for a preliminary, test ranking of the health status problems, based on the data in the Community Assessment module. The agreed-upon approach is to route another Survey Monkey link to all SWO Health Plan Stakeholders once the data module is updated, whether or not they have been participating in the meetings. The e-mail will request that stakeholders review the data module and use it as a reference when using Survey Monkey to rank priority health status problems. The 11/16 session was devoted to review of the Tribal Opioid Response Harm Reduction Community Needs and Readiness Assessment findings and input for the strategic action plan that is due 60 days after the grant award. In the interest of time and moving the process forward, the Tribal health current and emerging initiatives were sorted into temporary groupings to be used to make the forecasting process manageable. Weekly meetings are scheduled in December to continue forecasting where we want to be with initiatives, temporarily grouped as follows: 1) *Behavioral Health*, 2) *Chronic Disease Intervention*, 3) *Family Strengthening*, 4) *Health Education & Prevention*, 5) *Injury Prevention*, 6) *Management Capacity Development*, 7) *Workforce Development*, 8) *Youth / Upstream Prevention Initiatives*.

In conjunction with the SWO Stakeholders' Work Group, a Project Development Team, convened to evaluate whether to apply for the Indian Health Service Community Opioid Intervention Pilot Project, met 11/6 and 11/9. Templates were provided for identified first steps after identifying logic model, authorizing Tribal Council Resolution and budget. Concerns were that this grant would be very

competitive, because it is for a demonstration or pilot project that can be replicated in other locations as a best practice. Because only two projects per Area will be funded, it will be important to have data that supports sufficient Opioid Use Disorder need to justify a \$1.5 million, 3-year project. Timing related to the holidays and administrative deadlines, lack of a physical location to house the project, and the pandemic were identified barriers. In the end, a Project Lead was not identified, so there are no plans to apply for the grant at this time.

Other meetings included Behavioral Health Interagency Team (11/19), IHS FY/2023 Budget Formulation (11/17, to meet the deadline for submission of budget priorities and hot topics), ILAUNCH staff, consultant and Government Project Officer virtual meetings (11/9 and 11/20), Sisseton IHS Maternal Child Health Team (11/4), SWO Local Research Review Board (11/17), and a meeting on the Tribal Health Management Grant (11/20). On 11/5, staff attended a WebEx for Tribal Program managers, "CARES Act Risk Consideration", presented by McCabe CPA Group. The HC attended a few hours of the HRSA-sponsored "Introducing Telehealth to Indigenous Communities" virtual two-training and downloaded all the PowerPoints.

PROGRAM: Native Connection Behavioral Health

PURPOSE: To Promote and sustain the quality of life, integrity and empowerment of tribal members by planning, developing and providing health care services consistent with the behavioral, physical, cultural, and spiritual values of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Accomplishments this Month:

Objective: Expand outreach via Facebook and the radio station and schedule on-site visits to other SAMHSA grant sites to see what we can do to self-sustain.

- This month we had 14 crisis calls on the Native Connection Crisis Line.
- This month we had 3 texts
- We had 0 walk-in crisis events.
- Our outreach via Facebook was ~117 individuals (some overlap to be considered)

Objective: Maintain coalitions and networks to improve coordination and collaboration among other programs with the intent to provide support and referrals without any delay for the client

- Monthly meetings with various coalitions
 - Dallas attended the Zoom call with the northeast youth coalition
- Dallas Owen has prepared the general council report
- Dallas Owen continues to spray sanitizer throughout the offices to prevent covid-19
- Leah is to interview for native connection receptionist
- Plans are set to find a replacement for Dallas
- Teresa White will be taking hours on the crisis line

PROGRAM: SWO Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative

Function/Mission Statement:

To promote and sustain the quality of life, integrity and empowerment of tribal members by planning, developing and providing health care services consistent with the behavioral, physical, cultural and spiritual values of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Please see Tribal Health Management above report for monthly report due to no manager at this time.

Objective: Expand crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, behavioral health and case management services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Objective: Foster coalitions and networks to improve coordination and collaboration among victim service providers, health care providers, and other responders

Objective: Promote community education for adults and youth on domestic and sexual violence

Advertised for full DVPP Case Manager Position.

Program Name: Warming House – Dawn Ryan, Manager

Function/Mission Statement: The Warming House is a service to provide shelter for the homeless in our community as well as those who find themselves in need.

The Warming House is located at 410 2nd Ave. E. in Sisseton, which opened for the winter season on November 16, 2020 after getting a special permit from the City of Sisseton. The hours of operation are from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Sunday. Currently, the Warming House has 3 employees and is looking to hire 1 or 2 more employees through SWO ET DEMO's Job Training Program. Anyone wanting to apply can contact Mark Wynde, ET DEMO, at 605/698-8305.

We have served 20 people in the 15 days we have been open. The clients have been able to shower, wash their clothes, eat, rest & stay warm during the night. Our capacity is 11 due to spacing at this time but we have utilized the day room to bed overflow. There has only been 2 times that we've had to do so. We are usually at capacity minus 1 or 2 each night.

I have also been receiving donations from community members and a couple businesses for the warming house by way of material items such as bedding, clothes, towels, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, hygiene items & food. I received one donation of gift cards in the total amount of \$50 to which I used to purchase what hygiene products were left that we needed before opening. I have the receipt on file.

As far as complying according to CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19, everyone is required to wear masks, temperatures are taken & logged. There is also sanitizer readily available throughout the building. The clients are also reminded to social distance while they are in the building. Only 2 are allowed in the kitchen at a time & they are also asked to sanitize the bathroom after each use.