

Listening Session Report & Summary

Rapid City, SD
April 28, 2004

Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Delores Pigsley

Issue: There are elder abuse issues such as housing diet, nutrition, social services and transportation.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There is a need for funding for long-term care.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There are diet and nutrition needs. The program is only funded for only 2 meals a week.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Isolation is a concern for the elders. They would like to see funding for home visits and social gatherings.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Trenton Indian Service Area, Cynthia LaCounte

Issue: Increasing in funding request.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Needs more outreach workers, CHRs, public health nurses, transportation and case management services.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Funding for housing from HUD and home improvement funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Funding for these should be reviewed (the regulations).

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Funding for meals, transportation, home chores and home repairs and staffing to provide these services.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There is a need for elder abuse funding.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Funding for home care and long-term care services.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Increase training for Title VI Directors.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Spirit Lake Tribe, William Ambose LittleGhose,

Issue: There is no support for housing challenges (i.e.: poorly constructed home, poor quality of construction materials, little support for weatherization).

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Agency of Uintah and Ouray, Irene Cuch,

Issue: Funding should be brought back to its full appropriation of \$30 million.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Charles White Elk,

Issue: Policy should be more culturally sensitive and respectful to traditions.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Eastern Navajo/NICOA, Frank Chee Willetto

Issue: Need for funding for the elders for transportation, healthcare clinics, hospitals and senior centers.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: The treaty rights need to be supported and upheld by the United States.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Muscogee Nation, Steve Wilson

Issue: Additional training and once-a-year reporting should be required.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Funding cuts are very high per tribe and would like to see an increase.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Caregiver programs need more funding.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Transportation, as his tribe is a rural location and can't afford to get to centers.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: They need more CHR's, as they know the elders better.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: More VISTA workers are needed and programs ran by the National Society of American Indian Elders needs more funding.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Indian Country needs to be involved with the White House Conference on Aging.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Quinault Indian Nation, James DeLaCruz

Issue: Title VI programs need to be comparable to Title III programs.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Funding per elder needs to be increased. There is only a \$20 increase in 20 years.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Oglala Sioux and Pine Ridge, Emma Watteres

Issue: There is a need for more funding.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There are needs for quality health care.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Asked the delegates to remember that a treaty was signed and therefore elders need should be addressed on a nation-to-nation basis.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Sicangu Lakota, Marie Randall

Issue: Lack of funding for staffing income.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Blackfeet Tribe, Connie Bremner

Issue: Requested funding for assisted living.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There are discrimination and inequities regarding the Title III and Title VI programs.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Would like to do less reporting.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

National Indian Council on Aging, Andy Joseph

Issue: CHR needs further funding.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Tribes are not eligible for programs that are managed by the state.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Need assistance in weatherizing their homes.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Transportation is a large concern.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Direct funding for Title III programs.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Standing Rock CHR Program, John EagleShield

Issue: No issue. Used this time to remind attendees of the government-to-government relationship that tribes are supposed to have.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

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Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe Elder

Issue: Lack of funding for Title III & VI.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

National Indian Council on Aging, Gary Kodaseet

Issue: Increase of \$100,000,000 for Elderly programs through AoA.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, Nora Parker

Issue: Inadequate funding for services.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Needs for balanced and healthier meals.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There is a need for access to prescription drugs (price).

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There are high gambling issues.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There is a need for legal services assistance.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: There are a lack of utilities and eviction notices for living costs.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Delores Pigsley

Issue: Long-term care is a growing concern and they need additional funding.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Health care is underfunded.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Program only funded two meals two days per week and need additional funding for daily nutrition and dietary requirements.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Need transportation assistance and reimbursement for fuel costs. Most must commute long distances.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Issue: Assistance with isolation for elders, as they need socialization.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS

Quinault Indian Nation, James DeLaCruz

Issue: There is a need for a funding increase.

Agency/Policy Lead: AoA/IHS