

## **2009 HHS Tribal Consultation - Written Summaries**

### **Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Robert Moore**

**Issue:** More comprehensive and coordinated Long-term care programs in Indian Country - need funding.

**Issue:** There is a need for a definition of long-term care across the board.

### **NICOA, James DeLaCruz**

**Issue:** Funding for nutrition and supportive services

**Issue:** No training to tribes to use caregiver funds effectively

**Issue:** Language and cultural barriers severely restrict Indian elder access to federal programs to which they are eligible.

**Issue:** Funds are needed to advance NICOA's capacity building activities that began in the 1990s.

**Issue:** Funding for prioritizing issues related to elder rights and to carry out activities in support of these priorities.

**Issue:** State programs seldom reach Indian elders due to cultural and geographic barriers.

**Issue:** Indian tribes have little or no access to the agencies, departments, ombudsman, or other programs that are available to states.

**Issue:** Tribes have no additional source of mandated federal funding for elder protection activities.

**Issue:** Outreach and education programs are needed to increase awareness of elder abuse and to help tribes devise ways to minimize abusive behavior.

### **Pueblo of Tesuque**

**Issue:** Need for special diabetes programs for Indians (SDPI) and funding issues.

**Issue:** Funding for the Older American Act Program.

**Issue:** Funding for the Native American Indians caregiver program is so low that it is practically impossible to plan and implement a comprehensive quality caregiver program.

**Issue:** Funding for social services program. (substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, intervention services, mental health services).

**Issue:** Funding for proper law enforcement.