

## **2012 National Title VI Training & Technical Assistance**

Denver, CO  
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### **Blackfeet Eagle Shield, Connie Bremner**

**Issue:** Funding goes to a different group than the people that are to be served.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:**

**KG:** New guidance should serve both Blackfeet and non-Blackfeet. Be aware that there isn't duplication of services; the issue could most likely be mitigated

**CL:** Changes may not be reflected until the next time the program submits a funding request

### **Cherokee Nation, Lisa James**

**Issue:** Increase in funding for Title A and C and support the White House Conference on Aging for 2015.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:** Benefits of Older American's Act is that it's a bipartisan issue and congress has been experiencing difficulty these days with dividing the issue. In terms of reauthorization, both Republicans and Democrats have recently tackled this issue and feel hopeful that a draft would come out of an engagement soon. She will continue to talk to the House and Senate.

**Issue:** Reauthorization of the Older American's Act should maintain the 1987 Indian Amendments to the Older American's Act intact.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Title VI Consultants and Directors should be consulted if changes have been recommended.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Recommends that the new programs come down to the states, the tribes are given the opportunity to administer these programs with adequate funding.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Recommends that the Director of American Indian/Alaska Native and Hawaiian Native be elevated within AoA at the 1987 Amendment originally intended.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

### **Paiute, Grace Dick**

**Issue:** Gathering of traditional foods in the area - from fish, to bear, to pine nuts, etc.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:** Provided an introduction to Jean Lloyd as a nutrition resource.

**Issue:** Hunting issues

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:** Willing to pull resources together about hunting license. Not sure if it is a federal or state issue but will look into the issues.

### **Standing Rock Reservation, Charmaine Eagleman**

**Issue:** Disconnect between North and South Dakota reservation support

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:** Funds are received from state support, which ND is allocated and is supposed to spread between both states.

**Issue:** Staffing issues - Needing paid caregivers. One person is performing multiple jobs (transportation, making beds, cleaning, etc).

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:** There is a need for companionship, suggested speaking to Kathy Ferguson.

**Issue:** Nutrition due to loss of appetite in Elders.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

### **Warm Springs Confederated Tribes of Oregon, Wilson Wewa**

**Issue:** Grandparents raising grandchildren - respite care services.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:** Encourages him to continue to advocate for caregiver issues.

**Issue:** Caregiver issues.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Title VI Directors should get better at Medicare/Medicaid billing for their services.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Evidence based program funding.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Lack of languages and losing culture is elder abuse.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

### **Cherokee Nation, David Baldrige**

**Issue:** Lack of elder abuse funding and Title VII funding.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:** Additional parts were also not funded. Passing and funding continues to be a challenge for all.

**Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Lee Begay**

**Issue:** Territorial/Bullying behaviors exhibited by the Elders.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Difficult to coordinate with agencies to receive assistance in areas such as health promotion

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Resolution:**

**KG:** Evidence Based issues are large issues to address and she'd like to expand it. Asked ACL/AoA staff to introduce themselves

**CL:** Discussed an Ombudsman Program

**Issue:** Insurance brokers needs to be more educated about the tribal process.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Tlingit & Haida, Andrea Ebona-Michael**

**Issue:** Not enough Funding.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Families have to move to larger cities for work and the cost of living is expensive there.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Title VI Directors are faced with too many responsibilities: cooking, driving, reporting, and more.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Proximity to healthcare and the cost of medical equipment and resources are very few.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Need for additional training for Medicare and Social Security.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** In terms of AARP, people need to be educated about Plans A, B, C, D through N.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Three Affiliated Tribes, Polly Chase**

**Issue:** Funding for caregiver and nutrition programs.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** They have to be creative with their money.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Under staffed and never had direct assistance.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Association of Village Council Presidents, Patrick Samson**

**Issue:** Cost of living in Bethel is very high.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Weather conditions in Alaska are harsh.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** They do not have the resources to build ramps for Elders. They need proper approval which they have trouble finding

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Tribes asked the Governor of Alaska and FEMA to declare disaster assistance for their area.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Elders are forced to heat their homes with ovens or space heaters. He has asked an agency for funding for space heaters but was told that it is a fire hazard.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Jacque Gray**

**Issue:** Elders need paid caregivers. Elders also want familiar faces and familiar caregivers.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Would like to have an emergency program for emergency living situations (example: house burned down).

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Transportation needs outside of what CHR provides needs to be better so elders can get their meals delivered.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Pawnee Nation, Deb Echo-Hawk**

**Issue:** More Nutritional food. Looking into garden grants to bring back gardens and where they can harvest more food.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** New Elder's Center needs to be built.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** They are understaffed.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** There is a lack of funding.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Ottawa Tribe, Debbie Hopkins**

**Issue:** Title III funding for housekeeping.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Quinault, James DeLaCruz**

**Issue:** Expressed the important for the assistant secretary to work with congress and the Whitehouse to serve elders and get more funding.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Would like more regional trainings.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

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**Northwest Regional Council, Shelly Zylstra**

**Issue:** An amendment should be made to OAA which allows Title III to service people age 60+ and "Elders of American Indian Tribes at the tribally determined age of Elder hood".

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Mona Swimmer**

**Issue:** There is a lack of funding.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** There is a need for additional Native American Elderly Support Programs.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** There is a need for elderly home improvement programs.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**NIEJL, Jacque Gray**

**Issue:** Need more resources to develop and provide resources and training.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Funding for resources, personnel and travel.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**NRCNAA, Twyla Baker-Demaray**

**Issue:** Need staffers to help getting publications, research, coordination, partnering and work done

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Issue:** Funding for the staffing and research and establishing evidence-based programs.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte

**Council of Tlingit and Haida, Andrea Ebona-Michael**

**Issue:** Would like a cap on indirect funding from tribal organizations.

**Agency/Policy Lead:** AoA, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte