

## **Unknown Title 1**

**Issue:** Navajo Nation would like to be elevated to a State Unit on Aging from an Area Agency on Aging.

**Status/Resolution:** OAIANNHP supports the Navajo Nation to be equal to a state unit on aging and more merely an area agency on aging. Elevating status needs to be a congressional decision.

**Issue:** Recommendation that Navajo Nation hold a Senate Select Committee Hearing on Indian Affairs, whether it comes under the Aging Committee or the Indian Affairs Committee, or both.

**Status/Resolution:** ACL would be very supportive of this effort, but it would have to be tribally initiated.

**Issue:** ACL is working with the VA and with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to look at ways to help veteran elders get services and support.

**Status/Resolution:** Plans are on-going. Cynthia LaCounte to provide a more in-depth written summary.

**Issue:** Increased funding for long-term care facilities; assisted living facilities in Indian country; and increased assistance for everything from falls to prevention to home renovations and repairs for tribal seniors.

**Status/Resolution:** ACL meet with HUDs for an initial discussion. They have also met with HIS falls prevention program staff to begin discussions around falls prevention. Nancy Bill and Cynthia LaCounte are planning a joint meeting with Mr. Boyd (HUD) and CDC around the same.

**Issue:** MOU between CMS, IHS, and ACL around long-term care services and supports, and how the three agencies can work together.

**Status/Resolution:** Cynthia LaCounte will provide a more in-depth written summary.

**Issue:** Substance Use Issues in Gallup, NM requiring technical assistance.

**Status/Resolution:** Region VI SAMHSA facilitated technical assistance for the Navajo Nation, National American Indian and Alaskan Native Addiction Technology Transfer Center, South Southwest ATTC and the state of NM regarding detox programs.