# COCONINO COUNTY INTER-TRIBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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<td>[X] Sharon Doctor, Chair</td>
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<td>[X] Diana Cudeii, Vice Chair</td>
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<td><strong>Committee Members</strong></td>
<td>Also, Present:</td>
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<td>[A] Sirene Lipschutz</td>
<td>Sarah Hunter</td>
<td>Michele Ralston</td>
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<td>[X] Mike Luna</td>
<td>Eric Peterson</td>
<td>Peter Van Wyck, FTF</td>
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<td>[X] Steve Smith</td>
<td>Holly Figueroa</td>
<td>Chris Jocks, ICF</td>
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<td>[X] Rose Toehe</td>
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<td>1) <strong>CALL TO ORDER</strong></td>
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| 2) **OPENING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** | A. Introductions  
B. Chris Jocks addressed the group on the Coconino County Detention Center and a potential proposal to increase and improve facilities and service for spiritual ceremonies for Native American incarcerated persons. He also addressed a desire to move towards a County Indigenous Peoples' Day in lieu of the Columbus Day holiday. He expressed interest in working with ITAC on this initiative.  
C. Peter Van Wyck, Regional Director for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council with the First Things First, shared information about how the tobacco tax funds are used to support their organization. They partner with tribal communities like Havasupai, Hualapai and Hopi to provide Quality First Programs which offer childcare centers, professional development, and coaching to families. He mentioned the needs of children in Supai. Presently there is a Family Resource Center along with a library under construction. First Things First is seeking financial support. | |
| 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** | Discussion and possible approval of March 27, 2019 regular meeting minutes.  
Discussion and possible approval of April 24, 2019 Tri-Diversity meeting minutes. | Vice Chair Cudeii moved to approve the March 27, 2019 minutes. | Cudeii/Smith |
2019 ITAC meeting minutes and the April 24, 2019 Tri-Diversity Council meeting minutes. Council member Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4) NEW BUSINESS

A. Sacred Mountain Run sponsorship request - Dorothy Gishie: Dorothy presented a letter of request for funding to support the Sacred Mountain Prayer Run. Council member Cudeii moved to approve $300 to sponsor NACA’s Sacred Mountain Prayer Run. Council member Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

B. Application of Sarah Hunter – Chair Doctor: It was agreed to recommend to the Board of Supervisors, the appointment of Sarah to ITAC.

C. Summer Retreat – Chair Doctor: The summer retreat will be on July 8, 8 am-5 pm at the Fort Tuthill Mess Hall.

D. Havasupai Trip – Chair Doctor: The Havasupai trip is still scheduled to be on June 14. Michele Ralston, Art Babbott’s Executive Assistant presented an article titled “Havasupai Secures License to Retain, Expand Internet Access”. Guests Holly Figueroa and Peter Van Wyck offered their insight and experience with traveling to the Havasupai tribal community that included cultural protocols and recommendations for a successful visit.

5) OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on 4/14/19 Annual Black Renaissance Banquet attendance by ITAC members Cudeii, Toehe, and Smith who all agreed that the dinner event was well attended and a great experience.

B. Update on letter to BOS regarding ICE and detention of undocumented immigrants – Council Chair Doctor mentioned that the letter from ITAC was submitted and Eric Peterson said the Board of Supervisors will be providing a response to ITAC soon.

C. Update on funding request to Board of Supervisors – Council Chair Doctor. Eric Peterson stated that the Board of Supervisors had tentatively approved each diversity council to receive $2,000 per year and a formal approval to be forthcoming. This funding will be for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Eric suggested that ITAC give the Supervisors a report of ITAC accomplishments and future plans.

D. Update on ITAC logo – Council Chair Doctor mentioned that the logo had been revised by Joshua Tallas, a local small business owner and NAU alum.

E. Update on Christy Nations ITAC Plaque – Council Chair Doctor stated that she had not checked into types and costs of a plaque and once she had the information, she would send to Susie who will add it
6) FINANCE

A. ITAC Account Status – Eric Peterson stated that account balance is currently $444.36.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Truth and Reconciliation Meeting – Rose Toehe mentioned that she attended this meeting of four storytellers who shared their boarding school experiences which was very emotional and how these types of schools make an impact on the generation of Native youth today.

B. City of Flagstaff’s Indigenous Coordinator – Rose Toehe stated that the new staff person is Catherine Esquivel and she will be a full-time employee on July 1, 2019.

C. Zuni Festival at the Museum of Northern Arizona – Rose Toehe mentioned that this festival will be held May 25-26, 2019.

D. Arizona Town Hall’s Flagstaff Community Outreach Program on Criminal Justice in Arizona – Diana Cudeii mentioned that she attended this discussion on May 15, 2019 at the High Country Conference Center.

E. National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund – Diana Cudeii stated that she attended this event on May 22, 2019 which highlighted community efforts in Northern Arizona in the field of education. Discussion was on finding unique ways to strengthen the alignment between education and key partners to increase the academic achievement of all students.

F. Flagstaff Healing & Wellness Pow Wow 2020 – Sharon Doctor mentioned that this annual event is already being planned for next spring.

G. County Diversity Day is being scheduled for June 12, 2019 and diversity councils are invited to tabling to share their information at this event.

8) CLOSING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

9) NEXT MEETING DATES

A. June 5, 2019 Tri-Diversity Council Meeting (CHAC hosting – potluck)

B. June 26, 2019 Regular ITAC meeting

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Eric Peterson

Sharon S. Doctor, ITAC Chair

Susie Garretson, Diversity Council Coordinator