

## M.A.S.T. Impact Week

March 25-28, 2018

Monday March 26

### Issues and Speakers

\*Mr. John Tahsuda III - Principal Deputy Asst. Secretary of Indian Affairs.

- President is pushing an infrastructure on the agenda.
- Funding to tackle these issues are endorsed by the president could be enacted by congress this year or next year's budget.

Parks

Fishing & Wildlife

Indian schools

- Secretary is putting together a task force to tackle the opioid problem on reservations through law enforcement.
- detention facilities  
detox centers

Stop the flow of drugs coming into reservations.

-Looking at better ways the administration can assist tribes

Proposed council

Budget- guidelines set down focussing on core/statutory responsibilities first then work down from there.

FY18- asking for plan to help move money and aid to the tribal schools faster. There is a plan in place and its in the hands of congress.

\*Mark Cruz - Chief of staff for Congressman Todd Rokita 4th district of Indiana.

-Rokita has been lead on past 2 TLSA.

-IHS 9.9% plus up

-193 million added to school construction( expidite the construction on tribal schools)

-130 million crime victims fund

The "ask" getting Senators to jump on for the TLSA. Go to the leaders who aren't so easy to get an agreement from, so it makes passing a bill easier.

Wisconsin, Michigan, New Mexico, Montana, California, Washington State, Joe Donnelly (wild card), Florida Senator Nelson, Virginia.

\*Rudy Soto Legislative Director Indian Affairs sub committee ranking member under Norma Torres (D-CA) ... "she has no tribes in her district, but fights harder than most" top ranking member Indian affairs subcommittee on second term.

-The jobs for tribes act passed

Includes trade between tribes and indigenous people.

Native American made products in casinos, support their people.

- They are also bringing awareness to missing and murdered indigenous women.

\*Kitty Marx director, CMS Tribal affairs division, North Carolina

-New medicare cards roll out April 2018-2019, improved to help prevent fraud.

-Updates on prescription reimbursement is supposed to be done by April.

-Tribes have a right to invoke their rights for tribal consultation through CMS.

-Behavior health Waiver -IHS

Spiritual healing could fall under that.

\*Ben Smith IHS Deputy Director Intergovernmental affairs

-Omnibus funding bill

IHS increase \$498 million

IHS infrastructure funding \$322 million

Mental health 6%, substance and alcohol abuse programs 4% increase

BIA Indian education \$204 million increase the bill includes an additional \$162 million for BIA and BIE infrastructure, including school

construction and maintenance, public safety facilities and irrigation and water projects.

Tourism in Indian country \$3.4 million in new funding is included to implement the NATIVE act to promote tribal tourism and economic development.

Indian arts and crafts act enforcement \$2 million in additional funding for anti trafficking enforcement.

- Also spoke on the rise in tribal children being diagnosed Autistic.

\*Ken Dagenfelder senior staff, House resources committee

- Spoke on the Omnibus , land in trust,

\*Brian Pierson Attorney

-Legal update

Supreme court rejects Patchak challenge to gun lake fee to trust acquisition Feb. 27

Upper Skagit V. Lundgren oral argument March 21

Washington V. United States April 18 oral arguments

Bolt case, basis for off land hunting and fishing rights.

\*Taylor Hittle legislative director- Congressman Markwayne Mullins

- Bill to reauthorize special diabetes program for Native Americans.
- Spoke on Omnibus increase numbers
- Tribal addiction act
- IHS task force

\*Matt de Ferranti Legislative director National Indian Education Assoc.

-Spoke on Omnibus, cuts to programs that serve native students are unlikely.

-Federal legislation NIEA is working on , 2018

S.943 Johnson O Mallet Supplemental Indian education program modernization act.

S.245/H.R.1169 Esther Martinez Native American language preservation act. Creates scholarships, long repayment programs,

institutional grants and Native language program grants to attract teachers to Native majority schools.

S.1294 Native American Opportunity act

Issues grants from which parents of children at BIE schools could withdraw funds for educational purposes such as tutoring, supplies, or private schools.

\*Dean Seneca GLITC Director of Epidemiology.

Spoke on the opioid epidemic

Asked for letters of support from the tribes for their grant application.

Looking to fill positions with tribal members.

\*Ben Butler Alliant Specialty

\*Alaina Clark Deputy asst. Secretary department of Homeland Security-  
Tim Quinn Executive director Customs c& Border protection.

-FEMA announced in March they were setting aside 7.8 million dollars in disaster funding for tribes.

-Blue campaign recourse - are free materials to access.

-Border patrol spoke about the ongoing battle to keep drugs from coming in.

-Working to developed a tribal card that can be used to cross the border.  
M.O.U needs to be sent to make sure the cards have all the info they need on them.

\*Heidi Frechette- Deputy assistant secretary ONAP section 184 listening session

-HUD is in the beginning stages of revising the regulations for the section 184 Indian housing loan program. They are taking comments and suggestions from tribes during these sessions and through emails. Once HUD has finalized draft regulations, they will send a copy out to tribes for comment. Once everything is revised HUD will publish the proposed rule

for public comment, then I'll publish a final rule for comment in advance of implementation.

\*M.A.S.T lobbying/dinner class 101... Capitol hill advocacy training for all new leaders/staff/attendee's

Tuesday March 27th

Discussion Resolution presentations/approvals

-Resolution passed resolution No. 02-18

Declaration of Support for National Indian Health Boards application for Funding under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention OT18-1802

During this time there was discussion on wanting some sort of "plan" in place for the tribes to tackle their inner problems mostly the opioid epidemic.

Discussion on finding ways to speed up funding to tribal schools for repairs, construction.

\*Don Ragona NARF/ Shannon Keller O Loughlin-AAIA/Kevin Pape-Grey&Pale \*Earl Evans

-Protecting Bears Ears National Monument.

-Dakota access pipeline, Bears Ears, Keystone Pipeline ..Trump reversed the decisions when he got in office.

\*President Courtney Monteiro sovereign finance, debt & investment markets.

-How as a tribe to make the most of your financial profile. Investments.

\*Chair Phyllis Davis - Great Lakes regional health board.

\*Mark Crawford

-Opioid epidemic

\*President Jefferson Keel - National Congress of American Indians

- "Behind every successful man, is a good and surprised woman".

-IHS 470 million

-Crime victims fund, tribes will be able to access.

-Native American housing block grant, \$100 million in competitive grants.

-Adolescent treatment programs

-Long term treatment for drug use

\*Stacey Bolen

-Opioid issue

\*Mike Andrews Director, Senate Indian Affairs Committee

-Plus up , block grant \$100 million for Indian housing.

-NHASDA has been flatlined

-32 million dam safety maintenance

-16 million CDJ funding

-So far the department of Justice has passed 27 bills out of the committee.

-Amber Alert/Child abduction , grant money for tribes

ICE bill Indian Community economic bill , waves the match requirement.

" Outside of Indian affairs committee, with the increase to Indian Country, there is a belief that Indian Country wont spend that money"

\*The Opioid Litigation- How Tribes cash maximize their options and leverage Attorney Roe Frazer, Attorney Label Echo-Hawk

## HILL VISITS

Our visits were with the staffers of  
Congressman Mike Bishop (R MI-8),  
Congressman Justin Amish (R MI-3)

Congresswoman Norma J Torres (D CA-35)  
Congressman Daniel Kildee (D MI-5)

The issues discussed were \*the resolution passed by M.A.S.T, \*the need for Dental therapy(preventive dental care to the lower 48 states) on tribal reservations, \* the Opioid problem, how the tribes are asking for help in treatment, keeping the drugs off reservations, the babies born addicted.\*Tribal labor sovereignty.\* Better understanding of consultation.  
\*We also gifted the offices with the maple syrup made from the sugar shack this year. It was very appreciated.

Wednesday March 28th

Round table - More discussion on addictions, communication amongst tribes on having a plan to tackle the Opioid problem in their tribes.

\*Ron Phillips- Owner Republic Strategies Our Political future -2018 Elections Key Races

\*Carmen Clelland, CAPT/USPHS, Associate director CDC office of Tribal Affairs & Strategic Alliances

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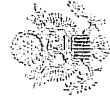
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