Engaging Lakota Communities: Defining Your Role in American Indian Research

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Brainstorm

• Began with discussions within CEID & CRCAIH about planning for upcoming grant year’s scope of work and funding opportunities.

• CRCAIH Grant: 3\textsuperscript{rd} year for first tribal partners would conduct a research conference to disseminate information to the community about Tribal research and opportunity for researchers to meet tribal members, community leaders and stakeholders to network for future research opportunities.

• RFA announced: PA–13–347 NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (1-year funding; standard appl. process schedule)
Initial Community Engagement

• Presented opportunity to Tribal Partners, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Oglala Sioux Tribe.

• Discussed Grant requirements and began organizing working groups at each site and one at SR-CRCAIH

• Developed Specific Aims
Organizing Subcommittees

Tribal Partners Subcommittees

- Oglala Sioux Tribe
  - Elizabeth Belt, Dennis Dolezal, Bernadette Denny, Kathryn Kidd and Amanda Carlow

- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
  - David West, Gladys Looking Horse, Marcia O’Leary and Sherlynn Herrera

CRCAIH/SR subcommittee

- CRCAIH
  - Amy Elliott, Jyoti Angal, Ann Marie Hess, Roxi Miller and Victoria Grey Owl

- SR
  - Tabatha Lemke, Molly McGrane
Specific Aims

• **Aim 1:** Provide an information/dissemination of research projects currently conducted on the OST and CRST reservations, and past 5–7 years, including the purpose and functioning of their Tribal Research Review Boards.

• **Aim 2:** Provide relationship building opportunities for researchers to meet with Tribal leaders and community members to discuss OST and CRST research agendas.

• **Aim 3:** Provide a venue for information to high school and college students from OST and CRST on careers in health research.
Each Site’s Key Grant Discussion Topics

**CRST**
- Location
- Speakers
- Agenda
- Budget
- Conference Title

**OST**
- Location
- Speakers
- Agenda
- Budget
- Conference Title
### Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe:
**Researching, Restoring & Rebuilding Our Oyate for a Longer Life**
*Cheyenne River Center College*

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Gene Thin Elk, BA                                                           |
| 8:00 AM | **Welcome**  
Researching, Restoring & Rebuilding Our Oyate for a Longer Life  
Denise Casillas, MA                                                     |
| 8:15 AM | **Registration**                                                        |
| 9:00 AM | **Research on Cheyenne River: Why is it so important?**  
Marcia O'Leary, BSN                                                     |
| 10:00 AM | **Break**                                                              |
| 10:15 AM | **Journeys Along the Good Red Road:**  
Intersections of Culture, Science, Policy and Health Inequities in American Indians  
Jeff Henderson, MD                                                       |
| 11:30 AM | **Roundtable: Research with CRST**  
Various Scholars; Lyle Best, MD                                           |
| 12:30 PM | **Lunch**                                                              |
| 1:30 PM | **Tribal Participatory Research**  
Denise Casillas, MA                                                        |
| 2:30 PM | **CRST Research Review Board: Research, Data Collection/Storing/Sharing, Consent, and Stakeholders**  
Eileen Briggs                                                             |
| 3:30 PM | **Break**                                                              |
| 3:45 PM | **Research Participant Protection Act**  
Gene Thin Elk, BA                                                          |
| 4:45 PM | **Evaluation and Closing**  
Denise Casillas, MA; David West                                           |
| 5:00 PM | **Honor Song**  
Denise Casillas, MA; David West  
Honoring our Guests Thank You                                             |
| 5:30 PM | **Conference concludes**                                                |

### Oglala Sioux Tribe:
**No Longer Dreaming--Your Role in Native American Research**
*SuAnne Big Crow Boys and Girls Club*

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Gene Thin Elk, BA                                                           |
| 8:00 AM | **Overview: No Longer Dreaming**  
Elder/RRB/Health Administration                                              |
| 8:15 AM | **Registration**                                                        |
| 9:00 AM | **History of Research at OST: The Lakota Way and the RRB**  
Wayne Weston, MA                                                           |
| 9:30 AM | **Break**                                                              |
| 10:00 AM | **What is the OST - Lakota Research Agenda and its Importance: Pathways to Solutions**  
Elizabeth Belt, BA, Jodi Brewer, BA                                         |
| 10:45 AM | **Having the Conversation & Building the Relationship**  
Roundtable with Researchers and OST Stakeholders                           |
| 11:45 AM | **Lunch**                                                              |
| 1:00 PM | **Current Directions: OST Scholar Presentation**  
Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart, PhD                                         |
| 2:00 PM | **Tribally-Specific Protocol**  
RRB: Wayne Weston, MA; Russell Zephier, JD                                  |
| 3:00 PM | **Break**                                                              |
| 3:15 PM | **Practicing for the Dream--Foundations for a Career in Health Research: Opportunities, Scholarships and Internships**  
Darrin Merrival, BS                                                        |
| 4:00 PM | **Community Education--Voices of the Past, Present and Future: OST Scholar Presentation**  
Alicia Mousseau, PhD                                                      |
| 5:00 PM | **Conference concludes at 5:00 PM**                                     |

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After Grant Submitted

• We took a deep breath

In General,

• Start making lists and timelines

• Have several committee meetings
  – Funding needs that grant will not cover that you want to provide
    • Food and beverages
    • Scholarships for travel; high school vs graduate/post-doc-- not grant provided
    • Swag
    • Entertainment
After Grant Submitted

– Prepare, if funded or not
– Write more grants, in-kind, donations
  • Mini grant requests to vendors or businesses for additional support
  • Consider vendor tables and rental fee; donations
  • Keep in contact with volunteers, committee members, friends
  • Post on social media
  • Send your requests for abstracts, posters, speakers early in the process
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Research Symposium

“Researching, Restoring, & Rebuilding Our Oyate for Longer Life”
March 18, 2015
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Community Advisory Board

- Originated from CRCAIH Incentive
- Continued and was officially supported by Chairman Harold Frazier
- Organizations represented:
  - OLC- Cheyenne River College Center
    - Dave West, Jr., Center Director
  - CRST Four Bands Healing Center
    - Denise Casillas, MA, Director
  - Tribal Ventures
    - Eileen Briggs, MEd, Executive Director
  - Missouri Breaks Industries Research
    - Marcia O’Leary, Manager
- Biweekly Meetings from January until the conference
  - 7.5 weeks to coordinate

“Researching, Restoring, & Rebuilding Our Oyate for Longer Life”
March 18, 2015
Planning and Implementation

- **Organizations represented:**
  - OLC- Cheyenne River College Center
    - Karen Little Wounded – Intern in Charge of Project Management
  - Missouri Breaks Industries Research
    - Patty Picotte – Executive Assistant, Corrine Huber – Media consultant

- **Activities**
  - Mailings
  - Newspapers
  - Social Media
  - School contacts
  - University Partnerships
  - Tribal and Community Support – Donations and Infrastructure
  - SDPR “Feature” and other radio spots
  - West River Eagle Post Report

“Researching, Restoring, & Rebuilding Our Oyate for Longer Life”
March 18, 2015
The Main Event

Content
- Paper/Poster Competition – Evening Prior
- Vendor/Information Booths
- Welcoming, Speakers, Lunch presentations, and Networking Breaks
- Top 5 Contest
- Award Ceremony
- Evening Feast

Post Assessment
- ~130 Attendees (25 High School Students)
- NSU-Aberdeen Student Researchers and other colleges/universities
- Pre vs Post Student Surveys – Change of Attitude
- Adult Surveys – Mostly positive community support

“Researching, Restoring, & Rebuilding Our Oyate for Longer Life”
March 18, 2015
High School Poster Board Display
Powerful Agenda
Powerful Agenda
Highlights

• High School Student Poster Display
  • Timber Lake Student took the feedback from the judges; revised her poster and took first place in a State competition.

• Radio Interview
  • Marcia O’Leary, Manager, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc.
  • Joseph Yrachetta, Sr. Scientist, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc.

“Researching, Restoring & Rebuilding Our Oyate for a Longer Life”
March 18, 2015
Oglala Sioux Tribe
Research Conference

“No Longer Dreaming: Your Role in Native American Research”

May 7, 2015
Working Group

- Members – Amanda Carlow, Bernadette Denny, Kathryn Kidd, Dennis Dezoel

- Content for agenda planning, venues, speakers, and anything else

- Conference Assistant – Lyndon Brown
Planning/Implementing Activities

- Resolutions
- Venue
- Speakers
- Meals
- Advertising
- Emails
- Forms
- Childcare
- OLC
- KILI
- Tribal Organizations
- Transportation
The Event

• SuAnne Boys & Girls Club, Pine Ridge, SD
• 70 attendees
  – 52 were tribal members
• Juggle the agenda – Speakers not available last minute
• Went really well
• Survey
Summary

• Introduce research to the community

• Find more ways to involve community members

• Poster session was good example on dissemination to community members
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Summary

• Objective One: To identify key resources for planning/implementing community research conference
  – Develop strong Working Groups to meet the needs of your Research Conference
  – Planning and starting early in the process lessens stress and allows for solutions to problems if they develop
  – Financial and Human Resources should be two key areas in planning and implementation for a successful conference
Summary

• Objective Two: To identify Tribal Partners’ key components for a successful Community Research Conference
  – Community-based Conference Planning Committee the movers toward accomplishment!
  – Poster sessions offer strong opportunity for scientists to share with the community at an individual and group level leading to network for future research discussions