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MONTHLY REPORT TO TRIBAL EXECUTIVES, COUNCIL MEMBERS, & SWO TRIBAL MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 SUBMITTED BY MYRNA THOMPSON

October 7, 2020

The Tribal Secretary's Office was able to distribute the Elderly Food Coupons for the month of September, 2020, with the approval by Tribal Council. We have 2,177 elders that will receive a card in October. We were given approval to distribute elderly food coupons for the next few months, October through December 2020. Thank you to the elders for following the mask requirement and social distancing requirement when picking up your elderly food coupons.

We are very excited that our children will be getting a new daycare facility. I attended the groundbreaking ceremony on September 10th; it was a very nice day and it went well. This also included the Food Pantry that will be built. Both COVID-19 projects are very much needed.

Program Managers have actively worked to prepare a "Pandemic Policy" for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate employees which is still under review. However, the SWO Tribal Administration Employee Pandemic (i.e., COVID-19) Policy was passed. This policy was submitted and reviewed by the Tribal Council and ultimately passed on September 18, 2020; the final product is attached for your information.

Due to the negative publicity regarding our Tribal Child Protection Program, we reached out to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to request a program review to ensure we are doing things correctly; the review is in progress and is looking positive thus far.

The Administration for Children & Families drafted a "Missing and Murdered Native Americans" framework for action; comments are due on October 9th, 2020, to ACF. We will work on a response.

On September 29th, we attended a COVID-19 Community Alliance meeting with Roberts County officials. It was very worthwhile and good collaboration has begun.

Our office received approximately 240 phone calls and 18+ walk-ins for the month of September 2020. Please remember to follow the public notice when visiting the Tribal Administration Building. We want to continue to protect the public and employees to social distance during this new way of handling business during a pandemic.

Following are the reports from programs under my administrative authority:

Program Name: Tribal Health Department – Leah Fyten, Health Director

Function/Mission Statement:

To enhance and develop health management capacity and infrastructure systems by establishing mid-level management.

Executive Memorandums:

Three Tribal Executive Memorandums have been issued in September due to the rise in Covid Cases in the communities.

Staff Updates:

1. The DVP Program Manager was re advertised as open until filled. There was an interview scheduled for September 18, 2020 and then cancelled by HR due to Pandemic Memorandum from the Tribal Executives.
2. The DVP Case Manager is still being advertised. There are interviews on September 18, 2020 and then cancelled due to Pandemic Memorandum from the Tribal Executives.
3. The Native Connections Project Director has been advertised. This interview was also cancelled due to the Pandemic Memorandum from the Tribal Executives.
4. The TREE Project Director was advertised for two weeks with no qualified applicants. It is now advertised open until filled. May consider changing the requirements for the position.
5. ILAUNCH is advertising for a Community Coordinator.
6. The TOR Project/H.S.A. is advertising for a Project Manager/Data Specialist.
7. THD Administrative Assistant will be advertised in October.

Meetings/Conference calls:

1. Great Plains Area Tribal and Urban Organization Leader call with Jim Driving Hawk. These calls are held every Tuesday morning at 11:00am for the purpose of updating the Tribal and Urban organizations on COVID cases, testing, funding, etc.
2. Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center COVID19 call. These calls are scheduled every Wednesday at 11:00am. These meetings seem to be the most valuable for Tribes.
3. Monthly SAMHSA TREE GPO call on September 8, 2020. Discussion regarding position and Evaluation plan.
4. Monthly SAMHSA Native Connections GPO Call on September 16, 2020. Michelle Carnes, GPO is leaving the program and a new GPO will start on October 9, 2020. Discussion was the on the results of the NC Community Readiness Assessment on Suicide and Substance Abuse Prevention. The SWO NC Program interviewed three young people in the community. The results of these scores were significantly lower than the adult scores from last month. The

SWONC Program will use the youth scores to complete the Strategic action plan. The combined youth scores are same with other NC Programs in region. The Community Readiness Assessment tool is used to gauge the communities' knowledge about the Tribe's effort in suicide prevention. The results of the interviews determined that there is a **vague awareness** with the youth about suicide prevention. The goals of the Strategic Action Plan will be to raise awareness that the community can do something and raise awareness with concrete ideas.

5. SWO Stakeholder's workgroup meeting on September 14, 2020. The purpose of the Stakeholder's Workgroup is to begin the next Five Year Health Plan.
6. Monthly SASP/DVP call with Technical Assistance Person and program staff regarding Year 6 on September 17, 2020.
7. BHIT Team Collaborative Workgroup Meeting on September 22, 2020. This workgroup is reviewing the SWO/I.H.S./Coteau Des Prairies Collaborative agreement from 2009. The goal is to bring it up to date with the current priorities and make the BHIT team more effective.
8. BHIT Team monthly meeting on September 24, 2020. The SWO Behavioral Health Programs gave a presentation on their programs to the team. The SWO Behavioral Health staff did an excellent job and the presentations were well received and helpful to the Team members.
9. SWO Stakeholders meeting on September 28, 2020. It was decided that this Team will meet every two weeks to go through the current Health Plan and review successes and what still needs to be addressed.

Successes:

1. Received NOA for the I.H.S. Tribal Management Grant for the second year.
2. First meeting with Dan Deal, clinical supervisor for the ACTs in the TREE Program. This will be very helpful not only for the ACTS but evaluation of the TREE Program and meeting some of the goals in the Tribal Management Grant.
3. The Treatment Center Feasibility Study Budget has been approved and the Project Development Team can meet to begin the RFP process.

Challenges:

1. Still trying to navigate WEBEX. It would be really helpful for all Tribal Health Programs to use Zoom for their meetings.
2. Getting positions filled. Extremely Challenging.
3. Dealing with the ongoing stress of the Covid Pandemic. I have had many discussions with staff one on one and in group meetings about physical, emotional, and mental exhaustion, insomnia, anxiety, and depression that has come from the Pandemic. I encourage my staff to take time off when needed and talk about the stressors of the pandemic and the affect it has had on them and their families. We all need to be kind to each other during these difficult times.

September Activities:

1. Get vacant positions filled.
2. Finalize the Pandemic Policy.
3. Continue with the Stakeholder's meeting for the Health Plan.

4. Continue the BHIT Team Collaborative Workgroup. This will provide a lot of change in how the BHIT Team addresses Behavioral Health Issues in the community.
5. Convene Treatment Center Project Development Team for the RFP.
6. Continue to act as Project Director for Native Connections, TREE, and DVP until these positions are filled.

Program Name: Child Protection Program – Debra Divine, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement (what you do as a program to provide services to the community):

The purpose of the SWO Child Protection Program is to provide a tribally administered social services delivery system. Standards of child placement practices are in accordance with the standards of the State of South Dakota and the Child Welfare League of America.

The Child Protection Program offers six (6) categories of services. The following services are available through the program: child protection services, (abuse, neglect and exploitation), child placement services (foster care), adoptive services, licensing activities for adoption and foster care, parenting classes, and preventative services to families identified as “at risk”.

The goal of the Child Protection Program is to re-enforce and strengthen family values and stress management in those families experiencing dysfunction. By providing the identified services, we help such families cope successfully with stress so they are able to provide a nurturing home environment for their children. Program success is not measured by those children who are able to adjust well to out-of-home placements but by the number of parents who are able to successfully undertake the responsibility of parenthood. In this undertaking, we rely on the strengths of each other, of the extended family and of the tribe as a community concerned about our future.

Data for the month (this data should show how your services contributed to the community you serve) as follows:

The SWO Child Protection Program has legal custody of 95 children. Following is the breakdown on type of placements:

Foster Care:	39
Group Care:	12
Boarding School	04
With Parents	09
With Relatives	31

For the month, two children was returned to the legal custody of their parent(s)/caretaker.

For the month, the Child Protection Program received 43 referrals. These numbers reflect up to 02/27/2020. Following is the breakdown:

Neglect	11
Neglect/Drug	06

Physical Abuse/Drugs	02
Physical Abuse	03
Sexual Abuse	08
Infant positive for meth	01
Pregnant/Drugs	03
Truancy	07
Clothing Orders	03
Financial Assistance	07
Youth Behavior	01
Domestic Violence	01

For the month the SWO Child Protection Program received 230 ICWA notices. Sixteen (16) of these were SWO members and ICWA eligible.

For the month we had one person apply for foster care licensure.

The SWO Child Protection Program has an on-going need of recruiting and retaining foster parents, this has been a continuous challenge for not only the tribes but a statewide need. The SWO Child Protection Program along with the State of South Dakota continue its efforts in recruiting Native American foster families for those children who cannot remain in their homes due to safety risks.

The SWO Child Protection Program is in need of funding for additional staff. This would allow the client/caseworker ratio to decrease allowing for more effective case management. Our request to council has been denied, we laid off one employee effective 10/01/19. We will go through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request additional administrative funding.

Child Support Enforcement – Diana Canku, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement: Establish, modify, and enforce child support orders, collect/disburse payments, locate absent parents, and establish paternity through genetic testing.

Data for the Month as follows:

Five members of the SWOCSE staff tested positive for covid-19 this month. Our department went into quarantine beginning September 14, 2020. We remained in quarantine through September 25, 2020. All staff members who tested positive have been cleared to return to work but some are still not feeling well. One additional staff member had a member of their household test positive so they will have to quarantine an additional two weeks. Most of us worked remotely throughout the quarantine period. Jaime came into the office twice per week to continue to process checks.

Will there be a contract drawn up for Gina Rugierre for the Child Support judge? I will need a copy of it to send to the funding agency as soon as it is executed.

Our annual grant application was submitted on July 27, 2020. I received an email in September requesting a copy of our DNA contract with DNA Diagnostics Center be attached to our application. I sent the contract through to the person reviewing our application. I was informed that the application was complete and we would receive an approval letter on October 1st stating it is approved. The funding

agency is requiring specific language in the contracts so I will have to request the DNA contract be updated by the legal department and submit it to OCSE.

I met with Leah Fyten regarding the development of a Pandemic/Natural Disaster policy. I drafted the policy and have sent it out to all employees for input. I will make any revisions and/or additions that are identified after receiving everyone's input. I am still waiting to hear back from the Executives and/or Tribal Council on the section regarding essential departments. As soon as I get that feedback the policy will be ready to take to Council for final approval.

Our department will need a copy of the new indirect cost rate proposal once that is approved. I am required to submit the new rate to the funding agency as soon as it is received by the tribe.

Court hearings were cancelled for September due to five SWOCSE employees having covid-19.

I have ordered laptops for Vanessa Carlson and Melinda Carlson to use when working remotely. They were set up by I.T. and picked up September 24, 2020.

Some issues identified with the service of process during the pandemic. The requirement for personal service puts our Process Server in situation where they are in close contact with individuals and could possibly be in close proximity to a contaminated person. The following are the issues I've identified during this pandemic:

1. Other jurisdictions are altering their procedures for serving clients during the pandemic, can Council amend Chapter 21 to add in a section for service during natural disasters/pandemics?
2. Chapter 21 requires personal service for the initial service. Subsequent service can be through the mail or publication. Publication is required for 3 weeks. Service is required at least 10 days prior to the hearing date. Can the initial service be made through electronic methods such as email? Can the initial service be through regular mail? Can the publication times be reduced/decreased? Can the 10 days notification be altered?

Monthly calls are scheduled with our federal officials and other region 8 directors throughout this state of emergency. The most recent call was on August 27, 2020.

We continue to conduct paternity testing throughout this state of emergency. The staff wear a face mask, face shield, and rubber gloves when collecting samples from clients.

The collections are through September 25, 2020. We have reached a tremendous milestone in our collections for 2020. For the first time in SWOCSE's history, we have collected over \$1,000,000 for our clients. Not only does this achieve a goal that we set for our department, it achieves a secondary goal: reducing outstanding arrears. I am very pleased with this achievement because we were able to accomplish this goal during a major pandemic!

Case Data:

Total Caseload:	1,522	
Caseworker:	Case Load:	Cases Docketed:
	August	August
Multi-Case Specialist	302	28
Multi-Case Specialist	215	23
Intergovernmental Specialist	226	1
Intergovernmental Specialist	198	0
Local Specialist	254	0
Local Specialist	317	16
Clerk of Court (dismissals only)		0

Cases Staffed:	Cases Closed: September
Local 18	
Interstate 12	
New cases: 30	Closed cases FY20: 104

PROGRAM NAME: Community Health Education - Audrey German, Program Manager**Function/Mission Statement:**

To provide community health education services in a manner that empowers Tribal members to make positive, progressive and sustained personal choices about healthy lifestyles, utilization of available health services, and prevention of chronic diseases.

Staff Update:

The CHE Continuity of Operations Plan identifies all staff as essential. For September all staff continued to work in the office, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30PM. The CHE program’s offices are located at the Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Care Center. Staff may enter the facility through the either of the North doors or the employee entrance and our morning temperature is documented. In the office we practice social distancing and wear face masks when in public spaces. Face masks can be removed when in our private office.

Prevention Education

1. Prevention activities hosted and organized this month:
 - a. CHE 411 Show on CNB TV is on hold until the college opens up to the public.
 - b. Facebook Live “CHE Fast Facts”: In the interim CHE uses Facebook Live to share information with the community. These are five minute messages posted to the SWO Community Health Education Facebook Web Page every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30AM. A short summary of the topic is posted along with the recording. Topics included:

- 09/01 Colon cancer and screening, 111 views
- 09/03 Suicide prevention, 158 views
- 09/08 A Cold vs. the Flu vs. COVID-19, 169 views
- 09/10 What to do if you test positive for COVID-19, 168 views
- 09/15 Backpack safety, 112 views
- 09/17 False sense of security, 955 views
- 09/25 Live update on KXSW, 617 views

c. COVID-19

September continues to be a month of COVID-19 education & activities for Community Health Education.

- Educational flyers disseminated this month were: Get your flu shot, Protect Your Circle—promoting childhood immunizations
- Staff assisted with COVID-19 Mass Testing at the **Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Care Center** for dates (*#tested*): 09/02 (171), 09/09 (143), 09/11 (*approx. 50*), 09/16 (200) and 09/23 (128)

At the mass testing events CHE attended these educational materials were handed out: COVID-19 telephone numbers to call for symptoms and supplies, quarantine versus isolation, what to do if symptoms develop or are present, and IHS numbers to call for questions.

- CDC-RFA-OT20-2004: Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response. Total recommended grant award is **\$352,877.00**. The purpose of this funding is for the prevention, preparedness and response to the novel coronavirus or COVID-19.

Gypsy Wanna is the COVID-19 Coordinator and has begun working with Emergency Management. There will be weekly updates on Facebook live that will air simultaneously on KXSW 89.9 FM and Venturecomm channel 380. The two Wellness Screener positions were advertised and closed on Friday, September 25, 2020. We printed 1600 copies of the first newsletter COVID Corner; 1200 were inserted in the Sota, for the week of September 28, 2020 and 400 will be distributed in the community.

d. Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Initiative “Cesdi Happens. Get Yours Tested.”:

Received \$8,490.00 in funding from the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board (GPTCHB). The goal is to increase colorectal cancer screening for relatives 50 – 70 who have not been screened using the iFOBT colorectal screening kit. – There are no updates.

- e. Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Initiative “Honor Every Woman” –

Received \$10,000.00 from the GPTCHB to promote and increase the screening rates for breast & cervical cancer. The goal is to promote and educate 250 women due for and complete a screen for breast cancer and/or cervical cancer.

To date we met the goal of 175 women to be screened for breast cancer. To complete this initiative 9 women need to complete a cervical cancer screening or pap. This initiative ends September 30th.

- f. Flu shots-

IHS Public Health Nurses gave flu shots on September 22nd and 23rd at the tribal administration building during the Elder Food Card distribution days. A flyer was created and shared through the tribal email and sent out with the elder meals. Staff assisted by filling out the forms for the nurses, which helped prevent a long line for the shots. Over 160 individuals received their flu shot. Flu shots will be offered at the Dakota Crossing grocery store starting September 30th and through-out the month of October.

STI/HIV/Hep C Prevention Education: 6

Staff were invited to present on HepC at the Dakota Pride Treatment Center. Six (6) clients received HepC prevention education on September 16th.

Community Health Education is collaborating with the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board on an HIV Community Readiness Assessment. **UPDATE: Need to identify at least 4 people to be interviewed.**

Tobacco Prevention/Cessation: Total Contacts 1

One individual requested information about the Second Wind Program.

Injury Prevention Education: No Contacts

1. Car seat distribution has been suspended because of the increase in positive COVID-19 cases. There is a need for more Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. The Community Health Education Program is willing to pay for the training.
2. Elder Fall Prevention- No update

Tai Chi digital story can be viewed on YouTube https://youtu.be/n1x44_cn2wQ

Program Name: Dakota Pride Center - Richard Bird, MS, LAC, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement: To promote and sustain the quality of life, integrity, and empowerment of SWO Tribal Members by planning, developing and providing alcohol & drug addiction services consistent with the behavioral, physical, cultural and spiritual values of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Service Description: Dakota Pride is a SD State accredited substance use disorder treatment program which provides alcohol & drug use disorder assessments; a 12-bed adult inpatient residential treatment program; intensive outpatient treatment program for adults; a 26-week aftercare treatment for adults; and a 10-bed transitional care halfway house for adult men and women. Other services provided by Dakota Pride Center include; transportation for social detoxification; referral/collaboration to Mental Health Department at Indian Health Service; referral/case management for patients with co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health disorders; and a 24-hour on call counselor (742-3114).

Goals & Objectives:

GOAL: To raise the behavioral health status of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate to the highest possible level through the provision of prevention, educational, and treatment services as part of an integrated behavioral health approach to reduce the incidence of alcohol & substance use disorders by working collaboratively with medical and behavioral health providers.

Program Activities:

1. Provide intensive inpatient treatment for adults: The Program open the doors for inpatient treatment on July 5th after being closed for the Covid-19 virus for 3 months. So far we have completed 3 groups of treatment both of these groups completed successfully with 8 clients in each group. On October 2th another group of 8 clients will complete their treatment. Total for the Fy 2020 who completed treatment is 70, with 42 men and 38 women.
2. Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services: The Outpatient Program started up again on August 4th with a group of 8 clients, this group completes on September 10th and another group of 8 clients started on September 22nd.
3. Aftercare and Continuing Treatment Services: This group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00-8:00pm. The group usually has 10-12 clients in attendance.
4. Transitional & Halfway House Services: As of September 29th we have 8 clients living at the Dakota Pride Halfway House, with 4 men and 4 women.
5. Treatment Needs Evaluations: The treatment needs evaluations completed for September totals 26, with 14 females and 12 males. Diagnosis included: Alcohol Use Disorder 12; Methamphetamine Use Disorder 10; Cannabis Use Disorder 2; and no diagnosis 2.
6. Placement & Referral to inpatient treatment services: Since October 1, 2019 until September 30, 2020 we have placed and referred a total of 79 clients in need of co-occurring treatment, placement at Keystone Treatment is 25 clients and placement at Tallgrass is 54 total clients. COVID-19 Funding Source funded 23 of these clients.
7. Prenatal Empowerment Program: Dakota Gonsoir is assigned as the Case Manager for this program, she has filed a separate report which is attached.

8. SD State Accreditation Report: Dakota Pride Center Program will be reviewed by the State Accreditation Team scheduled for October 8th. DPC staff are working on updating all the information including policies and procedures and clinical files in preparation for the review.
9. Staff Updates: Dakota Pride's program support (gaming) budget was cut on March 31st, which affected four staff members. We are looking for other funding options to continue to employ at least 3 of these staff members, until we know the status of future program support funding. We have an opening for a Licensed Addiction or Certified Addiction Counselor, as Ronald Hill recently retired from this position. Ronald Hill worked for Dakota Pride Center for 32 years.
10. New Treatment Center: The Indian Health Service awarded Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate \$218,000 to conduct a feasibility study to determine the need for a replacement treatment program to provide treatment for the increase in methamphetamine use and opioid use disorders. Monthly progress reports will be made available by the Treatment Center Feasibility Team.

Early Childhood Intervention Program – Charnelle Gill, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement:

The Early Childhood Intervention Program provides services to all native children ages 0-5 living on the Lake Traverse Reservation. ECIP's goal is to screen all children enrolled in our program at the appropriate age level. Refer children that show a possible delay or disability to the appropriate agency to be placed on an Individual Family Services Plan or Individual Education Plan according to age. Follow all children referred and placed on plans to provide Intervention services to the families. Provide monthly parent meetings with issues and concerns that affect parents enrolled in our program.

Services Provided:

Intervention: Due to the Pandemic interventions have been adjusted to keep staff and clients safe. Activities are made in the office, activities and supplies are packaged and distributed to families. We currently have 58 families on our intervention services list. Hygiene/household products that we receive through PWNA are distributed to families during this time. Diapers/wipes or laundry soap is given to these clients too. Once school begins, like our tribal head start, then the children attending school will no longer get regular activity packets. The concentration of activity packets will go to children that are not getting the in school education.

Tracking: Due to the Pandemic screenings are limited to on the phone or virtually. Once screenings are completed, families will get their incentive diapers dropped off at their homes.

Intakes: 12 new clients

September Parent Meeting- We've had to reschedule our September virtual meeting through Facebook live because of the increase in Covid19 cases in our community. We will still do our diaper disbursement on Wednesday, September 30th. This is has been advertised through word of mouth and through the tribal radio station and social media.

Families with children on plans were given two sets of diapers to make up for their intervention visits.

Staff are back onsite to assist families. Diaper packages are being made up, along with activity and supply packages to be delivered to children that are on IEP/IFSP plans.

Diapers will be disbursed again on September 30th, from 11am-3pm.

We are currently working with Information Technology Department in getting our ECIP Facebook page up and running. This will be our primary means of communication with our families.

Meetings: Staff meetings have been done through phone calls, messenger and texting. Staff are signing up for TED Talks and free webinars in the early childhood field.

1,000 Days monthly meeting, attended virtually by Charnelle Gill

We continue to work through the Pandemic in trying our best to meet our family's needs. Even though we have less face to face contact with our families, we have had an increase in the number in intakes (newly enrolled children) and our diaper disbursement has nearly tripled in the amount of diapers we give out every month. We are still waiting for official confirmation, but due to the hard work of our ECIP staff last year, our next fiscal year's funding has gone up substantially. We hope once this pandemic passes, we can hire more staff to get caught up with our developmental screenings.

Our database is still an ongoing event. With the Pandemic, Lower Brule Community College has not been able to come onsite to download the database onto individual staff workstations.

Program Name: Tribal Education Department (TED) - Dr. Sherry Johnson

Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Education Department to provide a comprehensive network of services for quality lifelong learning.

Cares Internet Project: 578 vouchers were processed. We have 15 applications waiting for checks. 50 more members are missing a bill or application. Total households 643. This is a huge project and are proud of our accomplishments thus far. We are communicating with all of the service providers and tribal members.

Social Studies Standards: The staff and the consultant are working on the Social Studies Standards. I have read the drafts and they are getting close. Dakota language word lists are being developed and reviewed.

Professional Tribal Certifications: The new application is completed and all certifications have been updated according to approved Board of Regents guidance. Procedures/Protocols still need to be written.

Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation:

- Recruitment packets are complete.
- Continue to advocate for clients.
- Advertising continues to help increase consumer participation.
- Collaboration with other TVR continues.
- TVR classes/training are very effective. This is really help to push SWO TVR goals ahead.
- Student Computers and processes are being set up
- Introductory packets were delivered to Sisseton and Tiospa Zina Tribal School and transition services were discussed.

Concerns: Covid-19 continues to hinder ability to offer services as people are still self-quarantining. Carry over from budget, not rable to spend as consumers not able to reach services.

Head Start Program: Full update in Director's report.

The Wiyukcan ka Ecuipi (WE) project: Staff have been in the Enemy Swim Day School providing services according to their goals. The report to the school board included a statement regarding how pleased the ESDS was with the services that our staff provided. The last day of the Wiyukcan ka Ecuipi's full project is 9/30/2020. I want to thank the staff for all of their dedication to children. It has been tough during this COVID pandemic. A small program will continue with the approved carryover. The one position will be advertised according to the newly developed position description. The Annual Performance Report, year-end report and the quarterly report will be worked on.

Dakotah Language Yukini Grant Project: This project was stalled due to tribal memorandum.

Research: The Hiring Committee hired Siyo Peters as the Research Specialist. She has completed her CITI training and orientation. She readily tackled all tasks. She conducted her first LRRB meeting and approved the Research Protocols that were needed. She reviewed all protocols and updated all correspondences for permits and reports.

JOM: Staff are on lay off status. Parent requests are being processed according to the guidance. School supplies were picked up by parents.

Other: I attended – mostly virtual

- Great Plains Tribal Education Department Zoom meeting;
- Three ACTS meetings
- Two TZ School Board
- Enemy Swim Day School Board meeting
- Circle of Nations School Board meeting
- Pierre Indian Learning Center special school board meeting
- Two BIE calls
- BIE training Roles and Responsibilities
- Day Care Meeting
- Healthy Living class 2
- Stakeholder meeting 2
- Dakotah Language class 4

- Youth Lodge Meeting
- Council Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Browns Valley Parent Committee
- Venture internet meeting
- State Tribal Relations meeting
- Residential call
- Ilaunch interview
- Youth Coalition Meetings 3
- SD DOE Meetings
- School Board
- South Dakota Afterschool Partnership 4 meetings
- Head Start meeting
- Tribal Secretary meetings 3
- Tribal Council Meeting 2
- Sisseton School Board Meeting
- Wiyukcan ka Ecunpi Consultant meeting
- Head Start Webinar
- ECIP monthly meeting
- BHIT meetings and Leadership meeting
- Tribal Advisory Council meeting
- Community COVID Meetings 2

Focus' for next month: Get the internet applications near completion, Draft BOR procedures, Tribal Education Code review pushed forward, Teacher Certification procedures drafted, Review authorities, COVID safety plans.

Ulysses K. Abraham Tribal Elderly Nutrition Center – Danielle DeCoteau, Interim Program Manager

Our Mission: The mission of the SWO Elderly Nutrition Program is to provide quality services and other social activities to our elders to help restore, stabilize and strengthen the family unit so the elder can remain independent to the greatest extent possible.

MEAL STATISTICS/EVENTS HELD: The number of Elders served at the center and home delivered meals are as follows:

Congregate Meals	Home Delivered	Boxes Delivered	Donations	Serving Days
93	2041	163		21

Total Meals Served: 2134 meals and 163 Food Boxes were delivered
 Congregate Meals: 93

NOTE Due to COVID-19, meals were stopped from being served at the center on March 17, 2020.

Note: Started serving To-Go meals on September 9, 2020 following the proper safety measures. When the Executive Order to work remotely went into effect we did not serve To-Go meals during September 21-25, 2020 but started serving To-Go meals on September 28, 2020.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. 9/2/20 Submitted the MIPPA budget 206-01.
2. 9/8/20 – Rita Finley, Mary Keeble and Bernadette Kohl were certified through Indian Health Service for Food Handling.
3. 9/9/20 – Rita Finley and Bernadette Kohl were ServSafe re-certified.

MEETINGS ATTENDED/HELD:

1. 9/3/20 – Met with Todd O’Riley in regards to getting hand sanitizer and room sanitizer with the last delivery of the food packages.
2. 9/4/20 – Met with Lennie Peters from Procurement to go over the procurement policies.

NOTE: Meet with the staff daily on updates and suggestions to keep the moral and team effort moving forward in a positive way. Team building skills are worked on daily.

TRAINING/WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS:

3. 9/25/20 - Title VI Webinar in regards to potential vaccinations for Covid19 and the concerns from all Federally Recognized Tribes.

OTHER:

1. Sent as an Attachment: Daily Meal Counts.
2. Currently the Elder Nutrition Center serves 185 Elders.
3. Meal Delivery Route Update: Total 185 Individual Homes
4. CARES Funding has been spent on food packages and sanitizers for hands and homes.

I.H.S,)

Crawfordsville) 25

Barker Hill)

Lake Traverse)

Big Coulee)

Peever Town) 22

Peever Flats)

Old Agency)

Enemy Swim Housing) 29

Waubay)

Long Hollow)

Red Iron)

Buffalo Lake)

Sisseton) 69

477/Employment Training Service Center – DeVon Bursheim, Director

Mission: To provide Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and employment training services to the qualifying members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

New Day Care Facility CARES ACT Funding:

Conference call with Michelle Boyer – ACF, Ken LeMieux – Grant Specialist, Tribal Executives, Tribal Attorney, Mathew Thompson – Planning Director, Jesse Larsen – Planning and Bruce Jones regarding the renovation project for the new daycare facility using CCDF carryover funds.

Application will need to be completed for approval. Sending the completed application October 5, 2020

Case Manager TANF

Function: TANF Intake:

Total Active Single Parent Cases:	18
Total Active Relative/Caretaker Cases:	105
Total cases:	123
Total active children on TANF for September:	224

TANF had one Relative/Caretaker case close due to parent returning from prison. Also, had two single parent cases close due to employment.

We are still collecting school verification for the new school year 2020/2021 for the children K-12. Some of the parents or Relative/Caretakers haven't received them yet because of the local schools had to shut down due to the COVID virus.

TANF office is continuing to work on the end of the fiscal year report for October 2020.

DATA Specialist/Child Care Specialist

Function: Data Entry, Childcare Assistance:

Program Name: 477 Data/Childcare Specialist

September:

Total families served: 10

Total children served: 17

Total providers: 5

Approved 1 application for In Home Family Provider

Director, Ihanpi Cikcistina, Child Care Specialist

Function: Oversee the Tribe's Daycare facility and other licensed childcare providers

- Number of staff
 - ❖ 7 full time staff
 - 1 Assistant Director
 - 1 Cook
 - 4 Child care workers

*Reminder Ihanpi Cikcistina has been closed since March No children attending currently *

- Number of children enrolled:

	Enrolled	Vacant	ETDemo
Preschool	13	5	2
Toddler	3	5	2
Infant	3	1	1
Total	24	11	5

- Number of tribal employees Served: 10
- Number of Non-tribal members served: 2
- Number of Students attending SWC served: none
- Number of children receiving tribal/state subsidy: 10
- Number receiving free meals/ reduced meals: N/A
- Number of parents under Self pay: 6
- Delinquent bills for active parents: None

September agenda:

- September 1st NPI webinar: Tips and Tools for managing CCFC cares act funds
- September 2nd NCTECD webinar: Covid 19 Impact on regulations
- September 2nd All Employees went through Mass testing
- September 3rd Meeting with Ilaunch and E.C.M.H consultant
- September 8th Meeting with Sherry Johnson: Curriculum and Progress reports
- September 9th CCEEPRC virtual meeting: Exploring the decline in Child Care
- September 10th Groundbreaking for the new building!
- September 16th Child Abuse and Neglect Training for Mandated Reporters
- Employees on Admin leave from September 11th to the 25th
- September 28th Possible reopening week.

This month has been very productive for us at Ihanpi Cikcistina. We have been doing everything we possibly can to make sure we are getting closer to the goal of reopening the daycare. We now have diapers, wipes, creams and bottles. Almost everything we need to provide for the children that will be attending. We also ordered a walk through sanitizer which help minimize the spread of any germs when entering the building, All the staff have been attending trainings on mandated reporting and other criteria's that will be useful in the classroom.

We had an exciting day this month with ground breaking for our new building and would like to thank everyone who made it possible. It will not only provide a better foundation for early childhood learning for us here at the daycare but also help expand our reach out into the community and provide more slots for children to attend.

Case Manager Adult Work Experience

Function: Employment Assistance, Adult Work Experience, Wellness Team:

Employment Assistance:

During the Month of September 2020 the 477 Program was able to assist the following:

Clients Served:

Adult Work Experience:

Adult	(SWO College)
Adult	(Homeless Shelter)
Adult	(Dacotah Pride)
Adult	(SWO College)
Adult	(Food Pantry)
Adult	(Homeless Shelter)

Elder Work Experience:

Adult	(Food Pantry)
Adult	(Long Hallow District CTR)
Adult	(Enemy Swim Elderly Complex)
Adult	(Elderly Nutrition Program)
Adult	(Veblin District CTR)
Adult	(SWO ADM BLD)
Adult	(OA District CTR)
Adult	(SWO College)
Adult	(Mail Room)
Adult	(SWO ADM BLD)
Adult	(Radio Station)

Wellness Team:

Meetings are going to start to resume again using zoom.

Adult Education Coordinator

Function: GED/Classroom Training:

GED 46 Participants

Adult Education 20 Youth Work Experience

Throughout the month, the GED program has been handing out the new 2020 GED books we received to participants. On the GED website there are five students using the online official testing option due to COVID-19. We are doing weekly follow-ups with the GED participants to make sure they are making progress and setting those that are ready up for practice and official testing. Jaylee has been tutoring four students. Two of the students have been through phone discussions the other two she has been sending example questions through video.

The youth work experience program collaborated with the adult education program to allow the youth workers the opportunity to continue to earn their incentives. The youth workers are participating in our online job skill building classes, basic computer classes and financial literacy classes to finish out their (8) week participation.

Our program was able to create alternative, work from home options to meet the needs of each individual wanting to further their education, job skills, computer skills and financial literacy skills

Case Manager Youth Work Experience

Function: Youth Work Experience and Supportive Services:

Total Youth Workers Active: 23

Total completed: 13

Due to COVID all 33 youth workers went from working on job sites to online job building classes, career pillars and mind set trainings. To complete their 8 weeks of youth work experience.

3 youth workers got permanent employment. One at Rosalies and 2 at Dakota Crossings.

Program Name: Food Distribution Program – Mark Thompson Sr., Manager

Function/Mission Statement:

- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- We provide food assistance to income eligible families in the Roberts, Day and Marshall Counties; also assist tribal members in the other surrounding counties.
- Each month participating households receive a food package to help them maintain a nutritionally balanced diet.

Data for the month (how your services contributed to the community you serve) as follows:

September participation was 372 individuals and 154 households.

No new items at the moment.

Due to 3 Food Distribution Staff having Covid-19 we were closed and shut down for a numerous amount of days. The Tribal Secretaries office received a lot of calls in regards to our shut down. Our staff had to follow CDC guidelines on each staff's return date.

Our participation numbers have gone down due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We are following all CDC guidelines while distributing commodities to our clients. We have shortened hours and days of distribution and staff is onsite during those hours. Clients are not allowed in the building and all staff are working together to make it a safe work environment.

Program Name: Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) – Sharon Morey, Program Manager

Mission Statement: Promote positive American Indian youth development and family engagement through the implementation of early intervention strategies, treatment, and aftercare, to reduce the risk factors for suicidal behavior and substance abuse.

Objective: Identify and address suicide ideations, attempts, and contagions among Native American youth through implementation of relevant prevention, treatment, and aftercare strategies.

Numbers are low this month due to Covid-19 virus restrictions, and time out of office.

- Remained available to all clients and families 24/7
- Crisis intervention for 1 client on 1 occasions.
- 3 Sessions with 2 clients via phone, FaceTime, and messenger.
- 14 check-ins with 3 clients.
- Consulted with social worker at TZTS in regards to a client that was discharged from the TREE program.
- Consulted with TREE program regarding needs of discharged client.
- Mailed 9 letters to clients/parents that are not engaging in services.

Objective: Promote family engagement

- Organized family and individual creativity challenge with notices sent to all tribal employees and a notice in the Sota.

Objective: Collaborate with tribal and community programs that serve SWO youth to develop and support culturally appropriate suicide substance abuse prevention.

- Carried the Native Connections Crisis line September Sept. 14-17/2020.
- Collaborated with SWO Youth Department, Youth and Family Tree, Alive Roberts County, and TOR programs to organize a Family Scavenger Hunt that was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Meetings/Trainings attended:

- Attended Youth and Family TREE staff virtual meeting on 9/4/20, 9/11/20, 9/18/20, 9/25/20.
- Attended Northeast Coalition Meetings via Zoom 9/1/20, 9/8/20, 9/22/20.
- Attended weekly supervision with Dr. Bass via Zoom on 9/3/20, 9/10/20, 9/19/20.
- Attended webinar “Treating & Preventing Suicide: A Conversation with the Experts on 9/9/20.
- Attended webinar “Equine Therapy and Treating Trauma on 9/9/20.
- Participated in SWO BKTS virtual meeting on 9/3/20 and 9/17/20.
- Attended SWO Health Plan Stakeholders’ Work Group Meeting via phone 9/14/20 and 9/28/20.
- Attended virtual SASP/DVP Fall Roundtable meeting on 9/15/20.
- Attended the virtual Great Plains Behavioral Health Conference 9/22-9/24/20 when available.
- Attending meeting with Leah Fyten and other SWO Behavioral program staff to discuss BHIT team on 9/23/20.
- Attended virtual Behavioral Health Interagency Team(BHIT) meeting on 9/24/20.
- Attended round table for Youth Lodge Program grant on 9/29/20
- Continuing “The Body Keeps Score” trauma course provided by the I Launch program.
- Continuing “Trauma Basics for Youth Workers” and “Teaching Mindfulness to Teens” offered through the Center for Adolescent Studies.
- Continuing “Introduction to Compassion as a Resilience Tool for Helping Professionals” webinar offered through the Center for Adolescent Studies.

Sisseton-Wahpeton Head Start and Early Head Start – Ella Robertson, Interim Director

OUR PHILOSOPHY: Children are sacred. Children are valued and respected; viewed as strong, competent, and capable of understanding the most important part of living on this Earth - the spiritual nature of life. The Headstart and Early Headstart programs provides a host of cultural and educational services to children from birth to 5 years old.

In a normal year our first day of school is scheduled for the Tuesday following the Labor Day Holiday. The Pandemic has forced us to move our open date to Monday, September 14th. Providing a safe and quality education for our Head Start and Early Head Start families is our highest priority. We had anticipated the need to offer a virtual learning option but have now launched a full virtual program. Our obligation and fiscal responsibility to our federal funding agency has certain requirements that must be met and it is with that in mind that we will move forward in the safest way possible.

Our current enrollment is 110 students.

78	Head Start	3-5 years old
13	Enemy Swim	3-5 years old
40	Early Head Start	0-3 years old

58% capacity/full capacity is 134

65% capacity/full capacity is 20

100% capacity/full capacity is 40

Enrollment for Early Head Start will change now that we are fully staffed to reflect their full enrollment. We will be working with our funding agency to allow for additional slots for Early Head Start to reflect what the demand of services are.

We adhere to the safety protocols that were outlined in our Start Well Plan from remote work, to cleaning and most importantly clear communication with our 45 employees. Walk-Thru Sanitizer s were installed at each building as an added safety measure. We were loaned (2) sanitizing misters from SWO Facilities until we receive ours, for deep cleaning purposes. We had (3) three teachers affected by the recent outbreak (1 positive and 2 in close contact) that were quarantined and their classrooms were deep cleaned by our custodial staff. We are still awaiting plexiglass for the reception area and plexiglass sneeze guards for separating the tables. Additional baby gates were installed and other room dividers to provide for social distancing within the classrooms.

New staff were hired temporarily on September 24th to fill the vacant positions that were advertised, they include: 1 Disabilities Manager, 3 Teachers, 2 Teachers Aide and 1 custodian. These positions will be filled full time permanent when they are interviewed and approved by the Hiring Committee. Our Family Services Advocate was hired full time permanent on September 7th. A change in the Bus Driver/Custodian job description is necessary to meet our current and immediate need for an additional Custodian. Eleven (11) staff members completed First Aid & CPR training this month. Health Manager and Cooks completed CACFP online training before the September 3rd deadline and Cooks began their online Serv Safe Training. Our Health Manager collaborated with IHS to administer vaccines and nineteen (19) employees received flu shots. Employees are required to provide a weekly log sheet for all time that is spent working remotely. Staff have been very productive by participating in online trainings, working on their virtual classroom materials and staying in touch through multiple communication platforms-text messaging, Zoom meetings, FB, and email.

In anticipation of our First Day of School the Head Start Program worked collaboratively with the Dakota Language Program to create a "Virtual Meet Yo'urTeacher and Bus Driver" video. Leslie "Hutch" Neconish did an excellent job in editing and providing us a professional grade video for our Face Book page. We will be working together to create more useful material for our Head Start children and families.

The extra time that our doors were closed to the public allowed the custodial and facilities staff to work on the disposal of broken and outdated materials and allowed for more storage space. Lakeside contract for the fence, gutter, etc. was signed and ready for installation. New security doors equipped with an automatic fob entry will be installed starting October 12th• A service call to Fuel Inc resulted in the determination that our Head Start main building is in need of five (5) new furnaces of which we are awaiting the quotes from Procurement to bring before Council for approval.

Financially we are getting on track with our spending and where we need to be at the close of the fiscal year. There are a number of things that due to the multi-step process were not completed in a timely manner but we have been persistent in getting them approved and processed. We hope to start our next year out on solid ground. The cleaning and inventory process that took place the week of September 21st provided us a clear view of our inventory so that we can reduce the amount that is spent each year on classroom/educational supplies and work on getting salaries adjusted to be comparable for

the educational requirements that our staff needs. Other potential changes are being reviewed by the Managers and Staff to ascertain where we can make needed improvements, cut spending and reallocate funding. Our goal is to make Head Start a secure educational facility that has much to offer its students, families and staff.

Program Name: Higher Education Program – Janel Williams, Program Manager

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Higher Education Program is to provide educational benefits to members of the Tribe, demonstration of cultural awareness that will encourage the Oyate to make post-secondary education a lifelong goal.

The undergraduate “Tuition Reimbursement” award is \$56/credit hour earned and graduate level is awarded at \$75/credit hour earned with the letter grade of at least a “C” grade or better.

***Program Summary:** During the month of September 2020, the program awarded a total of 29 payments to 21 undergraduates and 8 graduate level students which include the semester(s) spring 2020, summer 2020 and fall 2020. The program had awarded 7 diploma incentives, this incentive requires a copy of the diploma and the final transcript. This list below is the level of studies, degree awarded, where the degree was earned and employment status.

Certificate-Dakota Language Teaching, (on-reservation), employment status unknown

Bachelor-Business Administration, (off-reservation), employment status unknown

Bachelor-Business Administration, (off-reservation), employed

Bachelor-Chemistry, (off-reservation), employment status unknown

Bachelor-Early Childhood Education, (off-reservation), employed

Bachelor-Native American Indigenous Studies, (off-reservation), employed

Master-Social Work, (off-reservation), employment status unknown

Table A. indicates total students and total amount distributed during this month.

Undergraduate	Student(s) payment	
Fall 2019	Deadline March 2020	
Diploma/reimburse	6	
Spring 2020	12	
Summer 2020	3	
UG Programmatic Cost	-	
Total payments	21	
Graduate		
Fall incentive	7	
Fall Grades	-	
Spring incentive	-	
Spring20 grade	-	

Summer20 grade	-	
Diploma	1	
Educational Assistance	-	
Programmatic Cost	-	
Reimbursements	-	
Total payments	8	
Total UG/Grad students	29	

The program application is available for the current academic year 20/21 and does not have a deadline date. The program is currently awarding the spring20, summer20 final grade(s) and diploma incentives until September 15. The graduate level incentive for the fall20 semester will be awarded if the funding is available after September 15. The deadline date for the fall20 graduate level incentive is November 1. Students are allowed to request an extension for grade submission based on incomplete grades or if there is a hold on student accounts with a receipt of contact which may include an email, phone contact or in person. This information is still effective and all deadlines dates and extensions have surpassed.

*The program's allocated funds have been exhausted for FY20.

Program Name: Project Indigenous LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) – April Eastman, Program Manager

Function/Mission Statement: SWO Project Indigenous LAUNCH cores strategies include: (1) Enhanced Home Visiting; (2) Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation; (3) Family Strengthening; (4) Developmental & Social/Emotional Screening; & (5) Integration of Behavioral Health into Primary Care. ILAUNCH added two additional core strategies because of the Community Needs and Readiness Assessment (CNRA) process. They include (6) Community/Systems Wide and (7) Workforce Development.

Data for the month (this data should show how your services contributed to the community you serve).

1. ILAUNCH supports the GPTCHB TMIECHV Home Visiting program staff. TMIECHV has enrolled 11 families. ILAUNCH provides 2 hours of IECMHC services per week to the Family Spirit Home Visitors. IECMHC is providing trainings on the FS screens and assessments.
2. IECMHC services provided to HS Education Manager on a bi-weekly basis; 2 hours/month.
3. ILAUNCH PD participated in 35 meetings during the month (IECMHC, Evaluation team, Interagency-team meetings and program partners).
4. ILAUNCH PD attended 2 webinars/trainings supporting ILAUNCH core strategies.
5. BTC Evaluation team completed 9 key informant interviews (13 total to date).
6. PD participated in the RIOS Reflective Supervision 3 week online course to explore the framework for SWO providers.
7. Distributed the Annual Provider survey to 140 program partners. The Survey was sent to individuals who have participated in or have been involved in ILAUNCH-sponsored activities over the past year.

Work In-Progress:

1. BTC data collection workbooks. On-going, monthly updates.
2. Currently advertising the Community Coordinator/Home Visitor position.
3. MOA with TMIECHV & TMIECHV; Addendum to include data sharing/evaluation agreement.
4. IECMHC Contract for Year 3.
5. Review selected screens/assessments for the Family Spirit curriculum. Make changes as needed and purchase items.
6. SWO DLI projects; Dakota Lullabies and digital stories.
7. The evaluation team and project team are developing a provider survey for home visitors and a family survey for families participating in Family Spirit Home Visiting.
8. Evaluation team and project team are exploring measures for families to complete in a Family Survey. Together they are discussing data collection procedures and a timetable for disseminating virtually.
9. The evaluation team and project team working on finalizing and tailoring a provider survey for HS/EHS staff to assess the impact of MHC services in ECE.
10. Evaluation team is working with the project team to create a survey to assess professional development needs for behavioral health therapists and social workers in the community.
11. September is the end of the grant fiscal year; ILAUNCH has been busy updating data collection workbooks and working on the FY21 budget modifications.

PROGRAM NAME: Tribal Opioid Response - Sara DeCoteau, Project Director for SAMHSA

PURPOSE: To increase Tribal Government's public health capacity to respond to the national opioid abuse and overdose crisis through development and implementation of collaborative prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for Tribal citizens diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

STAFF: Nurse Care Connector (NCC) – J.D. and Project Manager / Data Specialist (Project Manager / Data Specialist) – Vacant since 7/27/2020 (25%-time)

Through the final month of a twenty-four month project, we have accomplished the following:

Workload Measures	Sept	Yr1	TOTAL
1. Coordinate efforts with SWO Health Plan for collective impact			
<i># Meetings attended</i>	4	40	79
<i># Strategic Action Plan Annex Completed or Revised</i>	0	1	1
<i>#Strategic Planning Activity Participants</i>	0	0	117
<i># Stakeholder Reports / Updates Made</i>	3	10	30
2. Organize workforce (employee) education activities annually		0	0
<i># Activities</i>	1	5	30
<i># Events</i>	2	7	12
<i># Participants</i>	13	139	203
<i>Naloxone (Narcan®) training for first responders</i>	2	2	9

<i># Participants - First Responders trained to use Narcan®</i>	13	24	63
3 & 7. Implement outreach, community education, mass media activity			
<i># Community Education Activities (tabling, mass media messaging, public speaking)</i>	2	19	36
<i># Community Education Events (organized by TOR)</i>	0	7	19
<i># Community Education Participants</i>	157	1282	7557
<i># of Botvin Lifeskills® Drug Abuse Prevention Participants</i>	0	0	120
<i># Medication Lock Box Dispersal Pilot Project Participants</i>	0	0	0
<i># Community members trained to use Narcan®</i>	0	0	7
<i># of contracts or agreements executed</i>	0	1	5
4. Provide care coordination services to 35 people with Opioid Use Disorder			
<i># of Initial Contacts</i>	3	20	71
<i># of Intakes</i>	3	11	32
<i># 3-Month Contacts</i>	3	1	7
<i># 6-Month Contacts</i>	2	0	5
<i># Discharges</i>	0	0	8
5, 6, & 7. Collaborate and coordinate to deliver care coordination services			
<i># of MOAs, MOUs, Collaborative Agreements</i>		0	0
<i>Collaborative Meetings</i>	1	46	90
<i># Collaborative Contacts</i>	61	23	435
<i>Number of referrals received</i>	3	18	71
<i>Number of referrals made</i>	38	48	322
<i># Collaborative Activities / Projects described in narrative</i>	0	1	3
8. Partner with Tribal Epidemiology Center and other opioid response coalitions and consortia			
<i># Meetings attended (includes teleconferences) described in narrative</i>	11	41	102
<i># Agreements, MOUs or Contracts</i>	0	1	3

Note: Data for the last week of September will be included in the annual report cumulative totals since this report is due prior to the end of the month.

Coordinate efforts with SWO Health Plan for collective impact:

The TOR Project is integrated with the SWO Health Plan / Tribal Action Plan (TAP) and its fifteen initiatives, which establishes priorities for program planning and development and provides strategic context for evaluation of grant-funding opportunities. The TAP identifies tasks, strategies, and initiatives to improve health status, quality, and access to care on the Lake Traverse Reservation. The current TAP (2016-2020)¹ was adopted by Tribal Council Resolution SWO-16-081. In identifying issues of concern to the community, stakeholders conducted a community needs assessment that yielded the following priorities 1) Behavioral Health; 3)

¹ Link to SWO Health /Tribal Action Plan (2016-2020):

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascids%3AUS%3A4eba460e-57ec-48e9-ae74-c4e3e667f7e7>

Addictions, to which TOR is aligned. The TOR strategic plan is integrated as an annex to this Tribal Action Plan. TOR staff coordinate efforts with other TAP stakeholders for collective impact through participation in teams. It is important that TOR efforts are integrated with other, concurrent work that is underway to achieve the overarching goals of the TAP.

For collaboration, TOR participated in the First 1,000 Days Interagency Team virtual meeting on 9/17 and the Behavioral Health Interagency Team meeting on 9/24. Updates were given during both meetings about the upcoming completion of the TOR grant and transition into the next TOR grant.

The NCC attended a planning meeting for the implementation of the Youth Lodge, supported by a SAMHSA System of Care (SOC) grant for Expansion and Sustainability of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances. The purpose of the Youth Lodge is to provide a safe space for children that are in child protection services and need placement. There was discussion about a nurse role for assessments and health evaluations along with planning for services for parents with opioid use disorder as part of the plan of care before returning a child home.

TOR contracted with Aliive-Roberts County, as authorized by Tribal Council, to conduct a Harm Reduction Community Needs and Readiness Assessment to inform the strategic action plan. The purpose of this CNRA is to get a better understanding of the knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and commitment for future promotion and implementation of MAT, opioid reversal agents, prevention of blood borne infections via needle-exchange programs or other measures, and support of with drug-exposed pregnancies prepare for the special care needs of their infants. Key informant interviews and focus groups took place throughout the month utilizing the questions² set that was revised 9/6.

The SWO Health Plan Stakeholders' Work Group Meeting reconvened on 9/14 to continue working on the next Health Plan, revisiting and evaluating progress made on previous priorities.

Organize workforce (employee) education activities:

The workforce education activity that took place this month was two sessions of Narcan Training offered at Dakota Magic Casino for security staff. A total of 13 security officers completed the training on 9/2.

We continue working on assisting providers complete the DEA waver portion of the MAT symposium training that was held last month, our goal was to have all 8 providers that attended become MAT providers.

Implement outreach, community education, and mass media activity:

In partnership with Aliive Roberts County and the Northeast Youth Collaborative, a family scavenger hunt was to have been held this month. Dates were set three different times; but due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases, it was decided to cancel.

² Link to **Harm Reduction CNRA Key Informant Interview questions:**

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:b0a64b97-d747-4f87-a65d-c4e3b8e7495e>

The “Pop, Lock and Drop-it” medication disposal campaign and associated Good Choice/Bad Choice interactive game was closed, having reached 4 participants. We plan to re-evaluate and re-disperse the game again in the Fall, aiming for better participation.

TOR has one activity on hold: Medication Storage Lock Box Dispersal Project Pilot Project. Due the prolonged Project Manager/Data Specialist staff vacancy, we may need to reassess the plan of action for the rolling out this initiative. The aim is to test the efficacy of providing locked medication storage devices to protect public health and safety for American Indian people prescribed a long-term opioid. TOR would like to use the results to inform future and expanded lock box projects.

Provide care coordination services to people with Opioid Use Disorder:

This month, the NCC had 3 initial contacts, 3 intakes, 3 three-month contact , discharged 0 participants completing the sequence of contacts specified by the grant, documented 61 collaborative contacts, and made 38 referrals to other agencies.

Because of restricted access to the facility, the NCC continues to deliver some services via telehealth but also arranges to meet participants outside the Sisseton IHS or at Coteau des Prairies Hospital.

The Tribal Parole Wellness Team met 9/23 to discuss parolees and collaboratively address swift and certain sanctions for violations of the conditions of parole. This Team meets with parolees returning to the SWO community about the programs and resources available to help with successful transition. The Team is an important potential referral source for this high-risk subpopulation.

Partner with other opioid response coalitions and consortia:

Tips for management of various situations are learned by attending ECHO meetings. This month’s sessions included the following four topics: 1) Midwest Tribal ECHO: *Overview of Toxicology Testing and Analytes*; 2) Hennepin Health Care Integrated Opioid and Addiction Care ECHO: *Innovative Strategies to Increase Naloxone Access in Health Care Systems*; 3) Midwest Tribal ECHO: *Outreach and Syringe Exchange Services*; and 4) Integrated Opioid and Addiction Care ECHO: Rice County Opioid Response Project: *Expanding Services for Opiate Use Disorder*.

TOR staff participated in weekly North East Youth Collaborative meetings hosted by Alii Roberts County. A family scavenger hunt was planned and set for 3 dates at Tekakwitha Park but canceled due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders that closed the park. The focus TOR had planned for the event was to provide education surrounding comparative strengths of different medications.

The NCC attended virtual office hours on 9/11 with Dr. Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM, Addiction Medical Director at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. It was a question and answer meeting with guidance provided for real life scenarios.

On 9/23, the NCC attended The Opioid Public Health Crisis webinar presented by Michelle Majeres and Dodi Haug of the Human Service Agency based on the Strengthening the Heartland materials developed through the Department of Agriculture. It took a look at opioid misuse, risk factors and suggested prevention methods. We learned how to recognize the signs of

an opioid overdose; how the opioid reversal drugs Naloxone works; and some of the solutions that states and communities are applying to reduce the effects of the health crisis. The program was meant for parents, employees, employers, teachers and service providers.

LIST OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THIS MONTH:

1. Review, edit, and complete SPARS data for current grant.
2. Tabulated results from MAT Symposium Post-Training Survey

LIST MEETINGS ATTENDED THIS MONTH:

1. 9/1, 9/8, 9/9, 9/22– Aliive Northeast Youth Collaborative Meeting
2. 9/14 - SWO Health Plan Stakeholders' Work Group Meeting
3. 9/17 - First 1,000 Days Interagency Forum virtual meeting
4. 9/22 - Youth Center Meeting regarding the Youth Lodge
5. 9/23 – Parole Wellness Team Meeting
6. 9/23 - TOR Sharing and Caring through Technology
7. 9/24 - Behavioral Health Interagency Team virtual meeting
8. Multiple session throughout the month were held by Aliive for the Harm Reduction Community Needs and Readiness Assessment key informant interviews and sessions for focus groups were completed throughout the month.

LIST THIS MONTH'S TRAINING (INCLUDING WEBINARS):

1. 9/2 – Narcan Training at Dakota Magic Casino, 2 sessions.
2. 9/2 - SAMHSA TOR Grantee Webinar: Guidance on Spending Your TOR Grant Funding
3. 9/2 - Midwest Tribal ECHO: Overview of Toxicology Testing and Analytes
4. 9/3 – Hennepin Health Care Integrated Opioid and Addiction Care ECHO: Innovative Strategies to Increase Naloxone Access in Health Care Systems
5. 9/11 - Office Hours with Dr. Kaitlan Baston for consultation and support in addressing Treatment for Perinatal Substance Use Disorders and Addiction Medicine
6. 9/16 - Midwest Tribal ECHO: Outreach and Syringe Exchange Services
7. 9/23 – The Opioid Public Health Crisis, reviewing data with the Human Service Agency
8. 9/24 - Integrated Opioid and Addiction Care ECHO: Rice County Opioid Response Project: Expanding Services for Opiate Use Disorder

Wacinyan Tipi (House of Hope) – Dora Arteaga, Program Manager

Mission Statement:

To restore the basic integrity and dignity of Dakota values of each individual who passes through our doors by operating a shelter and developing a plan to enable them to regain their social, physical, emotional and spiritual values.

Program Manager – Dora Arteaga – 605-698-2020 – Darteaga@swo-nsn.gov
Resident Assistants – 2 Full Time Staff from Work Experience Program

Current Residents – Adults 13 and 14 Children

August Applications – Adults – 3 and 5 Children

Monthly Events:

Wacinyan Tipi held our monthly resident meeting on September 2, 2020. We went over some healthy ways of living, policies and procedures, and any concerns the residents may have had. It has been another slow month for us. We received plenty of food donations from the community. Numerous clothing donations. We would like to thank all of those who have donated, it is greatly appreciated.

Wacinyan Tipi staff has been working together to keep the shelter a safe and healthy environment. We are still facing this pandemic, and we are taking all necessary precautions to keep each individual safe and healthy. There is still no visitation as of right now for shelter residents. Due to the pandemic. We do provide in house AA/ NA meetings for those in need, as well as games, and other activities to keep the kids entertained. Social distancing is being practiced and is mandatory, along with wearing masks in the building. We are doing our very best to keep everyone updated, calm, and comfortable.

Upcoming Events

We have nothing planned as of yet, due to the pandemic. Prayers for our community and hope everyone is doing their best to stay safe, and is practicing social distancing.

Program Name: SWO Youth Department – Derrick McCauley, Manager

Mission Statement: “We are here to inspire, we are here to encourage, but most importantly we are here to guide our youth through structured physical activities, cultural awareness, community involvement and developing life skills”

Monthly Activities: None

September Community Events: None

Monthly Attendance: None

Monthly Reporting:

Things have been the same through the month of September. We have been working on the SAMHSA SOC grant diligently to meet the updated info needed to move forward with grant award. Things are on track to be completed and we are happy to start grant within the next couple weeks.

PROGRAM: SWO Youth and Family TREE- SWO Behavioral Health – Director

Function/Mission Statement:

Treatment Recovery Expansion and enhancement for youth (12-17) and young adults (18-26).

The **Mission** of SWO Youth & Family TREE Program is to improve the Physical, Spiritual, Emotional, Mental and Behavioral Health of the tribal youth members effected with substance use disorders and his/her family through an integral holistic system based on a balanced program of patient care through education counseling, group therapy and spiritual guidance. The vision of the SWO Youth & Family TREE Program is so the SWO tribal youth member will be resilient, sustainable, healthy, and productive for the community.

Project Director: Shobi Zetina, MSW **Lead Evaluator/Data Specialist:** Clarise Bernard **Youth Services/Recovery Support Coordinator:** Vacant **Family Coordinator:** Vacant **Recovery Coach:** Ronnie Skjonsberg **After-School Group Counselor:** Dawn Eagle, MA **Adult Case Manager/Culture Advisor:** Tom DeCoteau Jr. **Student Interns:** Dawn Johnson-(offsite) USD Social work student

Objective: Train people in the mental health and related workforce in the specific mental health related practices and activities specified within the grant. Or received training related to MH or SU.

- Online predators and sex trafficking seminar (Feb 24th in Webster)—DCI and local law enforcement spoke to youth and teachers on the ongoing fight to keep kids safe online and in the neighborhoods. Staggering statistics of rape case, missing children, and tips for students to avoid being groomed. (Approx. 700 attending)
- CITI Training—Ethics and compliance training (online certificate obtained in Feb)
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- Staff attended Narcan Training 2/3/20.
- Staff completed Mandatory reporting training.
- Staff completed Urinary Analysis administration training
- Trained 1st 1000's Days Initiative team members on the process of Chemical Dependency and Mental Health treatment and placement.
- Lunch and Lean Anxiety and Stress presentation

Objective: Collaborate, coordinate, and share resources with other targeted organizations.

- Domestic Violence- 2 Referrals
- Tribal Opioid Response- 2Referrals
- 2-03-2020; Transported Client to Sioux falls for treatment.
- 2-05-2020; transported youth client to Mobridge for treatment.
- 01- Tiospa Zina Tribal School Collaborative
- 01-NE Youth Coalition Meetings, 13 attendees
- 01-Behavioral Interagency
- 02- Wellness Board meeting
- 01- Breast Feeding Initiative meeting held Feb. 7, 2020.
- 01- Veterans Memorial Youth Center Collaborative
- 01- Simply Smiles Project Collaborative

- 06- Staff meetings held in February
- Afterschool Network Leadership Team Meeting in Pierre (Feb 20th online)— promotes afterschool programs, advocates public policy on behalf of afterschool programs, and encourages high quality in afterschool programs across South Dakota
- South Dakota Statewide Family Engagement Center (Feb 11th online)—Mental Health Work Group, I will be in charge of finding literature/best practice/curriculum to share on their website and to directly supply public school administration related to mental health and elementary aged students (Next meeting March 11th)
- House of Representatives—Rep. Tamara St. John and Steven McCleerey meetings (Feb 5th) discussion of the importance of afterschool care, mental health, boarding schools, missing indigenous women
- South Dakota School Age Care Alliance annual meeting in Pierre (Feb 4th)-- The mission of the SoDakSACA is to promote quality Out-of-School Time programs for children and youth through professional development and public advocacy
- Summit School District all staff meeting—Completed ARTIC Scale survey (Feb 14th)
- Supervision meetings with Shobi Zetina— (Feb 7th) Site visit/observation of clinical meetings. Weekly collaboration about practicum, student issues, and policy/procedures of the school district.
- Meetings with Dr. Kelly Bass on our IRB study— “Exposed to trauma: What do rural educators know about trauma and do they have the tools to help children cope.”
- Met with Judicial Committee on 6/6/20 for proposal to revise Juvenile Code concerning age of treatment consent, parent involvement and Family therapy.
- At Circle of Nations, conducted two Monday afternoon groups for their students.
- Working with school staff, parents/relatives, and IHS providers was facilitated in order for the clients to have the greatest circle of care.
- At the Enemy Swim Day School, we worked with the school counselor to enhance services to an at risk student two times this month. This resulted in getting the student into our after school outpatient treatment program.
- We also working on enhancing the relationship that the TREE program has with the Westside Elementary School. Met with the Superintendent who has expressed a high degree of interest in wanting to get more information out to their staff and the community regarding the TREE program. This resulted in TREE being invited to their monthly school staff meeting for next month.

Objective: Involve consumers and family members in work groups and advisory groups.

- (13) Intakes for the month of February
- Feb. 24th held Inipi for staff
- 2-7-2020; Dakota culture/values/language. 4 clients attended
- 2-4-2020; Dakota culture group. 7 clients attended
- 2-5-2020; talking circle at house of hope- 6 clients attended
- 2-12-2020: talking Circle at house of hope for youth. 4 clients
- 2-14-202: Dakota value/culture/language group. 7 clients
- 2-13-2020. language group. 5 clients

- 2/4/20 Tree youth/transport 1x, 2/5/20 tree youth group/transport 3x, 2/6/20 tree youth/transport 2x, 2/13/20 Tree youth/transport 2x, 2/18&19 Tree youth/transport 2x, 2/20/20 tree youth and talking circle.
- 2/15/20 Wilmot AA x2
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- Emergency situations result at times but since meeting with the schools, TREE is able to quickly respond to these type of situations. TREE was able to get the family in for mental health services for a student to address behavioral problems in the school and at home. These types of collaboration activities with other providers and education officials allow us to provide the highest level of service and care for our clients. But more importantly, it allows us to build a relationship with families so that they can reach out in times of crisis or need.

Objective: Provide evidence-based mental health related services as a result of the grant.

- TREE held a total of 12 groups this month (Art therapy-4; Alcohol/Education-4; and Life Skills-4) serving a total of 15 clients for groups. We implement cognitive behavioral techniques such as the Power Source, and the American Indian Life Skills Curriculum, guest speakers and other didactic activities. We utilized videos to learn about food addiction, smoking addiction, alcohol and didactic exercises to enlighten students about the dangers and risks of using drugs and alcohol, smoking and other high risk behaviors associated with alcohol and drug use. We applied cultural teachings and techniques of the Red Road Approach to healing. Trauma informed care was also discussed to allow clients to understand the holistic approach to grief and historical trauma and its’ effects on families.
- Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy- Individual and Family
- Anger Management
- Emotional identifications and regulations
- Dialectic Behavioral Therapy
- Art Therapy
- Family Sessions

- Life skills assistance: teaching students how to regulate outburst or high stress with breathing techniques or therapeutic walks/meditation times, role play how to talk with adults, role play how to handle situations differently after an incident, “What Should Danny Do” book on making choices for PK-3rd grade students
- Provide staff with bi-weekly self-care tips

Objective: Screen individuals for mental health or related intervention.

- ADHD and ODD Behavior assessment (DSM-V)
- Behavior frequency tracking –in classrooms and one on one assessing of students (monitoring antecedents of the behavior)
- 17- Rule 25 Assessments for the month of February
- 02- Suicide Risk Assessments
- 02- DAST- Drug Abuse Screening Test
- 03- PHQ-9- Patient Health Questionnaire
- 03- CAGE Questionnaire for Detecting Alcoholism
- 02- AUDIT- Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test
- 15- SBIRTS GIPRA measure screenings.
- 05- Crisis

PROGRAM: Home Health Care and Elderly Affairs – Bonnie Thompson, Director

Our medical transportation is funded by Indian Health in Aberdeen, SD. Both elderly and non-elderly may receive assistance, providing they are not on Medicaid and enrolled here also a referral from Indian Health. The board meets every second Monday of every month and the elderly protection team meets every third Wednesday of the month. There is monies available for glasses, this is for the elders 55 years and older. They may receive \$140.00 each appointments can be at Indian Health optometry Sisseton, SD at 742-3793 or Dr. Grimsrud.

For the month of February 2020 there were 1 deceased elders.

We also received items from Rapid City, SD (PWNA), they are bagged up and each elder that the girls have their list are given out first, then we put out the rest of the items on the table and they sign their names.

PROGRAM: Mayuetca Day Treatment Program – Skyman Redday, Manager

Mission Statement:

To improve the physical, spiritual, emotional, mental and behavioral health of the tribal members effected with substance use disorders and his/her family through, an integral holistic system based on a balanced program of patient care through education counseling, group therapy and spiritual guidance.

Vision:

The SWO tribal member will be resilient, sustainable, healthy and productive for the community.

Activities:

- We are continuing virtual groups for our clients, we are using zoom to do this and it has been working very well. We continue to tell clients about the virtual AA/NA meetings that are available for them.
- We continue to deliver meals to our clients that have been in group for the day.
- We are continuing to go to the jails when asked when a prisoner needs an assessment done.
- We are continuing to collaborate with the TREE program, with working with clients ages 18-26.
- We continue to work the Wellness team on getting our members who are paroles assessments, so they can get help if need be.
- We are waiting on word to see if we will receive the SAMHSA grant we put in for.

Name	# of Clients	# of Groups held/hrs	# of assessments	Referrals	Individual sessions
Skyman Redday	0	0	0	3	0
Dionne Lake	10	23	1 completed assessment	1	4
Gretta Lavergne	6	14	0	2	3
Kelli O'Riley	16	20	0	0	5

PROGRAM: SWO Diabetes Center – Sara Lincoln, Director

Program Staff:

Sara Lincoln, Program Manager
 Pauline White Thunder, Administrative Assistant
 Natasha Renville, Incentives Coordinator
 Danielle Grey, DPP Coordinator
 Ashley Lee, Fitness Trainer
 Chelsey Owen, Outreach
 Tyler Bellonger, Fitness Room Attendant
 Glenn Fineday, Trainer/Outreach

We added an additional session for the month August (6:00-7:30). We only allow 10 participants in the facility per session. They are assigned a spray disinfectant and towel to wipe their machines down after every use. After the session staff wipes down the machines, and facility. Each night it is deep cleaned. Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) and Good Health and Wellness grants were submitted and we are awaiting approval.

We are currently developing a plan to be more virtually accessible to our members, with the start of fall, and the cold weather imminent, we need to be prepared. Once finalized I will submit to Tribal Secretaries office.

September Events: District Challenge, total amount of miles walk/ran was 832.21.

Upcoming Events: October: Halloween Run
 November: Turkey Trot – Diabetes Awareness Month
 December: Santa Run

PROGRAM: SWO Food Pantry – Geno Locke, Manager

Mission Statement: Serve the SWO tribal members with food boxes as needed.

Data for the month:

1. Feeding South Dakota delivered on 09/10/2020
2. For WalMart donated Produce there was 90 SWO Tribal Members that signed up.
3. For SWO members that sign up for Food Pantry Totaling 177 SWO Tribal Families
Elderly-117 Children-350 Adults-265 Total-732
4. Food Pantry – Need no action

PROGRAM: Health Services Administration – Sara Decoteau, Director

Function/Mission Statement: Administer SWO’s Indian Health Service Comprehensive Health Care Services Contract (*Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act* or “638” *IHS Master Contract*); implement health initiatives and grants; participate in interagency coordination activities to promote collaboration and collective impact; and plan and develop services that will improve health status, quality, and access to care (*SWO Health Plan*).

Master Contract Updates:

We are awaiting the final IHS Master Contract renewal documents, which will require signature by the Tribal Chairman and return for execution at the Area Office on October 1st or soon after. The amount of the award includes Contract Support Costs / Indirect Costs.

IHS Master Contract Version proposed FY/2020 Version 11 was approved by the Tribal Secretary 9/4. Version 11 adds funding awarded through Contract Modification No. 6 (executed 8/28) and establishes *new* Fund Account 406-00 for a non-recurring demonstration project, which is to complete a feasibility study for an Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Center under Indian Health Care Improvement Act demonstration project authority (25 U.S.C. § 1637). Health Director Leah Fyten is the Lead for this initiative, and the Health Coordinator and Dakotah Pride Center Program Manager serve on the Project Development Team.

Ongoing since November 2019, SWO awaits a contract modification to replace equivalent, suitable space for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, which had been co-located in Physical Therapy but was displaced due to misinterpretation of a Joint Commission accreditation review finding.

The Health Coordinator administers the Master Contract Purchased Referred Care account for the Children's Orthodontics Program. The Orthodontics Team met 9/23 and referred 9 new children for treatment, obligating funds to cover the costs of that treatment. The number of new participants for the year is 41 and funds has been obligated. To date this fiscal year, 18 children have completed treatment. Delta Dental of South Dakota serves as SWO's contracted fiscal intermediary.

Currently, we have obligated for the 150 children who are in some phase of treatment or waiting to start treatment. There are 27 children pending or on recall. The annual amendment to the contract, adding funds for FY/2020 with no recurring on non-recurring increases, was signed by the Tribal Chairman this month and sent to Delta Dental. We expect it to be executed before the end of this month.

The Health Coordinator administers the Master Contract Purchased Referred Care account used to reimburse the Tribal Elderly Affairs Program for non-emergency medical transportation assistance payments provided to Tribal members referred by the Sisseton Indian Health Service. For August, the payment was for 173 referrals (year-to-date for 1,839 referrals). In addition, to date this fiscal year we have reimbursed Community Transit, Inc. for 46 patients transported since onset of COVID-19. IHS Case Management arranged for three patients to be transported during August for a total of 10 visits. This fund has been used in support of direct care because the CHR Program was not transporting due to COVID-19.

Health Administration administers two COVID-19 funds within the Master Contract:

1. Families First Coronavirus Response Act: No expenditures, yet, because this can be used for testing only.
2. CARES Act COVID-19: So far, the Health Coordinator has purchased supplies, including insert filters for cloth face coverings, probe coverings for oral thermometers, infrared thermometers, sterilization wrap, and oximeters. The oximeters were delivered to the SWO Emergency Operations Center for distribution to quarantined families this month. Requisitions have been entered for prepaid cards to offer as incentives to individuals completing the COVID-19 key informant interviews that will be conducted by the American Indian Public Health Resource Center at North Dakota State University, as well as for 342 boxes of surgical masks for the Emergency Operations Center.

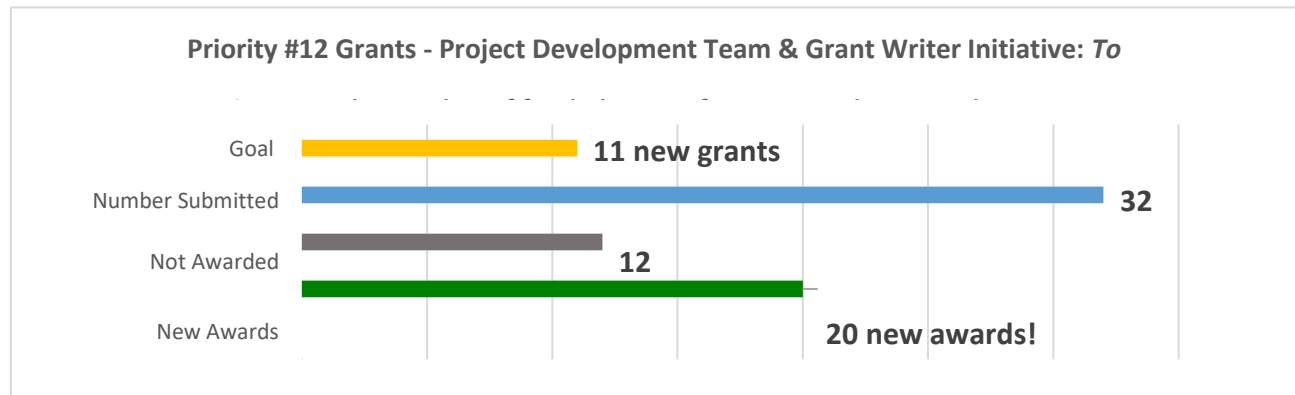
Implement Health Initiatives and Grants:

The Health Coordinator administers the Tribal Opioid Response grant. The Project Manager/Data Specialist position, funded half-time from this grant and vacant since July 27, still has had no applicants. Following is a summary of meetings attended by the Health Coordinator this month, most of them virtual due to COVID-19. The key for roles of Health Administration are: Participated (P), Recorder (Rc), Facilitate (F), and Report (Rp).

Sisseton-Wahpeton Health Plan Implementation and Development:

Health Administration coordinates the SWO Health / Tribal Action Plan (2016-2020) to achieve collective impact on 15 priority initiatives. We are in the fifth year of the five-year SWO Health Plan span. The Health Coordinator is the Lead for #4 (*First 1,000 Days*) and #12 (*Grant Writing*). With our Health Plan Grant Writing initiative, intent has been to secure new grants for the Health Plan priorities. SWO has a contracted grant writer, although stakeholders sometimes apply for sub-award opportunities from the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board on their own.

When pursuing a grant, Project Development Teams have been formed, and there must be a Lead identified that is responsible for the grant application and implementation, if funded. Out of 32 applications submitted, 20 were awarded, 12 were not awarded, and 0 are pending. With twenty new awards, this initiative is at 181.8% of reaching its target goal of 11 new funded grants. The following graph summarizes this data:



We were disappointed to learn that the FY 2020 Treatment, Recovery and Workforce Support Grant (*Short Title: Workforce Support*) submitted to SAMHSA for *Mayuteca* was not funded. We decided not to apply for the Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement (TIPCAP) grant due October 1st. We ran out of time to figure out who could serve as a Lead and where the project would be located if it were funded. Another concerning factor is that SWO is not getting applicants for our grant position vacancies. We have grant deliverables that can't get completed because we are not able to recruit and retain qualified key staff.

The Stakeholders' Work Group authorized to develop of the SWO Health Plan 2021-2025 this year¹ met 9/14 and 9/28. In order to reboot work that has been stalled due to COVID-19, stakeholders were asked to complete a survey that addressed the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders and a preliminary take on what stakeholders believe is important and do-able. A first draft of the Community Needs and Readiness Assessment was also routed and six stakeholders completed it to test how it flowed. Its purpose is to obtain input from community members on what Tribal Health might address during the next five years. A work group was set up to revise the draft and develop a plan to disseminate it. The Work Group reviewed data that has been assembled so far. The Area Office provided a breakdown of User Population by gender and age, which the Health Coordinator used to develop charts and graphs. The 9/28 meeting was devoted to reviewing outcomes and status of the current Health Plan initiatives. The Work Group plans to meet twice a month, and the next meeting is scheduled 10/5.

Priorities for Next Month:

Continue efforts to recruit for, hire and orientate the vacant Project Manager/Data Specialist position. The position works half-time with Health Administration and half-time for Tribal Opioid Response.

SWO Health Plan Stakeholders' Work Group will meet twice and complete the review of existing Health Plan initiatives, emerging issues, and then conduct a visioning exercise to

identify 3-5 initiatives where collective impact can be achieved through the SWO Health Plan 2021-2025. Continue to assemble data for the Plan.

Continue to coordinate with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and American Indian Public Health Resource Center to complete the COVID-19 community impact survey² and key informant interviews to assess in tandem what people need and are ready for.

Process the successor IHS Master Contract for execution in the new fiscal year, close out FY/2020, and set up FY/2021 cuff accounts.

PROGRAM: Native Connection Behavioral Health

PURPOSE: To Promote and sustain the quality of life, integrity and empowerment of tribal members by planning, developing and providing health care services consistent with the behavioral, physical, cultural, and spiritual values of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Accomplishments this Month:

Objective: Expand outreach via Facebook and the radio station and schedule on-site visits to other SAMHSA grant sites to see what we can do to self-sustain.

- This month we had 12 crisis calls on the Native Connection Crisis Line.
- On the Crisis Line we had 15 texts
- We had 0 walk-in crisis events.
- Our outreach via Facebook was ~95 interactions (some overlap to be considered) and Radio/Facebook live was ~0 views
- 2 messenger contacts

Objective: Maintain coalitions and networks to improve coordination and collaboration among other programs with the intent to provide support and referrals without any delay for the client

- A Community readiness assessment is underway, in which, the participants receive a \$30-dollar gift card for completion
 - After our last call with SAMHSA GPO we were notified that we will be having a new GPO appointed to us
 - We no longer have a GPA due to budget cuts on a federal level
 - Strategic action plan is still our top priority in preparing for the new grant year
- Dallas is double checking on all the program's bills as the fiscal year is coming to an end.
- Working at the office
 - Dallas was out for 12 days due to contracting covid-19 that impaired some work
 - Facebook, bills, and mail checking was affected
 - Leah and Dallas both have access to work emails as well as work phones
- Collaboration continues with
 - Gen-I
 - Tree
 - Mayutecca

- Native Connection reiterated what its goals and objectives are for the program as well as the services that are provided at Behavioral Health Interagency
 - Referral services
 - Question persuade, and refer for crisis calls
 - Contact for emergency services such as ensuring IHS or CDP will provide services

PROGRAM: SWO Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative

Function/Mission Statement:

To promote and sustain the quality of life, integrity and empowerment of tribal members by planning, developing and providing health care services consistent with the behavioral, physical, cultural and spiritual values of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Objective: Expand crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, behavioral health and case management services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

- 14 total clients seen in February 2020. Services provided individual and group counseling, community outreach providing DBT/conflict resolution, grief group, and women's group therapy.
- DVPP had a collaborative meeting February 4, 2020 to touch base on the planning for May 2020 National MMIW month.
- DVPP had a collaborative meeting February 18, 2020 to touch base on the planning for May 2020 National MMIW month and the upcoming Strengthening Your Spirit Event on February 28, 2020.
- DVPP had a collaborative meeting February 25, 2020 on the planning for May 2020 National MMIW month and ideas for Sexual Assault posters for April, sexual assault month.
- DVPP attended Narcan training.
- DVPP project coordinator Patricia Roth presented teen dating violence to Robert's County Live Youth Coalition.

Objective: Foster coalitions and networks to improve coordination and collaboration among victim service providers, health care providers, and other responders

- Weekly DVSA Collaborative meetings being held, with 4 programs actively participating.
 - Working on universal referral form, coordinated case management, and Chapter 52 updates.
 - Collaborating with SWO SA/DV programs for Strengthening Your Spirit Event.

Objective: Promote community education for adults and youth on domestic and sexual violence

Advertised for full DVPP Case Manager position.

Program Name: Sexual Assault Services Program – Dr. Norman Johnson, Advocate

Mission: The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (T-SASP) goal is to directly support sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as, provide culturally relevant intervention, counseling, and advocacy services, including accompaniment through medical, criminal justice, and other social support systems.

1. Civil and Criminal Advocacy: Received one new referral, assisted with Protection Orders (i.e., City and Tribal), and will attend a court hearing on Friday August 28th, 2020. Also, had collaborative meeting with Agent from South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).
2. Victims Services: Received three (3) referral for this reporting period.
3. Crisis Interventions: Had one (1) crisis meeting with a victim at her parent's home on a Saturday morning.
4. Counseling/Support Groups: Had three (3) intake sessions and 2 regular counseling sessions.
5. Cultural Activities: None held this reporting period. However, contact has been made with a number of community/tribal members that are willing to provide cultural activities when our client base increases.
6. Hospital/ER/Medical Response: Received one (1) for this reporting period.
7. Material Services: Five (4) request were approved for this reporting period. The TSAS utilized Dakota Crossing for the material services needed for groceries, gas, and personal hygiene products.
8. Transportation: None utilized for this reporting period.
9. Victim/Survivor Advocacy: Had two (2) sessions for this reporting period.
10. Outreach Products:
 - a) Training/Presentation for Headstart and Early Headstart on "Trauma-Informed Care."
 - b) Letters to local agencies that have contact with T-SASP (i.e., Law Enforcement, Medical Facilities, Schools, CPP, SWC).
 - c) Advertisement in the Sota Iya Yapi for 5 weeks.
 - d) Dakota Language Institute for updated brochures and posters.
11. Employment Advocacy: None requested for this reporting period.
12. Financial Counseling: One (1) requested for this reporting period.
13. Job Training: One (1) requested for this reporting period.