

**Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children
Regional Hearing
Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, AZ
March 12-14, 2020
Detailed Agenda for Commissioners**

Thursday, March 12th: Site Visits

- 8 am Depart from Talking Stick Resort by shuttle (meet in lobby)
9800 Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
- 9-10:30 am Visit with Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
- Mindy Jossefides, Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)
 - Jared Beard, Summer EBT Nutrition Program
 - Verna Johnson, Child Welfare
- 2214 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004 (30-minute drive from Talking Stick with no traffic), <https://itcaonline.com/>
- 10:45 am-12:15 pm Visit with Native Health Phoenix
- Walter Murillo, CEO
 - Emily Nielsen Beatty, Behavioral Health Director
 - Deanna Sangster, Health Services Administrator
 - Jordon Begay, Community Health and Wellness Director
 - Carri Chischilly, Maternal and Child Health Manager
 - Susan Levy, Communications and Community Relations
- Building C, 4041 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012 (6 minute drive from ITCA), <https://www.nativehealthphoenix.org/>
- 12:30-1:15 pm Lunch at Fry Bread House
4545 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85013 (4-minute drive from Native Health),
<https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-fry-bread-house-phoenix-4>
- 2:15-3:15 pm Visit Gila River Indian Community Early Education Center
- Ame Edwards, Assistant Manager
- 280 S. Ocotillo Road, Sacaton, AZ 85283 (45-minute drive from Phoenix),
<https://griected.mygilariver.com/earlyedchildcaredevelopment.html>
- 4-5 pm Visit Salt River Pima Maricopa Way of Life Facility (WOLF)
11725 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 (45-minute drive from Sacaton), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYrniPsW2MY>

- 5 pm Return to Talking Stick Resort by shuttle
- 7 pm Pre-Hearing Orientation Meeting and Dinner (pay using per diem)
Blue Coyote Café

Friday, March 13th: Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

- 9 am-12 pm Commission Meeting
Quail D Conference Room
- 12-1 pm Sponsored Lunch
Quail E/F Conference Room
- 1-5:45 pm Public Hearing
Quail E/F Conference Room
- 1-1:30 pm Tribal Opening, Welcome, and Introductions
- 1:30-2pm Opening Remarks
- 2-3:30 pm Public Forum
- 3:30-4 pm Break
- 4-5:30 pm World Café
- 5:30-5:45 pm Closing Remarks

Saturday, March 14th: Panels of Invited Witnesses

- 9-9:30 am Opening Prayer, Welcome, Introductions, and Comments from the Chair
Quail E/F Conference Room
- 9:30-10:30 am Introductory Session
 - The goal of this session is to provide a general overview of the current issues faced by Native children and youth (both on reservations and in urban communities) in the region, covering all topics to be studied by the Commission. The session will highlight common systemic challenges and discuss programs and strategies that have been effective in tribal communities in the region (including trauma informed and culturally based strategies).
 - Presenter:

- Dr. Monica Tsethlikai, Associate Professor, T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University

10:30-10:45 am Break

- 10:45 am-12:00 pm Panel 1: Systems of Health Service Provision in Native Communities
- The goal of this session is to increase the Commission’s understanding of the systems of health services provision available for Native children in the region (including physical, behavioral, and mental health, and traditional and cultural services). Each panelist will provide 10 minutes of testimony, followed by a 5-minute opportunity for questions from the Commissioners. After all panelists have spoken, there will be a 15-minute period of general conversation and discussion with the full panel.
 - Witnesses:
 - Dr. Sandra Beirne, Pediatrician, Northern Navajo Medical Center, Department of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Indian Health Services
 - Dr. John Molina, Corporate Compliance Officer, NATIVE HEALTH Phoenix
 - Dr. Jennie Joe, Professor Emerita, Department of Family and Community Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Arizona

12-1 pm Lunch
On your own

- 1-2:15 pm Panel 2: Integration of Native Culture and Language in Education
- The goal of this session is to explore issues around supporting Native students by incorporating Native language and culture into educational systems at all levels of education, from early childhood to higher education.
 - Witnesses:
 - Kevin Shendo, Director of Education, Pueblo of Jemez
 - Esther Nystrom, Director, Native American Education Program, Mesa Public Schools
 - President Elmer Guy, Navajo Technical University
 - James Johantoborns, Student, Canyon del Oro High School

2:15-2:30 pm Break

- 2:30-3:45 pm Panel 3: Child Welfare: Jurisdictional Issues and Building Tribal Capacity
- The goal of this session is to increase the Commission’s understanding of issues around child welfare in Native communities in the region, including addressing jurisdictional issues related to the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act by improving state-local-tribal collaboration, and building tribal capacity to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect and related issues.
 - Witnesses:
 - Deannah Neswood-Gishey, Executive Director, Division of Social Services, Navajo Nation
 - Kami Hart, Chief Judge, Gila River Indian Community Children’s Court
 - Christopher Sharp, Director, Office of American Indian Projects, School of Social Work, Arizona State University
 - Mikah Carlos, Youth Representative, National Indian Child Welfare Association Board

3:45-4 Break

- 4-5:30 pm Panel 4: Systems Innovations and Best Practices in Native Communities
- The goal of this session is to highlight cross-system models, innovations, and best practices to meet the needs of Native children in a seamless and coordinated way.
 - Witnesses:
 - Representative, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
 - Yvonne Kee-Billison, Navajo Nation
 - Esther Tenorio, Project Director, Health and Wellness Department, Pueblo of San Felipe
 - Diana Yazzie Devine, President/CEO, Native American Connections

5:30-6 pm Closing Remarks and Tribal Closing

7 pm Post-Hearing Debrief and Dinner (sponsored by CITC)
Blue Coyote Cantina

Sunday, March 15th

Safe Travels!