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SAFETY AND SIGNAGE WORK TEAM MEETING NOTES
December 4, 2018

The teleconference began at 1:32 pm. Participants included Agnes Fleming, Ryan Greendeer, Kelly Jackson, Todd Mulvey and Kim Swisher.

The group reviewed the October meeting notes. Ryan shared that WisDOT has hired a new intern, Promise Bakken. Promise is assisting Ryan in working with Ho-Chunk in Tomah and the Mole Lake community. No dates have been set yet, and they are contacting the schools. Ryan will be provided Agnes with more information once the dates are set. Agnes will reach out to Fry Bread.

Agnes noted that ATV safety was requested to be included as a topic for the new PSAs. Agnes suggested removing this from the Youth PSA project, and Todd noted that as long as this is addressed a general safety topic, that would be okay and that it would be great if this was a PSA at some point. Ryan will explore including this as part of the Youth PSA. Agnes will invite Shelly Allness, DNR Agency Tribal Liaison, to the next meeting to discuss ideas for outreach.

The group reviewed the Safety Summit report that Agnes emailed. Items noted from participants at the Safety Summit that the Safety Work Team is working on includes:

- Billboards – Agnes noted more billboards could be brought to some reservations
- Update Safety Plan Every Year – Agnes noted that each Tribe has the ability to update their individual safety plans. Todd noted that it is a good idea to update the Safety Plan annually as things are always changing.
- Explore Establishing Law Enforcement Departments – Agnes noted most Tribes have a law enforcement department, but she will do more research on this to see which Tribes do not.
- Data Management and Crash Data – Agnes noted we need to do more exploration of this issue.
- Ways to Serve Native American Population Relative to Safety – Agnes said this is always a concern and this issue is always on the table.
- Assist with County/Tribal Relations - Ryan has made some contacts with the Wisconsin Counties Highway Association. They just had a conference and he talked with them for quite some time about better managing relationships. Ryan noted the conversation will be ongoing, and sees opportunities. Ryan was invited to do trainings at their annual conference.
- Consider Using Excess Materials to Correct Slopes and Other Areas - Ryan noted this is project specific and the regional Tribal Liaisons are addressing this in their projects. Todd suggested having everyone at the table (county representatives, etc.), so everyone knows what is going on. He said this is an example of good communication that could prevent future issues.
- Shift from Drunk Driving to Drugged Driving – Agnes agreed that this is unrecorded, and noted she would have to do more research on this.
- Flooding Plan on Access and Services Including Emergency Response – Agnes thought this was already in place. Ryan knows best practices were discussed, but was unsure these were put on paper. He suggested these be solidified and distributed.

Continuing to review the notes from the October meeting, Agnes asked Todd if he received anything from the BOTS Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee, and he said that he has not received anything.



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Ryan shared information on the Town of Hobart signage issue. The Oneida Tribe doesn't have parity when it comes to parity – there is no welcome to Oneida sign. Matt will share the ITTF Signage brochure. Ryan suggested this group talk to NATOW (Native American Tourism Of Wisconsin) about funding for the sign.

Regarding the State Patrol's concern with opiate driving, Ryan shared that the National Highway and Safety Administration has something available. He suggested the group needs to identify what is available (funding, information, etc.) and then determine what can be done to either incorporate this into the Work Plan or distribute the information to the Tribes.

There was a correction to the item discussing the NHTSA. It should be NHTSA. Agnes couldn't find information, and will look under the correct acronym and report at the next work team meeting on how ITTF can help.

Agnes emailed Tribal Law Enforcement departments, and received two responses regarding a Tribal Law Enforcement Peer Exchange. Agnes hopes to have more information for the next work team meeting.

Agnes reviewed the items noted regarding the current scope of work. Remarks included:

- Agnes has submitted a contract to Runninghorse Livingston for a STEM curriculum. She's waiting for his response.
- State Patrol Reciprocal Agreements – add this to the next agenda. Ryan said that the WisDOT intern is working on this now.
- Commercial Vehicle Training – Ryan suggested talking with Jennifer Robertson at BOTS. Agnes will forward her notes on this to Ryan.
- Safety Summit – Agnes said holding another Safety Summit needs to be discussed when more people are at the work team meeting.

Agnes forwarded the TTAP training held in Wausau that Todd forwarded to her to Road Managers, and asked if they would be interested in having the training held in Wisconsin. She's waiting for responses.

The group discussed the Work Plan. Agnes deferred detailed discussion until the next meeting, as there were a small number of attendees at this meeting. The work team needs to identify what they wish to accomplish in the next plan. One item discussed was the Safety Posters – Agnes suggested that ATV Safety be included as a subject with the new posters.

The meeting ended at 2:21 pm.

Meeting recordings may be found at <https://goo.gl/6VJsG1>



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ACTION ITEMS:

- Ryan – Explore adding ATV Safety to Youth PSAs. Provide a timeline to Agnes on the project.
- Agnes – Invite Shelly Allness (Michele.Allness@wisconsin.gov) - DNR Agency Tribal Liaison – to next Work Team meeting.
- Agnes – Research establish Tribal Law Enforcement departments to determine which Tribes do not have their own Law Enforcement Department.
- Agnes – Research the shift from drunk driving to drug driving.
- Agnes and Ryan – Determine if best practices were determined for flood emergencies. If so, solidify and distribute to Tribes.
- Matt – Forward ITTF Signage brochure to the Oneida Tribe.
- Agnes – Reach out to NATOW regarding funding for Oneida welcome sign.
- Agnes – Research if the NHSTA (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/>) has any information on the Best Practices workshop that Oneida and Menominee attended, and how ITTF can help.
- Agnes – Follow up with Road Managers on the TTAP training information sent to them.
- Work Team – Identify goals for the new Work Plan.

NEXT MEETING:

January 8th at 1:30 pm.

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