



NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Navajo Nation Council Winter Session Report

April 15, 2019

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1) Pre-Legislation

- a) Executive Order No. June 2016
- b) Three Branch Agreement: August 21, 2016
- c) Legislation CAP-26-17, Resolution

2) Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council

- a) Vision: Hozho' o Keh' go Ahil na' anish, Bulid Connect Reunite
- b) Mission: The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) seeks to advocate and improve essential life skill development by increasing youth involvement within communities to ensure the success of future generations.

3) Focus Areas

- a) Culture & Language
- b) Bullying
- c) Agriculture
- d) Land Management
- e) Education
- F. Off-Reservation Youth Issues
- G. Youth Voting
- H. Suicide
- I. Violence
- J. Substance Abuse

(NNYAC is in support of the Dine Action Plan (DAP))

- f) Although NNYAC have established these subject areas there are further issues to be addressed. We will remain open-minded.

4) Tasks for January 2019

- a) Vacancy Positions for Western Agency begin the vetting process.
- b) NNYAC decides who will attend and present during the Navajo Nation Winter Council Session (Niagara Rockbridge and Hannah Chone attended)
- c) NNYAC discusses strategic plan goals. (EX: Attend 3 Committee meetings; RDC, HEHSC, etc..)
- d) NNYAC officially became an affiliated council with UNITY

5) Task for February 2019

- a) NNYAC creates a Facebook in order to reach more people across the Navajo Nation
- b) NNYAC discusses the possibility to attend the 2019 UNITY Mid-year Conference in Scottsdale. (Angel Hicks attends the conference)
- c) Applications for Western Agency are distributed to Tuba City ODY. Applications are due by April 01, 2019.

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6) Tasks for March 2019

- a) NNYAC hosts a work session to discuss our milestones and how NNYAC can be more effective.
 - i) In the future NNYAC would like to hold a townhall in each agency to discuss Youth issues and concerns.
- b) NNYAC continues to fulfill goals outlined in our Strategic Plan
 - i) National UNITY Conference on leadership is discussed as an opportunity for NNYAC to gain more leadership skills
- c) NNYAC approves 6 members to attend the National UNITY Conference in Orlando, FL from July 04-08, 2019

7) Tasks for April 2019

- a) NNYAC decides to host a townhall at Black Mesa Community School to address youth concerns and issues. Will take place May 10, 2019 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
- b) Western Agency Representative applications were due. The vetting process is happening now.
- c) NNYAC is given the opportunity by President Nez and Casey Family Foundation to attend and possibly present at the United Nations Permanent Form in New York City. (Niagara Rockbridge, Sunshine Tso and Byron James are attending from April 21-23, 2019)

8) Future Tasks in Progress

- a) The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council has approved 6 members to attend the National UNITY Conference in Orlando, FL from July 04-08, 2019.
 - i) Thankfully DBMHS has agreed to sponsor six (6) members to attend.
 - ii) This task is outlined in our FY19 Budget Form 2.

9) Next Meeting

- a) Tentative Date: May 11, 2019
- b) Time: 9am-12pm
- c) Place: TBA

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