

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING
June 7, 2023

9:00 AM (Twin Arrows/Arizona Time)
10:00 AM (Window Rock / NN Time)
To
1:00 PM (Twin Arrows/Arizona Time)
2:00 PM (Window Rock / NN Time)

PRESIDING : Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson
Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice Chairperson

PLACE : Twin Arrows Dine' Conference Center / (In-Person)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION; ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting called to Order by: Honorable Vince R. James Chairperson at 10:16 a.m.; Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with Office of Legislative Services, with 4 members present.

Honorable Members present: Honorable Vince R. James (10:00 a.m.); Honorable Germaine Simonson (9:55 a.m.); Honorable Helena Nez Begay (10:00 a.m.); Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (10:00 a.m. teleconference); Honorable George H. Tolth (8:47 a.m.); Honorable Curtis Yanito (8:57 a.m.) - Time reflected on Arizona

Invocation provided by Roxanne Gorman, Department Manager III Department for Self-Reliance

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

- Honorable Otto Tso
- Manuel Rico, Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker
- Jared Touchin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker
- Sonlasta Jim, Legislative Staff Assistant, Office of the Speaker
- Stacy Allison, Legislative Staff Assistant, Office of the Speaker
- Vivian Watuema, Office of the President and Vice-President

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

- Add Journal May 24, 2023 under item 4.
- Add Presenters under Receiving Report 5(A)
 - Natanya Keedah, Senior Programs & Project Specialist with the Office of the Executive Director
 - Darva Kinlicheenie, Principal Social Worker and Marena Tsingine, Senior Program and Projects Specialist with the Department of Family Services
 - Riley Wilson, Principal Accountant and Anthony Dineyazhe, Senior Program & Program Specialist with the Department for Self-Reliance
 - Add Presentation from Indian Health Services - Navajo Area and Presenter Leonard Chee, Program Specialist - Navajo Area IHS under Receiving Report new 5(b)

Motion by: Dr. Andy Nez
Second by: Curtis Yanito
Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GS/CY/GT; Nays: None;
Excused: HNB; Chair not voting)

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):

➤ May 24, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Motion by: George H. Tolth
Second by: Germaine Simonson
Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GS/CY/GT; Nays: None;
Excused: HNB; Chair not voting)

5. RECEIVING REPORT:

A. Navajo Division of Social Services

<u>Overview:</u>	<u>3 CHALLENGES of Each</u>	<u>OBJECTIVES:</u>
Program Summary	Navajo Nation	Goals
Program Staffing	Federal	Accomplishments
Personnel Vacancies	Arizona	
Program Challenges	New Mexico	
Solutions	Utah	
Timeline of Solutions		

Presenter(s): Office of the Executive Director

- Thomas Cody, Executive Director
- Brenda Tsosie, Principal Accountant
- Natanya Keedah, Senior Programs & Project Specialist

➤ Directive by Germaine Simonson, Vice-Chair to provide a written response at the June 21, 2023 Regular H.E.S.H.C. Meeting. RE: indicate which funds are endangered? Which funds are okay? In addition, what is the plan. The last request regarding the funds that is at 13% and is expiring in September 30, 2023; what is the plan to utilize all the funding.

Department of Child Care & Development

- Marlinda Littleman, Deputy Division Director
- Vonda Lee, Accountant

Department of Family Services

- Eric Gale, Delegated Department Manager III
- Shirlene Largo, Administrative Assistant
- Darva Kinlicheenie, Principal Social Worker
- Marena Tsingine, Senior Program and Projects Specialist

Department for Self Reliance

- Roxanne Gorman, Department Manager III
- Antoinette Miller, Program Manager III
- Riley Wilson, Principal Accountant

- Anthony Dineyazhe, Senior Program & Program Specialist

➤ Vince R. James, Chairman had requested for a listing of employees to be recognized during the Summer Session regarding a clean audit for the past 13 years.

Navajo Treatment Center for Children & Their Families

- Anthony Begay, Delegated Program Manager
- RaNaye Badonie, Administrative Services Officer

Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act Program

- Crescentia Tso, Program Manager II
- Melody Roanhorse, Administrative Assistant

➤ Recommendation from Vince R. James, Chairman for staff to reach out Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah Lobbyist that are aware of I.C.W.A. to encourage and enforce the State Laws that provide greater protection at the State level.

Navajo Developmental Disabilities Program

- Freida White, Program Manager

Motion by: Germaine Simonson

Second by: Dr. Andy Nez

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/HNB/GS/GT; Nays: None; CY/Chair not voting)

A. Indian Health Services - Navajo Area

➤ Introduction and Overview

Presenter: Leonard Chee, Program Specialist - Navajo Area IHS

Motion by: Germaine Simonson

Second by: George H. Tolth

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/HNB/GS/GT; Nays: None; CY/Chair not voting)

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

➤ Chairman Vince R. James called for adjournment at 7:23 P.M.

NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:

➤ Travel: June 7-11, 2023 DBOSBA 2023 Summer Conference;
Las Vegas, NV

➤ Regular Meeting June 14, 2023

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Germaine Simonson

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/HNB/GS/GT; Nays: None;

CY/Chair not voting)

APPROVED

Regular HEHSC Mtg.
Twin Arrows, Leupp (NN), AZ
June 28, 2023
Motion: George H. Tolth
Second: Curtis Yanito
Vote: 4,0 (HNB,AN,GT, CY)
Excused: 1 (GS)
Not Voting: Chair V.R. James