



Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Quarterly ACF Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

October 27, 2021 | 11:30 am – 5:30 pm EDT

October 28, 2021 | 11:30 am – 5:00 pm EDT

Day 1 | Wednesday, October 27, 2021

11:30 AM ACF TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAUCUS

Regional and NALM TAC members are invited

12:30 PM MEETING OPENING

Tribal Opening

Blessing — Germain Smith, Trustee, Shinnecock Nation and Primary, Nashville Area

Welcome — Tilford P. Denver, Chairman, Bishop Paiute Tribe and ACF TAC Chair

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Mirtha Beadle, Senior Policy Advisor

12:45 PM Business Meeting

Tilford P. Denver, Chairman, Bishop Paiute Tribe and ACF TAC Chair

Mirtha Beadle, Senior Policy Advisor

1:30 PM ACF Welcome and Updates

JooYeun Chang, Acting Assistant Secretary

2:00 PM ACF Budget and Regulatory Update

Amanda Barlow, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget (OLAB)

Michelle Patterson, Director, Division of Budget, OLAB

2:30 PM BREAK

2:45 PM ACF's Strategic Priorities

Jennifer Cannistra, Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Policy

3:15 PM ACF TAC Strategic Priorities

Roundtable 1 – The ACF/Tribal Relationship

This session supports the government-to-government relationship between ACF and tribal governments. Presentations and discussions will focus on identifying and leveraging regional opportunities, developing a tribal engagement strategy for ACF, supporting outreach to tribal communities about ACF's programs, and facilitating the development of tribal/state relationships.

Debra Johnson, DAS for External Affairs

Joyce Thomas, Acting Director, Office of Regional Operations

ACF Regional Administrators



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Roundtable 2 – ACF Funding & Technical Assistance

This session focuses on current and/or expanded ACF funding for tribal communities; grant policies that support greater flexibility for tribes; coordination of ACF resources for tribal government recipients; and improved and coordinated ACF technical assistance, especially for lower-capacity tribes/underserved communities.

Larry Handerhan, Chief of Staff

Katie Hamm, DAS, Early Childhood Development

Sandra Webb, PhD, Associate DAS, Office of Grants Management

Debbie Powell, Acting Associate Commissioner, Family & Youth Services Bureau

5:00 PM **ADJOURN**

Tilford P. Denver, Chair, ACF TAC

Day 2 | Thursday, October 28, 2021

11:00 AM **Review of the Day**

Tilford P. Denver, Chairman, Bishop Paiute Tribe and ACF TAC Chair

Mirtha Beadle, Senior Policy Advisor, ACF

11:15 AM **ACF TAC Strategic Priorities—Continued**

Roundtable 3 – Economic Development and Mobility

This session addresses ACF's efforts to promote economic development for tribal communities through current programs and prospective collaborations as well as efforts to improve economic mobility for tribal citizens.

Michelle Sauve, Acting Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans

Lanikque Howard, PhD, Director, Office of Community Services

Stan Koutstaal, Director, Division of Tribal TANF Management and Regional Operations

12:00 PM **Roundtable 4 – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons**

ACF TAC Chairman Denver requested an update on actions to implement the [ACF Framework on Missing and Murdered Native Americans](#) that tribal leaders worked with the agency to develop and release last year. This roundtable will include brief updates on MMIP activities and engage Delegates on an ACF Framework on MMIP Implementation Strategy to contribute to the work of the Biden-Harris Administration.

JooYeun Chang, Acting Assistant Secretary

SAMHSA (invite planned)

Tribal representative affected by MMIP

Aysha Schomburg, JD, Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau

Katherine Chon, Director, Office on Trafficking in Persons

Michelle Sauve, Acting Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans



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2:15 PM **ACF TAC Strategic Priorities—Continued**
Roundtable 5 – Tribal Flexibility

This priority previously focused on expanding tribal self-governance. The ACF TAC determined that not all tribes are seeking self-governance and the agency should: (1) address program and policy flexibilities that some tribes are seeking (i.e., waivers for current requirements, program guidance that may not fully address the needs of tribes, etc.); (2) consider expansion of programs eligible for inclusion in tribal 477 plans through the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and (3) address opportunities for expanding self-governance at ACF.

Larry Handerhan, Chief of Staff

Ruth Friedman, PhD, Director, Office of Child Care

Bernadine Futrell, PhD, Director, Office of Head Start

Linda Boyer, Acting Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement

Michelle Sauve, Acting Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans

4:00 PM **ADJOURN**

Tilford P. Denver, Chair, ACF TAC

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