

People First Initiative MMIP Council Meeting

Council Meeting Minutes

Held via Zoom

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 2:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM
2. Roll Call of Council Members Present:

Valerie Chadwick (Chair) (absent)

Lydia Heyward

Victoria Shanklin (Vice Chair)

Sam Vandergaw (absent)

Kim Guay (absent)

Malia Miller

Investigator Anne Sears for
Commissioner Cockrell (absent)

Kendra Kloster

Deputy Chief Sean Case (absent)

Darrell Hildebrand

Heather Gottshall

Non-council members present: Dianna Thornton, Jamiann Hasselquist, and Azara Mohammadi.

3. Land acknowledgment by Vice Chairwoman Shanklin.
4. Approval of agenda; Kendra Kloster moved, Heather Gottshall seconded, all in favor; approved.
5. Approval of minutes from August 9, 2022 council mtg: Malia Miller moved to amend the roll call, she was listed as present but she was absent; Lydia Heyward moved to approve pending the change.
6. New Business: Vice Chairwoman opened up conversation regarding meeting invites and set-up issues to figure out where the disconnect is. There's been difficulty finding public notices, meeting dates, and minutes.
 - i. Kendra Kloster proposes a website landing page to alleviate issues and to make it easier for people to find information (minutes, public notices) and attend the meetings for both council and subcommittee mtgs. Maybe Facebook page for the council? What is the approval process to set-up a landing page like Facebook? Kim Kovol to inquire with the Governor's Office.
 - ii. Non-council member Jamiann Hasselquist suggested contacting native entities involved with MMIW with different announcements and sending them meeting notices.
 - iii. Kendra volunteered to draft a letter with links to invites for the different committees and council basic schedule to send out to different entities.

Subcommittees Updates:

Subcommittees were established utilizing the duties and responsibilities as the framework: Outreach, Interagency, Public Safety and Investigations.

1. Outreach (Heather, Tory, Kendra, Azara Mohammadi, Rick Garcia): Announced mtg on 8/10.
 2. Interagency Cooperation (Val, Tory, Debra O’Gara, Rick, and Steph Hopkins): No updates.
 3. Public Safety (Darrell, Lydia, and Rick): No updates as Lydia and Darrell have been out due to family emergencies and a conference in Fairbanks.
 4. Investigations (Sam, Malia, Sean, Anne, Rick): Had a mtg on 7/22 and had 1 public member participate. Next mtg is on 8/25 at 11am.
7. Old business:
- a. Val’s Matrix: Chairwoman Val Chadwick asks for members to consistently fill out form with their brainstorming ideas and meeting dates. Members suggested creating a shared drive like a Google Drive to access matrix and meeting notes. Kim Kovol clarified that members only to have access and not support staff.
 - b. Timeline for report – Benchmarks on recommendations: Short term goals: Marianne to post future meetings. Long-term: Final report due October 15th. Members to submit reports mid-September to Kim and Marianne to give them time to finalize it.
8. Public comments:
- i. Jamiann Hasselquist: Tlingit name is S’eiltin. She is the Community Advocacy Coordinator with CCTHITA. Expressed her gratitude that the Governor is recognizing the MMIP issues and that it needs to be addressed. She wants every indigenous voice to be heard and their wounds to be addressed. She links colonialism and the residential boarding school institutions to the trauma. Encourages the council to be familiar with the federal residential board school institutions which are tied to MMIP.
11. Next Meeting: Zoom only September 6, 2022 2pm-4pm
12. Meeting adjourned 3:18 PM; Kendra motioned, Darrell seconded; adjourned.