

# People First Initiative MMIP Council Meeting

Council Meeting Minutes  
Held via Zoom  
Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 2:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order at 2:16 PM
2. Roll Call of Council Members Present:

Valerie Chadwick (Chair)	Lydia Heyward (absent)
Victoria Shanklin (Vice Chair)	Sam Vandergaw
Kim Guay (absent)	Malia Miller
Commissioner Cockrell (absent)	Kendra Kloster (absent ½ of mtg)
Darrell Hildebrand	Deputy Chief Sean Case (absent)
Heather Gottshall (absent)	

Non-voting Council Members present: Senator Micciche

Non-council members present: Austen Rogers (Southcentral Foundation), Polly Napiryuk Andrews (Southcentral Foundation), Bill Elliot, Azara Mohammadi, Michelle Demmert, Mariah Seater, Lonny Piscoya, Ingrid Cumberlidge, and Malan Paquette.

3. Land acknowledgment by Chairwoman Chadwick.
4. Approval of October 4, 2022 agenda: No quorum, could not approve.
5. Approval of minutes from September 6, 2022 council mtg: No quorum, could not approve.
6. New Business:
  - a. **Guest Speaker Azara Mohammadi:** Ms. Mohammadi is the Tribal Liaison for the Alaska National Guard, previously worked with Chairwoman Chadwick in Bethel at AVCP. Has frequent tribal interactions down in the lower 48. Has been discussing with National Guard in the development of standard operational procedures in interacting with tribes. The military is very focused on policies and procedures, and if things aren't in writing then there's a lot of room for people being unsure of what to do and can sometimes cause people to not act. Has been in discussion with Bill Elliot in Washington. Would like to add as a possible recommendation: change states statute to allow for search and rescue teams and possibly tribal organizations to contact the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center directly – currently state statute states that search and rescue groups in rural Alaska that are often comprised of

volunteers have to go through Alaska State Troopers to contact the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center is based in JBER. Believes that one of the barriers to search and rescue in rural Alaska is the layers of contact – direct contact should be allowed.

- b. **Guest Speaker Ingrid Cumberlidge:** Ms. Cumberlidge is the US DOJ MMIP Coordinator with the US Attorney's Office – District of Alaska. Made a Powerpoint presentation of U.S. Attorney Tucker's Savannah's Act and Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons – Tribal Community Response Plan.
- c. **Reports from Sub-Committees (recommendations):** Chairwoman Chadwick acknowledged receipt of recommendations from subcommittees but cannot vote on any recommendations because there is no quorum, so this is meeting is for discussion purposes only.
- d. **Introductions:** Each council member and non-member introduced themselves and went over their professional backgrounds.

7. Old Business:

- a. Val's Matrix
  - b. Timeline for Report: Final report due October 15<sup>th</sup>. Kim Kovol will request an extension for report with Boards and Commissions.
8. Public comments: Introductions from Austen Rogers, Polly Napiryuk Andrews, Bill Elliot, Azara Mohammadi, Michelle Demmert, Lonny Piscoya, Ingrid Cumberlidge, and Malan Paquette.

Malan Paquette: Expressed her gratitude for this group and law enforcement efforts. Mentioned the Alaska Black Caucus Community Conversations – encourages folks to attend.

9. Next Meeting: Marianne will send out an emergency meeting Doodle Poll. Next meeting will have to happen as soon as possible and it's important there is a quorum at the next meeting.

10. Meeting adjourned 3:27 PM