SPIRIT LAKE WIC PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT

April 2019

Participant Summary

Total Women: 60 (Pregnant, Breastfeeding, Not Breastfeeding)
Total Infants: 89
Total Children: 191

Grand Total: 340

Vendor Activity: (Spirit Lake Grocery, Tokio Grocery)

- Spirit Lake Grocery
  - Store visit for monitoring: voucher, WIC folder issues; price check and allowed foods on receipts; Changes with food package; Staff training

- Tokio Grocery
  - Store visit for monitoring: voucher, WIC folder issues; price check and allowed foods on receipts; Changes with food package; Staff training

Program Updates/Issues/Concerns:

- Declining participant number - Statewide
- Safe Sleep Program – Pack and Play
- Increase breastfeeding awareness

Community Resources/Outreach Activities

- Four Winds Student and Parent’s Fair
- Community Resource Coalition Meeting
- CHR Program
- HeadStart
- Early Childhood Tracking

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April 2019 – Monthly Report

The following services were provided for this month:

Number of Domestic Violence Victims: 20
Number of Sexual Assault Victims: 3
Number of Victims in Shelter: 6 females and 2 children and 2 males
Transportation: 1
Number of Restraining Orders Submitted: 3
Number of Restraining Orders Dismissed: 0
Number of Restraining Orders Granted: 3
Number of Restraining Orders Dropped: 0
Number of Protection Orders Filed: 1
Number of Crisis Calls/Evening & Weekends/Holidays: 8
Number of Office Calls: 125

04/03 – Staff Meeting – This morning we reviewed our current victims and what services has been provided. We also began planning for our upcoming Sexual Assault Awareness Event. This year we have a commitment from Lenny Hayes, who is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton-Oyate. Lenny is the owner and operator of the Tate Topa Consulting, LLC, in Minnesota. We completed all the follow up for the SA event and are ready to go. We received $500 donation from the Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains, Carmen O’Leary to do a cultural project. With these funds we will be making red ribbon skirts and have an MMIW walk on May 5th, which is the National Day for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. We are also including the LGBTQ community to join the walk.

04/04 – Easter Crafts – Today we invited our victims and community members to our office to create Easter crafts for their homes. We provided the craft supplies and served a lunch. There were 20 participants who signed in.

04/10 – Spirit Lake Rising – The staff set up the DV booth at the casino for this event. There were 40 participants who signed up at our booth.

04/11 – Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) – Due to the weather this meeting was held by teleconference. There were 13 in attendance by phone.
• One new case has jurisdiction issues – Open Case
• One SA Forensic is Negative/Child Abuse reported – Open Case
• One SA is consensual – Ongoing Investigation
• One case is still being investigated
• One unruly child – referred to Behavioral Health
• One no SA disclosure
• Three have appointments for forensic interviews
• One possible SA – ongoing investigation
• 20 ongoing/active cases
• 2 closed cases

04/15 – Staff Meeting – This morning we reviewed our current victims and what services has been provided for sexual assault and domestic violence. Discussion on our upcoming SA event which is being held at the SL Casino Auditorium. Topic this year is on the LGBTQ community, which our grants are funded to service. Discussion on our upcoming MMIW event set for May 5th at 10 am. May 5th is the National Day for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. We talked about having a mother’s day event on May 10th, share a lunch and mother’s will be able to receive information regarding our program services.

04/16 – Sexual Assault Awareness Event – Keynote Speaker – Lenny Hayes. Lenny is the Founder/Owner of Tate Topa (Dakota Sioux word for four Directions or Four Winds) Consulting, LLC, which provides consulting services related to mental health issues, Native American Historical and Intergenerational Trauma training, and Two-Spirit and LGBTQ trainings related to mental health issues. He believes that is important to educate American Indians as well as non-Natives on the topic of Historical and Intergenerational Trauma and how it has impacted the American Indian Community. He recently completed a project with the MN Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition in which he assisted in creating a curriculum to train advocates to work with sexually assaulted victims as well as Two-Spirit individuals. The assaults on both populations are astonishing as well as devastating knowing of the unreported sexual assaults. There were 71 participants who signed in.

04/18 – TSS Coalition Meeting – I attended this meeting, and I waited for 1/2 hour and the meeting didn’t begin so I came back to the office, because we were busy with victims and their families.

04/18 – St. Michael District Meeting – I gave a presentation on our monthly report and what services we do provide. I did mention that we provide limited transportation since we provide our personal vehicles and our personal insurance. Should anything happen while we have a victim in our personal vehicle, our personal insurance will be affected. I did stress the importance of not leaving children alone, since we have been receiving more sexual assault calls.

04/23-24-25 – Domestic Violence Training – Anthony Delorme, Shayna Black and Tony Dauphinais attended this training which was held in DL by the First Nations Women’s Alliance Program. DV is defined as domestic violence as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or treats of actions that influence another person. Some of the connections the staff learned were. Similarities include: primarily violence perpetrated again women; power and control; use of relationship and trust; similar short and long term needs; exposure to various forms of abuse; conflicted about leaving situations; abuse of leads to health problems, mental, physical, acute or chronic; reluctance to disclose situation; fear, shame, guilt, low self-esteem; strong bond to trafficker/abuser and vulnerable to victimization.
04/23 – Recovery and Wellness Planning – today we met with other SL prevention programs to plan a walk against alcohol. Darla Thiele stated she was approached by some people and they wanted to know what our community is going to do before the general election, since alcohol is on the general election ballot.

04/24 – FT Apartment Fire – today we worked with the Fort Totten Police Department, Marty Alex, EMS and Fort Totten Housing Authority. Together we were able to plan and best provide services for the seven (7) families whom lost their belongings due to the fire. Our program has the ND Crime Victims Compensation Grant. This VOCA grants provides services to Innocent Victims who have been physically or emotionally injured, in a violent crime in ND or where a compensation program is not available, and required medical care. Where ND residents are injured by an act of terrorism. They are dependents of a homicide victim. Individual who assume responsibility for funeral and/or medical expenses of a homicide victim. These crimes must be reported to law enforcement with 96 hours. Through this grant we were able to assist the seven families.

04/26 – Four Winds Parent Fair – Today we set up our domestic violence and sexual assault booth at the Four Winds School. There were 83 parents/community members who signed in at our booth.

04/29 – Elder’s Day Out – today I attended the elder’s event and topics discussed were: SL Health Center and Senior Services Elder Abuse Updates.

➢ A variety of items were received from the Partnership with Native Americans Program (formerly known as National Relief Charities) located in Rapid City, SD. These items are given to our victims. There are staff issues with NRC regarding no drivers, so we were informed that deliveries will be quarterly. We have finally received delivery for February 2019. All items were sorted and bagged and they are given to our victims before they leave the office.

➢ We also receive children’s blankets from “Project Linus” in Fargo, ND. These blankets are given to the parents who have children and they are very thankful to receive these blankets.

➢ Follow up victims 11 and some did receive some type of services and some are continued with seeking housing, employment and other services

➢ Other: 7 victims listed below individually. These individuals are either homeless or looking for a place to stay, or are looking for groceries, pampers or seeking other services.
5/15/19

Monthly Report for April 2019

The following are monthly totals of clients served in office.

Placards: 12
Title Transfers: 18
Renewals: 36
Application for License: 36
Duplicate Titles, Reg. Card, Etc.: 6
Notary: 7

86 renewals sent out for May 2019.
Regular monthly and daily Motor Vehicle duties.
Revenue and expense statement attached.

Submitted by

Laurie Lourens-Director
Monthly Progress Report for SORNA Program/Spirit Lake Tribe
April 1, 2019 – April 30, 2019

Department: Spirit Lake SORNA Program

Director: LaRissa McKay

Month: April 2019

For the month the following we had done the following:

Number of Hires: 0
Number of Terminations: 0
Number of Annual Review: 0
Number of Wage Adjusts:
Number of Resignations: 0
Number of Office Calls: 51
Number of Office Visits: 19
Fingerprints: 1 fingerprint for clinic

Date: Staff Meetings - 0
Date: Planning Meetings - 0
Date: Other Meetings/Updates – Gave report at Fort Totten District Meeting – April 24, 2019. Submitted for FY19 AWA Grant.

Staff Members/Title – Contact Numbers: Director – 701-766-4818

Employee Issues: None.

FY2019 Break Down: See attached
Spirit Lake Tourism Department

Monthly Report

For

March – April – 2019

Narrative: In March 2019, Director works with NDSU on an apparent miscalculation which changes the Contract Amount from $8,950.00 to 7,000.00. $1,950.00 in our favor. Director asks NDSU if they wish to complete additional work to capture the $1,950.00? However, work must fall within the scope of work of the Grant. NDSU does not respond. Work will continue with overrun amount being DE obligated at end of grant term.

North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance informs us that original meeting will be changed to March 21st.

Spirit Lake Tourism Committee meets on March 5th. Continued discussion on the Programs past and present Priorities and overall plan for 2019. Planning begins on the Devils Run/Reservation Self-Guided Tour. Tour is focused on developing economic development opportunities for the members of the Tribe.

Director wishes to produce a five to ten minute video on the Spirit Lake Tribe covering the history and culture of the Dakota People and where we came from as well as the interesting sights and things to do on the Reservation so people may become more familiar as to who we are and what activities or events we have to offer. Promo items such as pens, brochures, keychains stand up posters will be developed and purchased as budget will allow.

No word on the Dakota Blue Jean Feasibility Report, even after simple modifications were to be done by NDSU as they requested their Contract Format. Work was to begin on February 1st. Director also requests their address.

Signed Feasibility Study Contract arrives at Tourism Office – Just needs our Signatures, Director forwards to Council. Contract is then returned fully executed.
Director participates in North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance Monthly Teleconference. Discussion on full board functions and need for Spirit Lake to have a Alternate, and Aprils ND Travel Conference.

Director now plans a potential tour route with designated places of interest and local businesses that could be visited. Director will consult with Elders to recognize these places and to be respectful of them. Contact with Harlow’s Bus Services to seek estimates and info. on potential bus purchase

Director submits on time USDA required quarterly Performance Report – and reminds finance to submit their Financial Form also required by USDA.

**Telephone Calls:** Both incoming and outgoing of importance:


**Monthly Events:**

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Info; Tribe/USDA on Feasibility Study Contract Amount – NDSUs calculations result in a overstated amount - $8,950.00 to $7,000.00.

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Contact with North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance rescheduling Monthly Meeting to March 21, 2019

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Tourism Committee Meeting to review program Priorities and plan for 2019 and begin planning for the Devils Run/Self-Guided Tour.

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Contact with Creative Impressions on Tourism Promo items.

March 11 – Contact with NDSU as to feasibility Study Contract – No word – Work was to begin February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Contract Modifications

March 15, - Received Feasibility Contract Signed by NDSU.
March 19 - Contacted Casino as they were not at any Tourism Meetings. We wish to work with them on the Self-Guided Tour. – Received fully executed Feasibility Contract.

March 21 – North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance monthly Teleconference Meeting. Discussion on full board functions, need for Spirit lake Alternate Member, and Aprils – ND Travel Industry Conference.

March 22, - Contact with Harlow’s Bus Service Bismarck ND for info and estimate on a Tour Bus.

March 28, - Director submits USDA Quarterly Performance Report on Feasibility Grant – On time, and reminds Tribal Finance to Submit their USDA Financial report also.

April 2019

Tribal Tourism

In April, Director/NDSU continues work on the Dakota Blue Jeans Feasibility Study Report, after modifications are done. North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance notifies Director that Monthly Meeting will change to later this month. April Tourism Committee Meeting meets to further discuss Devils Run/Big Show/Reservation Self-Guided Tour. Tour will consist of Reservation/Tourism Promotion and Arts and Crafts Sales Opportunities on Friday May 31st. Tourism has organized Booth/Table with Tourism Promotional items and Reservation information thru Director and Tribes Reservation Brochures. In addition, Tourism worked with Spirit Lake Casino to provide tables to be set up in Front of the Casino for Native American Arts and Crafts sales opportunities. Posters announcing this opportunity have been placed throughout the reservation and given to all District Representatives to encourage sales. On Saturday June 1st 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM will be the Reservation Self-Guided Tour with Native American Drum and singing approved at Tourism Committee along with payment to the young singers at 2:00 PM. The Tour is completed with storytelling at Fort Totten
Square by Louis Garcia. Tourism will also provide a small honorarium for his time and stories.

Tourism Director now decides to purchase a number of Tourism Promotional items to promote tourism on the Spirit Lake Reservation. In addition, Director gets in contact with a local Photo Company located in Fort Totten to produce a Video on the Reservation. This Video would be a 8 to 10 minute video presentation that would tell about our history, where we came from and who we are, as well as places of interest on the Reservation. It would be used to present at Tourism Conferences and to live stream at the Casino with Brochures on the Tribe, Sully’s Hill, and the Fort Totten Site.

Director has contacted Harlow’s Bus Service in Bismarck to gather information on a Tour Bus. Tourism receives information on a 25 Passenger Van for this purpose. Questions on Handicap accessibility and PA systems were made and we are presently waiting on an estimate.

Director, wants to research candy making both for outside sale, and to sell at our Gift Store. Raw material like sugar is very nearby as American Crystal Sugar is located in the Red River Valley with two plants active one in Drayton ND and one in Hillsboro ND.

Tribal Finance notifies Tribal Tourism that Budget Modification will need to be done due to a shortage of funds from our Casino. Tourism takes its second budget cut in two years. Tribe also notifies Tourism that the Visitors Center will also take its second Budget Cut in its first Year. It appears that Laundry Mat is the only operation operating in mall recently. However now the Visitors Center/Trading Post may be just a Visitors Center due to lack of funds, a Trading post may be added later when the financial climate is better. The Tourism Director makes the required Budget Modifications to both the Tourism Program and the Visitors Center/Trading post. He also assists another Tribal Program with the development of their Budget Modification.

Tourism Director attends the North Dakota Travel Industry Conference in Minot. This Conference brings in many different entities all involved in travel the promotion of travel and tourism internationally. Director will join the North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance with a booth at this event sing recently purchased
promo items to promote tourism on the Spirit Lake Nation, he will be joined by the other North Dakota Tribes also.

NDNTA requests any changes to their new post card promoting the five North Dakota Tribes.

Director works with Sully’s Hill on final changes to Self-Guided Tour flyer before ordering 1,200 copies from Reslock. 1,000 will to to Devils Run Packets and 200 will go for posting around Lake Region area.

Director submits completed Travel Report from Travel Conference to finance on time and it was successfully reconciled.

**Telephone Calls:** Both incoming and outgoing – of Importance.


**Monthly Events:**

April 2 - Contact with North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance – Meeting Schedules

April 3 - Emailed Collette Brown with NDNTA info and scheduled meeting.

Rescheduled Tribal Tourism Meeting due to Video Production Meeting – Costs do not match.

April 4 - Contact with Harlow’s Bus Service on Touring Van.

April 9 – Tribal Finance inform Tourism Program of needed Budget Modifications to its program and to the Visitors Center/ Trading Post.

April 10 – NDNTA requests any changes to its new Post Card.

April 11 – Met with Sully’s Hill on progress and exchange of information for Self-Guided Tour Flyer.
April 15, 16, 17 – Director Attends North Dakota Travel Industry Conference.

April 23 – contact with Mr. Ornason with Devils Run

April 24 – Contact with Mr. Louis Garcia and request that he does story telling at the Fort Totten Square on June 1st at 3:00 PM.

Director invited to BIG Show Event Planning meeting at Casino.

April 26 – Received 1,200 Self-Guided Tour Flyers 1,000 delivered to DL Chamber of Commerce for Devils Run Packets. 200 for Dispersal.

April 29 – Tourism travel Report on ND travel Industry Conference submitted on time and; was fully Reconciled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Spirit Lake Nation Tourism Director

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May 9, 2019

Monthly Progress Report for ICWA for April 2019

* 142 enrollment eligibility inquiries from different Agencies.
* 4 children returned to family/home and/or transferred to SL.
* 7 new cases.
* 0 PNSA (prenatal substance abuse) transfers to Tribal Court.
* Participated in 8 court hearings and Child & Family team meetings.

ICWA attended the 2019 NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare Act) Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

ICWA Attended the ICWA Grant meeting in Bismarck on April 11, 2019

ICWA Participated in the 2019 Parent Fair at Four Winds School

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FUNDING AMOUNT: We are operating at FY-18 funding levels and will continue to operate on a continuing resolution funding is received in April.

FUNDING CYCLE: 2nd quarter

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 10 full time staff

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED: 452

INDIVIDUALS SERVED: 900

DOLLAR AMOUNT SERVED: $53,955.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES: The staff provided home deliveries to the clients the first week of the month, we received 2 regular trucks and 5 produce trucks.

TRAVEL: I attended a board meeting/planning conference in Mississippi and it was a great meeting to get events lined up for the conference in June.

TRAINING: None

OTHER: During the month of April, I processed payables, time sheets, certified and issued. I also participated in FDPIR Operations call, NAFDPIR board calls, Food Package meeting, MPRNAC, MP Region Calls and local meetings. We submitted grants to the state agriculture committee for gardening activities and we also worked on a grant for First Nations that we were invited to apply for.

FDPIR hosted a “Lunch and Learn” event with NDSU Extension on April 2nd. The Healthy Community Coalition luncheon was hosted at FDPIR and facilitated by Nicole Sobolik, FDPIR Nutrition Educator (NE), on April 4th. NE created meeting notes and HCC April calendar and emailed to HCC listserv. NE scheduled HCC May luncheon. NE assisted with Bush Award application before April 11th submission deadline. NE and assistant attended ServSafe Manager Training in Devils Lake on April 10th. NE attended FirstLink Mental Health First Aid Training in Fort Totten on April 11th. NE attended a meeting with SNAP-Ed officials on April 17th. FACE Program Family Nights were hosted at FDPIR and facilitated by NE on April 17th and 25th. The HCC subcommittee meeting was hosted at FDPIR on April 18th and attended by NE. Early Childhood Tracking FDPIR Family Meal was held on April 24th. NE met separately with CCCC Land Grant Extension, CCCC Head Start, UND College of Nursing, and Elite Food Safety to discuss future opportunities for collaboration on local nutrition education projects. NE and assistant displayed booth at Four Winds Parent Fair on April 26th. Educator assisted with FDPNE 2019 Grant application which was submitted on April 30th. Recipe demos and food samplings were provided every Tuesday and Thursday following the first week of April by NE and
assistant. Assistant created Facebook posts every Monday to advertise weekly events. Nutrition education display and unique recipes were provided by NE and assistant throughout the month of April.