



*Office of  
Tribal Government  
Relations*

**“Working For Veterans in Indian Country”**

**Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn - Dakota Ballroom**

**505 North Fifth St. Rapid City, SD**

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**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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| <b>0800-0830</b> | <b>Post Colors:</b> <i>Intertribal Wild Horse Butte</i><br><b>Welcome/Opening Remarks:</b> <i>Stephanie Birdwell, Director, OTGR</i>  |
| <b>0830-0930</b> | <b>VA Healthcare “101”: Eligibility, Enrollment, Billing</b><br><i>Ryan Maurer, VA Fort Meade Business Office</i>   |
| <b>0930-1030</b> | <b>VA/Tribal Health Programs/IHS Reimbursement and Sharing Agreements</b><br><i>Cyndi Kindred, VA Chief Business Office (CBO)</i>   |
| <b>1030-1100</b> | <b>Home Health Initiative/Diabetes Type 2 Prevention</b><br><i>Kendra Lone Elk, Public Health Nurse, Oglala Sioux Tribe</i>   |
| <b>1100-1130</b> | <b>Suicide Prevention</b><br><i>Lisa Schrader-Dillon, Oglala Sioux Tribe Health Administrator</i>   |
| <b>1130-1200</b> | <b>Women Veterans</b><br><i>Pauletta Red Willow, Veteran</i>  |
| <b>1200-1300</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>1300-1400</b> | <b>PTSD and Evidence Based Therapy</b><br><i>Rod Bordeaux, Tribal Outreach Worker</i><br><i>Andrew Farrell, Mental Health Counselor</i><br><i>Danielle Cronkhite, Mental Health Counselor</i>   |
| <b>1400-1445</b> | <b>Nagi Kikcho Pi: “Calling One’s Spirit”</b><br><i>Raymond Grey Bear, Bush Foundation Grant Awardee</i>  |
| <b>1445-1530</b> | <b>Role of the Veteran in Tribal Communities</b><br><i>Dan King, Veteran, Co-Chair NCAI Veterans Committee, President of Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association – Oneida Chapter</i>   |
| <b>1530-1630</b> | <b>Listening Session</b><br><i>Stephanie Birdwell, Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations</i><br><i>Charles Claussen, South Dakota Director of Veterans Affairs</i><br><i>John Garcia, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs</i><br><i>Larry Zimmerman, South Dakota Secretary of Veterans Affairs</i> |
| <b>1630</b>      | <b>Break for the Day</b>  |

## Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

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| <b>0800</b>      | <b>Opening Remarks</b>  |
| <b>0800-0845</b> | <b>Housing for Veterans in Indian Country I: Native American Direct Home Loan (NADL)/Specially-Adapted Housing (SAH)</b><br><i>Morgan Pontiff, Dan Anderson, Mike Ostwald, VA St. Paul NADL Team</i>    |
| <b>0845-0930</b> | <b>Housing For Veterans in Indian Country II: HUD Office of Native American Programs</b><br><i>Roger Jacobs, HUD Field Office Director, Sioux Falls</i>   |
| <b>0930-1000</b> | <b>Housing For Veterans in Indian Country III: IHS (Water/Sewer)</b><br><i>James Begeman, IHS Senior Environmental Engineer</i>   |
| <b>1000-1100</b> | <b>VA Homeless Programs: Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF)/Grant &amp; Per Diem Program</b><br><i>John Kuhn, Director, SSVF</i>  |
| <b>1100-1130</b> | <b>Dept. of Labor: Veterans Employment &amp; Training Services (VETS)</b><br><i>Sarah Bierman, Director, VETS</i>   |
| <b>1130-1200</b> | <b>VA Veterans Justice Outreach</b><br><i>Cathy King, Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator</i>   |
| <b>1200-1300</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>1300-1400</b> | <b>VBA Veterans Benefits "101": Compensation, Pension, Education</b><br><i>Rob Andresen, Military Service Coordinator, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)</i>                                       |
| <b>1400-1445</b> | <b>VA for Vets: Working for U.S. Veterans Affairs</b><br><i>Mark Berninger, VA for Vets Regional Coordinator</i>  |
| <b>1445-1530</b> | <b>Government Contracting for Veteran-Owned Businesses: Native American Development Corporation (NADC)</b><br><i>Leonard Smith, Director, NADC</i><br><i>Mary Walks Over Ice, Program Manager, NADC</i> |
| <b>1530-1615</b> | <b>Small Business Administration (SBA): Office of Native American Affairs</b><br><i>Delcine Montgomery, Business Development Specialist</i>   |
| <b>1615</b>      | <b>Wrap-up</b>  |