Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Consultation

National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference

Spokane Convention Center

Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 5:15–8:15 p.m.

Agenda

Opening Prayer

Elder

Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks 5:25–5:35 p.m.

VA Facilitators

James Albino, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs

Stephanie E. Birdwell, Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations

VA Representatives

Network Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 20 *(invited)*

Director, Spokane VA Medical Center *(invited)*

Regional Director, Veterans Benefits Administration *(invited)*

My VA Veterans Experience Officer *(invited)*

Representative, Veterans Health Administration Office of Rural Health *(invited)*

Member Services Representative, Veterans Health Administration *(invited)*

Indian Health Service Representative

Dean Seyler, Director, Portland Area, Indian Health Service

Other Representatives

Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Director, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs *(invited)*

Consultation 5:35–8:00 p.m.

Topic: Indian Country Veterans Affairs Policy Agenda

VA wants to know the top 3–5 priorities that tribes have for serving and engaging Veterans.

These priorities may help assist with the collaborative development of an Indian Country Veterans Affairs policy agenda, which will inform tribal governments, VA, members of Congress, and other Veteran-serving partners in coming years.

Questions and Answers

Open Dialogue

Closing Remarks and Prayer 8:00–8:15 p.m.