



*Office of
Tribal Government
Relations*

Eastern Region Training Summit

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort
Cherokee, NC

May 7-8, 2013



Tuesday, May 7, 2013

*All workshops will be held in the Locust Conference Room

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. William "Skip" Myers, Native American Care Coordinator, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

8:00 am – 8:45 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Ceremonies:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Posting of Colors: Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Remarks:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. John Garcia, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Stephanie Birdwell, Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Cynthia Breyfogle, Director, Charles George VA Medical Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Timothy Wipperman, Director, North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Gregory Richardson, Director, North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Invocation & Welcoming Remarks:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Perry Shell, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Tribal Council Member</p>
8:45 am – 9:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Overview of OTGR / Goals for Meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Stephanie Birdwell, Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations</p>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">The Cherokee Project: Developing a Partnership for Life Asheville VA Medical Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Cynthia Breyfogle, Director, Charles George VA Medical Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Casey Cooper, Chief Executive Officer, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Penny James, HBPC Program Coordinator, Charles George VA Medical Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Warren Dupree, Retired Army, Service Officer, Sgt, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143</p>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	BREAK
10:15am – 11:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Overview of the Indian Health Service- Nashville Area Office and collaborations with the VA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Martha Ketcher, Director, Indian Health Service-Nashville Area Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Harry Brown, Chief Medical Officer, Nashville Area Office</p>
11:00 am- 11:45 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Government Accountability Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Michelle Bracy, Government Accountability Office (facilitator)</p>

11:45am - 1:00 pm	LUNCH (on your own)
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Veterans Benefits Administration Comprehensive Overview of VA Benefits Mr. Antwine Duffy, Minority Veterans Program Coordinator, Veterans Benefits Administration, Winston Salem Regional Office
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Tribal Justice and Service for Justice involved Veterans Mr. Devan Brotherton, Addiction Therapist, Substance Abuse Disorder/Veterans Treatment Court, Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center, Tulsa VA Behavioral Medicine Service, Tulsa, OK
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	BREAK
2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	U.S. Small Business Administration: Business Opportunities for Tribal Communities and Tribal Veterans Mr. Christopher James, Assistant Administrator, Office of Native American Affairs Mr. Mike Arriola, Senior Area Manager, U.S. SBA - Asheville, NC
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Cultural Enrichment Activity: An outdoor activity at the Cherokee Fairgrounds featuring warrior dancers, drum group, and many more! ** transportation will be provided to the fairgrounds

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7:30 am - 8:00 am	Morning Coffee with the Tribal Veterans Panel Mr. Perry Shell, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Tribal Council Member Mr. Jacob Litledave, Tribal Veterans Representative, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Location: TBD
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Overview of VHA Health care System Eligibility and Enrollment Ms. Kristin Cunningham, Director, Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office, Business Policy
9:00 am - 9:55 am	VA/Indian Health Service/ Tribal Health Program Reimbursement Agreement Ms. Kristin Cunningham, Director, Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office, Business Policy Office

9:55 am -10:05 am	BREAK
10:05 am -1 1:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Overview of the VA/Indian Health Service Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Stephanie Birdwell, Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rural Health Projects</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Rod Sepulveda, Rural Health Program Coordinator, Northern Arizona VA Healthcare System</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tribal Veterans Representatives</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Jacob Littledave, Tribal Veterans Representative, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians</p>
11:00 am - 11:45 am	<p style="text-align: center;">VA collaborations with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Donna Alford, Nurse Practitioner, G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center</p>
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	LUNCH (on your own)
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Tele health Initiatives</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Dottie Parmer, Acting Home Tele health Lead, Charles George VA Medical Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Christopher Austin, Acting Facility Tele health Coordinator, Charles George VA Medical Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Rod Sepulveda, Rural Health Program Coordinator, Northern Arizona VA Healthcare System</p>
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Caring for Women Veterans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Sharon West RN MHS, Women Veterans Program Manager, Charles George VA Medical Center</p>
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Native American Direct Loan Program, Special Adaptive Housing, VA Home Loan Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Erica Lewis, Director, VA Native American Direct Loan Program</p>
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Listening Session (tentative)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Stephanie Birdwell, Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. John Garcia, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Timothy Wipperman, Director, North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs</p>
5:00 - 5:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Erika Moott, Executive Officer, Office of Tribal Government Relations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Stephanie Birdwell, Office of Tribal Government Relations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Retiring of the Colors: Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143</p>