



*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

<p>8:00 am - 8:45 am</p>	<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;">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. Gregory Richardson, Director, North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>
<p>8:45 am - 9:00 am</p>	<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>
<p>9:00 am - 10:00 am</p>	<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>
<p>10:00 am - 10:15 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BREAK</p>
<p>10:15am - 11:00 am</p>	<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>
<p>11:00 am- 11:45 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Listening Session: Evaluation of Department of Labor (DOL) Efforts to Increase Training and Employment Opportunities for Native American Veterans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Michelle Bracy, U.S. Government Accountability Office (facilitator)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Christopher Morehouse, U.S. Government Accountability Office (facilitator)</p>
<p>11:45am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH (on your own)</p>

1:00 p m - 1:45 p m	<p align="center">Veterans Benefits Administration Comprehensive Overview of VA Benefits</p> <p align="center">Mr. Antwine Duffy, Minority Veterans Program Coordinator, Veterans Benefits Administration, Winston Salem Regional Office</p>
1:45 p m - 2:45 p m	<p align="center">Tribal Justice and Service for Justice involved Veterans</p> <p align="center">Ms. Katherine (Katie) Stewart, LCSW, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, Charles George VA Medical Center</p> <p align="center">Mr. Devan Brotherton, Addiction Therapist, Substance Abuse Disorder/Veterans Treatment Court, Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center, Tulsa VA Behavioral Medicine Service</p>
2:45 p m - 2:55 p m	BREAK
2:55 p m - 3:45 p m	<p align="center">U.S. Small Business Administration: Business Opportunities for Tribal Communities and Tribal Veterans</p> <p align="center">Mr. Christopher James, Assistant Administrator, Office of Native American Affairs</p> <p align="center">Mr. Mike Arriola, Senior Area Manager, U.S. SBA – Asheville, NC</p>
3:45 p m - 7:30 p m	<p align="center">Cultural Enrichment Activity:</p> <p align="center">An outdoor activity at the Cherokee Fairgrounds featuring warrior dancers, drum group, and many more !</p> <p align="center">** transportation will be provided to the fairgrounds</p>

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7:30 a m - 8:00 a m	<p align="center">Morning Coffee with the Tribal Veterans Panel</p> <p align="center">Mr. Perry Shell, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Tribal Council Member</p> <p align="center">Mr. Jacob Littledave, Tribal Veterans Representative, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians</p> <p align="center">Location: Locust Room</p>
8:00 a m - 9:00 a m	<p align="center">Overview of VHA Health care System Eligibility and Enrollment</p> <p align="center">Ms. Kristin Cunningham, Director, Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office, Business Policy</p>
9:00 a m - 9:55 a m	<p align="center">VA/Indian Health Service/ Tribal Health Program Reimbursement Agreement</p> <p align="center">Ms. Kristin Cunningham, Director, Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office, Business Policy Office</p>
9:55 a m - 10:05 a m	BREAK

10:05 am – 11:00 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	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH (on your own)</p>
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;">Mr. Michael Frueh, Director, VBA Loan Guaranty Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Erica Lewis, Director, VA Native American Direct Loan Program</p>
4:00 pm – 4:30 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>