



## **Executive Director Report**

Feb.10, 2025

### **NOTABLES**

- Governor Recovery Funds or ARPA Subgrants to Tribes Program distribution at \$10 million
- On boarded with Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and Administrative Services Division (ASD) for information technology, fiscal, and administrative support for DNAA
- Logo and branding assets revealed, website launched
- Hosted Washoe County School District Paiute Language Classes at Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum (SISCCM) tours, walking trail, and other educational activities
- Invited guest / attendee at 2025 [State of the State](#) Address, Jan. 15
- Partnered and currently planning with the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) for an oral history project in April in Reno
- Invited / participating in reestablished Nevada State and BLM Projects meeting
- Joined nonprofit organizations and partnered with Forest Service to decorate the Capitol Christmas Tree and planning events as tree is transported to DC
- Attended / staffed Governor Joe Lombardo at University of Nevada Tribal Leaders Summit, Feb 4

### **STAFFING**

- Secured a Curator II/Education Coordinator for SISCCM
- Secured an Opioid Prevention Coordinator for DNAA
- Secured an Office Manager for DNAA
- Conducted interviews for SISCCM Director, Jan. 14; Job Opportunity Reposted
- Scheduled interviews DNAA Management Analysts, Feb. 20

### **STANDING MEETINGS**

- Governors' Interstate Indian Council (GIIC), April 29
- Tribal Health Directors, July 11
- Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council, Aug. 15
- State of Nevada Tribal Veterans Engagement Taskforce at NUI, Oct. 21
- Rural and Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet, Nov. 13
- Western Governors' Association State-Tribal Liaison Network, Nov. 20
- Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN), Jan. 28
- Nevada Smart from the Start Energy & Infrastructure Consortium, Jan. 14
- State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) Tribal Consultation - 1st Quarter, Jan. 8
- Nevada Governor's Cabinet, Jan. 15
- 2025 Weekly Staff Meetings (implemented) Jan. 15

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

[Native Americans fight barriers to voting, 100 years after being recognized as U.S. citizens](#)

By Christopher Lomahquahu and Eshaan Sarup, and Dani Ingram, Wire Store + News21, Sept. 3

[After apology for Native American boarding schools, what's next for Nevada tribes?](#)

By Brett McGinness, Reno Gazette Journal, Oct. 29

[Tribal citizens in Nevada can now vote with EASE: The 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election will be the first election where Native voters residing on reservations in Nevada can vote from their own homes using an electronic ballot system](#)

By Jeniffer Solis, Nevada Current, Feb. 7

[A Native voting ecosystem in Nevada: Grassroots organizations, the state Indian Commission, county governments and tribal nations work collectively to increase Native American voter engagement](#)

By Pauly Denetclaw, Indian Country Today, Feb. 21

[Rosen, Cortez Masto ask HHS to improve Tribal access to mental health services](#)

By Camalot Todd, Nevada Current, March 15

[National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development](#) Public Service Announcement

By Kyia Jackson, Native Edge Institute, Dec. 20

## **PRESENTATIONS / WELCOMES**

- Stewart campus tour for Nevada Small Business Development Center State Director, Winnie M. Dowling and Agriculture and Food Systems Business Advisor Kelli Kelly, Sept. 24
- Southern Nevada Diversity Summit at Nevada State University, Oct. 4  
“Beyond Land Acknowledgments” collaboration with:
  - Commissioner Tammi Tiger, UNLV
  - Fredina Drye Romero, Nevada Dept of Education
  - Daphne Emm Hooper, University of Nevada
  - Sandra Mitrovich, Native Americans Rights Fund
- Per Governor Lombardo request, provided remarks for Tribal EPA & U.S. EPA Region 9 Annual Conference, hosted by the Viejas Band Of Kumeyaay Indians and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Oct. 22
- Per Governor Lombardo request, provided remarks at Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center Employee Appreciation Luncheon as staff received Certificate of Recognition from Governor for providing drug safety education to students at Nevada Youth Opioid Summit, Oct. 23
- *Native America 101: What Nevada DHHS Liaisons Should Know...*  
*Native America 101: What Our Food Bank of Northern Nevada Partners Should Know About the First People...* Collaboration with Daphne Emm Hooper, University of Nevada Office of Indigenous Relations, Nov. 7 and Nov. 22
- Stewart campus tour for Guinn Center Executive Director Jill Tolles and Director of Education Policy, Dr. Anna Colquitt, Nov. 8
- Guest panelist for Sawabe Muhano’s Native American Heritage Month Celebration, Reno, Nov. 10
- *How a 134-year-old federal policy still impacts Native learners* for Indigenous Voices of Nevada educators consortium, Nov. 14
- Stewart campus for the Nevada Gold Mines Native American Affairs Manager, Gerald Dixon, and Native American Affairs Specialists Nicole Bowers and Kristi Honeyestewa, Dec. 6

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS / ONGOING PROJECTS**

- Supported and attended 3rd Native American Issues and Candidate Forum at UNLV, Sept. 13
- Continued participation with the University of Nevada's [The Racist Covenants Research Project | Department of History](#) , Oct. 11
- Attended Clark County 5-year Anniversary of Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration at the Fabulous Vegas Welcome sign, Oct. 14
- Attended University of Nevada Las Vegas proclamation ceremony for UNLV Chapter of the American Indigenous Business Leaders for their programs in promoting economic growth in our Tribal communities via education and entrepreneurial development, Oct. 14
- Attended *Discovery of America* lecture by UNLV Professor Danielle Finn, Director of Indian Nations Gaming & Governance Program, Oct. 14
- Panelist for PBS Reno public screening of *Wild Nevada* episode featuring Pyramid Lake, Oct. 17
- Joined virtual meeting with Nevada Department of Education Superintendent of Public Instruction Jhone Ebert regarding learning environment at McDermitt Combined School, Nov. 22
- Meeting with State of Oregon Department of Justice about mutual concern of enforcement of the prohibitions on buying and selling items of cultural significance, Nov. 27
- Secured three new work stations, new refrigerator for DNAA building #3, Dec. 23
- Introductory meeting with Director Fred Dilger, Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, Jan. 9
- Introductory meeting with Walker River Paiute Tribal Chair Melanie McFalls, Jan. 10
- Introductory meeting with Ft. McDermitt Tribal Chair Natasha York, Jan. 16
- Introductory meeting with Andrea Martinez, newly appointed DNAA Commissioner, Feb. 6