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State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee

Fort Belknap Tribal Administration Bldg. - Council Chambers
Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana

Agenda times are approximate

Thursday, October 8, 2009

- 10:00 **Call to Order and Introductions**, Chairman Reichner
Opening Prayer, Fort Belknap Councilperson
- 10:15 **Update on Indian Affairs and the GAIN Council**
Presenter:
√ Ms. Jennifer Perez-Cole, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- 10:45 **Cultural and Historical Preservation**
Presenters:
Ö Mr. Casey Barrs, STR committee staff
Ö Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy
- 11:15 **Education: Drop Out Rates**
Presenter(s):
Ö Mr. Casey Barrs, STR committee staff
Ö Ms. Joyce Silverthorne, P-20 Policy Advisor, Office of Public Instruction
Ö Mr. Andy Boehm, Data Information Coordinator, Office of Public Instruction
Ö Ms. Carol Falcon Chandler, President, Fort Belknap College, re: Ft. Belknap College Programs & Issues (Non-beneficiary students)
- 11:45 **Public Comment**
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:15 **Health: Disparities in Care**
Presenter(s):
√ Ms. Mary Dalton, Medicaid and Health Services Branch Manager, Department of Public Health & Human Services
√ Ms. Lena Belcourt, Benefis Health System

- 1:45 **Law Enforcement: Extradition**
Presenter:
√ Mr. Jeremy Gersovitz, STR committee attorney
- 2:15 **Public Comment**
- 2:30 Tribal council topic: **Tribal/State Foster Program**
Presenters:
√ Ms. Lois Speakthunder, Director, Ft. Belknap Social Services
√ Ms. Kathryn Johnson, Foster Licensing Specialist, Ft. Belknap Social Services
- 3:00 Tribal council topic: **Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)**
Presenters:
√ Mr. Bruce “Buzz” Doney, Director, Ft. Belknap TERO
√ Ms. Nancy Boushie, Administrative Assistant, Ft. Belknap TERO
- 3:30 **Public Comment**
- 3:45 Tribal council topic: **Health Issues**
Presenters:
√ Ms. Velva Doore, Director, Ft. Belknap Tribal Health Department
√ Ms. Delores Little Owl, Data Entry Clerk (billing)
√ Ms. Ethel Bear, Medicaid Outreach (billing)
- 4:15 Tribal council topic: **Tribal/State Cooperative Efforts/Agreements**
Presenter:
Ö Mr. Mike Longknife, FMO, Fire Management Program
re: State/Tribal
Agreements in Gas (fuel), Tobacco, Road
- 4:45 **Public Comment**
- 5:00 **Wrap Up and Adjourn**

Friday, October 9

8:30 **Ft. Belknap Tour:**
Ft. Belknap Buffalo Pasture & Projects (or Savoy Bridge ARRA project)
Ft. Belknap Water Plant

11:00 **Departure**
(Committee members travel home)

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