



Commission on Native Children
Friday, March 11, 2022
11 am – 1 pm AKT/1 – 3 pm MT/2 – 4 pm CT/3 – 5 pm ET

Virtual Hearing: Mental Health and Suicide

This panel will discuss the strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement within the current mental health system and approaches to suicide prevention that serve Native children, youth and their communities. During this panel, experts will present factors that affect mental health and youth suicide in Native communities, including culturally appropriate prevention efforts and responses for Native youth and families.

- Introductions and welcome (5 minutes) Chair Gloria O’Neill
- Invocation (3 minutes)
- Review of Commission Norms (2 minutes) Chair O’Neill

The Commission will adhere to the following norms in all interactions:

- To incorporate ceremony and/or prayer to begin each meeting
 - To recognize and celebrate what is working
 - To respect all ideas
 - To be mindful of each person’s own behavior and reactions so as not to repeat trauma behaviors
 - To promote healing
 - To ensure there is a community-organized closing event at hearings
 - To treat others as they want to be treated
 - To not take offense and observe without judgment
 - To pause before decision
 - To have fearless, honest dialogue
 - To be flexible
 - To hear all voices
 - To learn from story
 - To be respectful of time
- Overview of Commission and goals of meeting (5 minutes) Chair O’Neill
 - Dr. Joseph P. Gone, Professor in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (Anthropology) and in the Faculty of Medicine (Global Health and Social Medicine), Harvard University, Faculty Director of the Harvard University Native American Program (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

- Dr. Teresa LaFromboise, counseling psychologist and Professor of Education in the Developmental and Psychological Sciences in the Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
- Dr. Pamela End of Horn, Pamela End of Horn, DSW, LICSW, National Suicide Prevention Consultant, Indian Health Service Headquarters (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
- Cross-Cutting Recommendations from Witnesses (20 minutes) Chair O'Neill
- Questions and discussion (22 minutes) Chair O'Neill
- Wrap up (3 minutes) Chair O'Neill