

ITC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION QUARTERLY UPDATES – APRIL 2024



Gambling Disorder Initiative – Lisa Moran, Director



- Offer monthly NODS Assessment Training to all 12 tribes. This is a screening tool for Gambling Problems. Next training - 4/23/24
- Offer monthly Gambling Disorder Training to all 12 tribes & communities via Zoom or it can be done remotely. You can earn CEUs through MCBAP upon completion.
- Presented our Youth Gambling Presentation to 5th-grade students at Sault Area Middle School and a parent committee last quarter. We had 320 participants. FY23 we presented to over 1200 students regarding Gaming/Gambling.

Anishnaabek Strategic Prevention Framework Initiative – Cody Jodoin, Assistant Director



- Conduct monthly Michigan Tribal Prevention Coalition meetings (roughly 200 members affiliated with Tribal/State/Federal agencies).
- Conduct an Annual Tribal Prevention Conference. The next one will be held June 4-5 2024 at Kewadin Casino, Sault MI.
- Released a Tribal Prevention Needs Assessment. The survey had 162 participants residing in 32 counties statewide, representing 11 of the 12 tribes in MI. A comprehensive report of the results is available. We will do a final re-assessment of community prevention needs from September 2024 - August 2025.

Anishnaabek Healing Circle – Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Initiative – Melissa Colby, Program Manager



- Assisted with the Peer Recovery Coach Certification Training event @ GTB (4/7 – 4/12/24). This was a free training. There was a total of 30 participants.
- Indian Health Services offers free access to Fentanyl Test Strips for MI tribes. These are harm-reduction supplies that detect the presence of fentanyl in various drugs/substances. Emails were sent to BH Directors including the process to place an order. They were asked to forward the information to appropriate/additional contacts in the tribal pharmacies and health clinics.
- Rx Destroyer distribution – a product that allows for the safe disposal of prescription medications. We will be ordering 100 per tribe in the next quarter.
- Medication Lock Box Project – We will collaborate with Indian Health Services to distribute lock boxes to tribal members in MI. IHS will contact tribal pharmacies to determine the need and/or target population for these.
- Harm Reduction Vending Machine – In FY25 we plan to install a vending machine at a tribal site. These are becoming a popular option for getting free harm reduction supplies into communities (Narcan, safe sex supplies, hygiene items, HIV/Hepatitis test, etc.).

Native Connections Initiative – Jenna Killips, Program Manager



- Offer monthly QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) training to all MI tribes & communities. These are 3 steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.
- Assisted with a GONA (Gathering of Native Americans) that LRBOI hosted in January. It was well attended with great feedback.

SOR3 Tribal Medicated Assisted Treatment & Recover Initiative – Amanda Frazier, Program Manager



- Awarded the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Collaborative Partner of the Year Award.
- Individuals served in FY23 – served 2,223 individuals with community education on substance abuse disorder prevention, opioid/stimulant misuse, and opioid/stimulant addiction. Tribal subcontracts served 118 opioid use disorder and stimulant disorder clients.
- Funded 3 Harm Reduction Vending Machines for Pokagon.
- Funded 5 Narcan distribution boxes for Bay Mills community. This allows free Narcan access 24/7.

Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Initiative – Arlene Kashata, Program Manager



- Conduct an Annual Tribal Behavioral Health Conference. We hosted one February 14-15, titled “Resiliency, a Sacred Journey”. There were 120 attendees.
- Offer White Bison Training to all tribes to increase recovery support capacity.
- Conduct monthly Cultural trainings via Zoom.

All BH programs continue to raise awareness and create powerful messages through PSAs and billboards.

ITC recently applied for the Community Opioid Intervention Prevention Program (COIPP) grant. The purpose of this grant is to address the opioid crisis in AI/AN communities. If granted we would be working with all 12 tribes in MI.