

**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
USET Impact Week Meeting
Report to the USET Board
March 27 – 29, 2024**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:30 – 12:00 USET Social Services Committee joins the Board of Directors for General Assembly for morning session.

1:30 Social Services Committee Convenes with Clarissa Terrance-Chatland presiding.

Overview of Tribal Social Services Programs

- Call to order
- Welcome
- Roll Call – Signed attendance sheet
- Discussion on USET meetings, feedback for how to meet yearly and best practices for the committee as a whole and for tribes.
- Introduction of Members and Tribal updates
 - Substance use, rehab facilities, recovery programs, housing, financial management, sober living houses, transitional housing, counseling programs.

2:30 Tribal Coalition Information Session

- Reflection of Inspiration
 - Brittany Hampton and Kayla Brown presentation

Members Present: Charlie Strickland, **The Mohegan Tribe**; Amanda Montgomery, **Poarch Band of Creek Indians**; Naomi Frye and Marie Turner, **Mashpee Wampanoag**; Tanisha Mennis, **Mashnantucket Pequot**; Clarissa Terrance-Chatland, **Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe**.

Guests: Susie Jacobs, **Mohegan Tribe**; Sky Timmons, **Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe**.

- **Adjourn**



Thursday, March 28, 2024

8:30 – 3:00 Social Services Committee joins with Education Committee and Homeland Security and Emergency Services Committee on Public Health Preparedness

- USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness, Texas A&M University School of Public Health.
- Open discussion on disaster, preparedness, procedures.

3:30 Updates from National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

- David Simmons, Director of Government Affairs & Advocacy for NICWA
- ICWA updates, laws, discussion, family preservations, adoption

4:30 Prepare At A Glance agenda topics for next meeting

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Social Service Committee reconvenes with Irene Miller conducting meetings.

Presentation:

- David Simmons, Government Specialist
 - National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Updates
 - Case updates, law updates, legislation updates, Brackeen v. Zinke case
 - Family First Prevention Services Act Funding

Presentation:

- Amanda Montgomery, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
 - Updates on ACF Tribal Advisory Committee
 - Feedback for reporting and information for federal leaders

Presentation:

- Sissy Garcia, Policy Analyst, USET
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Requirements of able-bodied adults without dependents, proposed rule by the Food and Nutrition Service

Committee Report (No resolutions)

Planning for next meeting

Prepare At-A-Glance-Agenda for next USET meeting for the Social Services Committee.