



New Mexico Office of African American Affairs

2016 Tribal Liaison Agency Report

Section I. Executive Summary

A. Agency Overview

The New Mexico Office of African American Affairs (OAAA) recognizes the need for targeted intervention strategies that address and produce sustained results not only for African Americans, but all New Mexicans. With a purpose of developing and implementing strategies targeted to the specific disparity needs of families, the strategic plan is designed to give a greater voice and sustainability to the well-being of our community. Under original House Bill 909, it is the mandate of this agency to increase awareness and understanding surrounding the multi-dimensional issues which contribute to disparities and successes relevant to African Americans in our state. We strive to develop an action-oriented agenda for disseminating key messages that aid in the decrease and prevention of disparities. We also endeavor to establish approaches that will strengthen collaborative networks which sustain on-going initiatives in the following focus areas:

- 1.) Healthcare Advocacy,
- 2.) Educational Advancement,
- 3.) Economic Development,
- 4.) Advocacy and Policy and
- 5.) Community Development.

OAAA currently has seven FTE positions

B. Mission Statement

The Mission of the OAAA is to study, identify and provide solutions to issues relevant to African Americans.

We strive to be the “Go To” authority in New Mexico on matters relating to methods that improve the quality of life for African Americans. By providing valuable resources to our constituents, governor, legislators, educators, healthcare professionals, et al, we will ensure access to resources that improve the quality of life.

C. Agency Specific Statutes or Mandates: N/A

D. Significant State-Tribal Issues: N/A

E. Narrative Summary

Through the agencies Tribal Liaison, OAAA staff continues to insure a representative is assigned to participate as a State Tribal Liaison.

F. Main Agency Accomplishments and Challenges Relating To Tribes:

The OAAA is working to maintain partnerships formed with the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and define the agencies active role while serving on the State Tribal Liaison Leadership Team.



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G. Goals for Fiscal Year 2016 relating to Tribes or Indian Organizations

Continue working to maintain and form partnerships formed with the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the agency's active role while serving on the State Tribal Liaison Leadership Team.

Section II. Agency Policy

OAAA is open to receive advice and direction from the Department of Indian Affairs.

Section III. Agency Efforts to Implement Policy N/A

Section IV. Current and Planned Programs and Services See item G

Section V. Training and Employee Notification

Steps will be taken to ensure that information about the State-Tribal Collaboration Act is communicated to each employee through staff meetings and electronic means.

A. STCA Training Certification: The OAAA will take advantage of any and all opportunities/training to increase understanding of American Indians.

B. Employee Notification about STCA: Each OAAA employee will be issued a copy of the STCA.

Section VI. Key Names and Contact Information

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Section VII. Appendices None