

COALMINE CANYON CHAPTER



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Coalmine Canyon Chapter Resolution CCC-12-0149-21 Teleconference

Supporting the partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP) between Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona Cancer Center for the purpose of assessing the experiences of Navajo patients and cancer patients throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and how the widespread community transmission and infection of COVID-19 has influenced access, utilization, and quality of health care and cancer treatment.

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council is comprised of 18 chapters, including Coalmine Canyon; and
2. The Navajo Nation Chapters are certified Chapters of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 4001 and 11 N.N.C. Part 1 § 10 having the authority to address and explore the local needs and concerns of chapter residents through participation in community planning; and
3. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter was established to address the needs, concerns, and general welfare of its constituents and advocate on their behalf for successful implementation of viable agency projects; and
4. While the Navajo Nation quickly responded with prevention messages and community lock-down to prevent transmission, the impact of coronavirus is among the most severe in the United States (US) with about 5.4% infected and a case fatality rate of about 6%; and
5. Although several factors contribute to the high incidence of infection among the Navajo population, cultural and economic factors play major roles. Only about 70% of homes are connected to regulated water sources and travel distances of over 1 hour for groceries are common. In addition, factors which exacerbate risk of COVID-19 transmission, namely multiple generations within the home and close living spaces, are a way of life among tight-knit Navajo families. Finally, capacity for telemedicine is hampered when only 52% of homes on American Indian lands have high-speed internet connection (compared with ~82% overall for the US). These conditions complicate maintaining medical care while engaging with the recommendations to reduce COVID-19 transmission; and
6. The NACP research team led by Heidi Brown, Ph.D. and Robin Harris, Ph.D. (UA) and Priscilla R. Sanderson, Ph.D. [Diné] (NAU) received a one-year grant from the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute to assess the impact of COVID-19 for cancer prevention, early detection and cancer treatments; and

7. The research team will apply a multimethod approach to describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic from individual patients' perspective on health care delivery, including cancer prevention, early detection, screening, diagnosis, and treatment planning, and the interaction of chronic diseases with SARS-CoV-2 infection; and
8. The online or telephone 30-minute semi-structured interviews or online focus group will be conducted to comply with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) evidence-based guidelines for limiting spread of COVID-1 for Navajo adults age 18 years and older; and
9. Upon completion of the online or telephone semi-structured interviews and focus groups and data analysis, the project team will disseminate the results via online reports to Coalmine Canyon Chapter and make the results available on the Navajo Healthy Stomach Facebook website and Facebook page.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

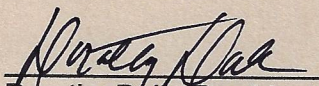
1. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter hereby supports and recommend approval to conduct semi-structured interviews or focus groups to Navajo community members who are 18 years and older funded by the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP) and recommendation on the Navajo Reservation for 2020-2021 to the Navajo Nation Human Research and Review Board.
2. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter TCRHCC Representative, Tincer Nez, will receive a copy of the report upon completion.
3. The Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation will receive a copy of the report upon completion.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Coalmine Canyon Chapter (Navajo Nation) at a duly called meeting (Navajo Nation), Arizona at which a quorum was present and passed by a majority vote in **7** favor, **0** opposed, and **1** abstained on this 17th day of December 2020.

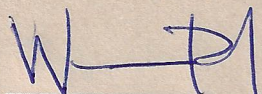
Motioned: Tincer Nez

Second: Phillip Zahne



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Resolution of the Coalmine Canyon Chapter Teleconference CCC-12-0150-21

The Coalmine Canyon Chapter request Navajo Nation Council to amend the Navajo Nation Procurement process and design to be more business friend and responsive be more expedient

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3, Chapter Certification and 11 N.N.C. Part 1, Section 10, the Coalmine Canyon Chapter is a duly recognized and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; and,
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Chapter 1: Navajo Nation Chapters, Section 1., (B) Purpose (1) & (2), the Navajo Nation Council delegated to Chapter governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition and allows chapters to make decisions to govern with responsibility and accountability to community membership; and,
3. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter has been impacted by both the Navajo Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974 and the Bennett Freeze Act of 1966 prohibiting development or improvements of any infrastructures, closure of regional industrial operation and now COVID 19. These areas are now designated as the Former Bennett Freeze Areas (FBFA) in Western Navajo; and,
4. The Navajo Central Government was established to protect and preserve tribal resources and assets for the benefit of its people and ensure the best use of those resources to enhance the quality of life and safeguard especially during this Pandemic period; and,

5. The Navajo Nation Council and Navajo Nation President distributed COVID 19 Relief Aid fund to 110 chapters were given insufficient time to implement their Expenditure Plan and Navajo Nation reprogrammed fund back to central government for its use not as programmed; and,
6. Coalmine Canyon Chapter realized the lack of guidance and leadership resulted in not addressing the real need which the Community Assessment was failed exercised by not addressing & funding Chapter Expenditure Plan as submitted_projects, and
7. The lack of communication and guidance was exhibited lack of coordination with communities in turn majority of projects submitted to the Navajo Office of Controller was denied due to lack of insufficient time given chapters; and,
8. The Navajo Office of Controller was initially appropriated CARES Act fund to improve tribal Financial system and hired consultant Baker-Tilly to enhance service to chapters but failed; and,
9. The chapters' submittal of Expenditure Plans overwhelmed the financial system and could not respond in timely manner and simply blamed chapters' lacked capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE:

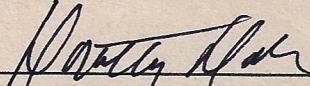
1. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter request Navajo Nation Council to amend the Navajo Nation Procurement process and redesign to be more business friendly and responsive be more expedient and efficient.
2. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter opposes the decision by Navajo Nation Office of the Controller, and Division of Community Development regarding funding Chapter CARES Act Expenditure Plans.
3. Furthermore, the Coalmine Canyon Chapter hereby request NNC & Office of the President to improve the tribal financial system to better serve the people and local governments as to lack of efficient & effective system exposed during this unprecedented time.

CERTIFICATION

We HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by teleconference at Coalmine Canyon Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of **06** in Favor, **0** Opposed, and **1** Abstained on this 17th Day of December 2020.

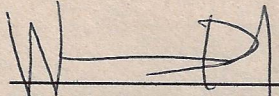
Motion by: Glenmore Begaye

Second by: Tincer Nez



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Resolution of the Coalmine Canyon Chapter

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Teleconference

The Coalmine Canyon Chapter recommends the Navajo Nation CARES Act to carry out full use of CARES Act fund as intended in mitigating the much-needed Infrastructure Development as exposed by the COVID-19 and protecting what was in the best interest of Navajo People.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3, Chapter Certification and 11 N.N.C. Part 1, Section 10, the Coalmine Canyon Chapter is a duly recognized and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; and,
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Chapter 1: Navajo Nation Chapters, Section 1., (B) Purpose (1) & (2), the Navajo Nation Council delegated to Chapter governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition and allows chapters to make decisions to govern with responsibility and accountability to community membership; and,
3. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter has been impacted by both the Navajo Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974 and the Bennett Freeze Act of 1966 prohibiting development or improvements of any infrastructures, closure of regional industrial operation and now COVID 19. These areas are now designated as the Former Bennett Freeze Areas (FBFA) in Western Navajo; and,
4. The central government is established to protect and preserve local government and to act in the best interest of the Navajo population; and,

5. The United States Congress on March 27, 2020 enacted the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act) the relief fund set aside \$8 million in emergency aid for Tribal governments for COVID 19 Pandemic; and,
6. As of June 30, 2020 the Navajo Nation received \$714,189,631.47 as its share of the COVID-19 relief fund; and,
7. The CARES Act provided the Coronavirus relief fund shall be used to cover only those costs that; and,
 - a. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID 19,
 - b. Were not accounted for in the tribal budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020,
 - c. Are incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.
8. On October 9, 2020 Navajo Nation Council resolution CS-73-20 was signed into law adopting the Navajo Nation CARES Act fund Chapter Distribution Expenditure Plan allocating \$90 million among 110 Navajo Chapters through an online "Portals" to respond to COVID-19 and ensure Navajo Chapter communities are adequately protected from exposure to virus and to mitigate the spread; and,
9. In reality, the actual progression of the tasks/steps developed and implemented by the Office of the Controller, the expertise of private consultant Baker-Tilly and Division of Community Development, dictated to the Navajo chapters submit expenditure plans via the "Portals" in accordance with the allowable expenditures spelled out in CS-73-20 with no category for 'other' non extent initially, no exceptions to the list were allowed leaving Navajo chapters to fit their community needs into the listed categories and if they didn't quite fit, were told to enter where it best fit; and,
10. All 110 chapters were given a directive from Division of Community Development stating 'in-order for chapters to receive their allocated CARES Act funds, they must submit a community assessment survey- compliant, the chapter staff and community volunteers worked tireless to meet the ever-changing Office of the Controller criteria and timeline a monumental task in the midst of an invisible, contagious and deadly virus with no known treatment or vaccine; and,
11. Navajo chapters diligently gathered relevant data ranging from digital and hard copy surveys to visible observance of the needs of the community to existing data to direct COVID-19 impacts occurring and experienced daily by individuals, families, and the extended "community" of relatives and clan relationships compiled and deemed in compliance with federal guidelines; and,

12. Sadly, all did not go as intended-the "Portals" experienced numerous crashes leading to frustration, helplessness, and lack of confidence in the system as Baker-Tilly, chapter representatives asked chapters to submit initial and revised expenditure plans via email and not through the "Portals"-feedback on the accuracy and acceptance of the data input in the 'Portal' was nonexistent nor was there any way for chapters to print the information from the 'Portal'; and,
13. Deadline dates were given and moved back to allow chapters time to provide the needed justification for certain questionable expenditures along with supporting documents-provisional approvals and needs more action were designated to each expenditure on excel sheets returned to chapters after review-false hope, as the Office of the Controller denied numerous expenditures once given provisional approvals; and,
14. The news release issued by the Controller on November 24, 2020, lauded the Controller Office successfully completing chapter distribution program despite challenges, short time frame-the tone and remarks of Controller appeared to mock expenditure plans submitted by chapters , making it more evident that the recognition and distinction of the 110 local Navajo chapters government continues to be sidestepped and misconstrued to the detriment of Navajo people their long established traditional communities and their governance; and,
15. Among the numerous statements/expression of opinions/facts reported by Controller at various Council meetings and Navajo chapter teleconference calls included reiteration that purchase of heavy equipment and other items required physical delivery to chapters, payments, finalized and in-house by the December 30, 2020 deadline while in subsequent reports these statements were altered or redefined adding further confusion to the missteps, miscommunication, non-communication, assumptions quite likely personal bias, made by the Controller in creating a chaotic and problematic statement for the Navajo Nation expenditure of its share of the CARES fund; and,
16. The Budget and Finance Committee meeting on November 24, 2020 a report by the Controller stated CARES fund are to be encumbered/obligated by December 15, 2020 with payments extending out to January 2021; and,
17. The Controller reported due to short time frame 4 days, to complete procurement processes resulted in numerous expenditure items unable to meet the deadline as well as 'Portal issues, caused many expenditures to be denied; and,

18. Upon receiving the news that majority of much needed items/services submitted in the chapter expenditure plans were denied, many were quiet for a moment to comprehend what had occurred, then outright disgust and anger is beyond reason why the distinct COVID-19 response, recovery and mitigation effort of Navajo chapter communities are not taken seriously nor positioned and justified to meet/comply with the stringent fed funding criteria; and,
19. The Navajo Nation Controller works at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council within the Executive Branch, a non-elected position having no direct responsibility to constituents-controller understands the organizations financial objectives and work to make it achievable, and,
20. As the virus situation continues to evolve, rapidly, the safety and well-being of Navajo chapter staff volunteers, officials and community members/citizens are top priority; and,
21. The Navajo people and their communities are suffering we feel and live the uncertainty the Pandemic has created the danger for the at-risk and the grief for lives lost; and,
22. The Controller, Division of Community Development, Division of Economic Development and certain tribal programs failed to be recognized and fund the real need all exposed by the COVID 19, such as, water, electricity, roads, housing, telecommunications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE:

1. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter recommends the Navajo Nation CARES Act to carry out full use of CARES Act fund as intended in mitigating the much-needed infrastructure development as exposed by the COVID 19 and protecting what was in the best interest of Navajo People.
2. The local governments were never given opportunity to address the COVID-19 real need, such as, domestic water, electricity/solar, bathroom additions, housing, roads, telecommunication to access internet, etc.
3. The Central Government responsibility to improve/fund local infrastructure with CARES fund absolutely failed while no communication or guidance occurred during the unprecedented and development of the chapter Expenditure Plan and capital projects during this challenging time.

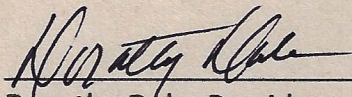
4. Due to lack of leadership and guidance during this unprecedented time, the Coalmine Canyon Chapter hereby request Navajo Nation Council and Office of President to evaluate the Office of Controller, Division Community Development and other tribal programs given responsibility to administer the CARES Act Program as to why is failure to address the real need expose by the COVID 19 and possibly take administrative action where necessary.

CERTIFICATION

We HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by teleconference at Coalmine Canyon Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 5 in Favor, 0 Opposed, and 1 Abstained on this 17th Day of December 2020.

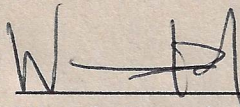
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Resolution of the Coalmine Canyon Chapter CCC-12-0152-21 Teleconference

Coalmine Canyon Chapter request NTUA to reestablish utility service to serve the Chapter facility and use chapter funds if necessary.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3, Chapter Certification and 11 N.N.C. Part 1, Section 10, the Coalmine Canyon Chapter is a duly recognized and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; and,
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Chapter 1: Navajo Nation Chapters, Section 1., (B) Purpose (1) & (2), the Navajo Nation Council delegated to Chapter governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition and allows chapters to make decisions to govern with responsibility and accountability to community membership; and,
3. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter has been impacted by both the Navajo Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974 and the Bennett Freeze Act of 1966 prohibiting development or improvements of any infrastructures, closure of regional industrial operation and now COVID 19. These areas are now designated as the Former Bennett Freeze Areas (FBFA) in Western Navajo; and,

4. NTUA is delegated responsibility to operate & manage utilities within portion of Western Navajo; and,
5. Coalmine Canyon Chapter is in process of constructing a facility to deliver service to its community at a location previously had temporary office building; and,
6. Coalmine Canyon Chapter request NTUA to reestablish utility service, (water, electricity, sewer); and,
7. Coalmine Canyon Chapter is coordinating this project with Division Community Development utilizing SIHASIN fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE:

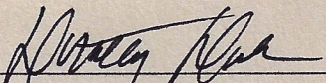
1. Coalmine Canyon Chapter request NTUA to reestablish utility service to serve the chapter facility and authorize use chapter fund if necessary.

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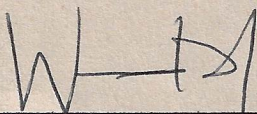
Motion by: Wanda Begody

Second by: Verlin Joe



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