

June, July, August 2017 PSA-Activities: Submitted to Anna Rondon, CEO-NMSJEI, by Hazel James, SJCHE Coordinator, _____

SJCHE Team: Dine'-Center Research & Evaluation Methodology / Hozhoogo Na ada (HNDA) Symposium/planning sessions & Racial Equity work.

DCRE, Aug. 16, Tsodiizl, (10) members, conducted prayers & offerings. Aug. 19, DCRE lead person Dr. Emerson returned to Diyin Dinii. Sept. 5, DCRE 4th mtg. Model is coming together. Sept. 25 mtg, seeking model timeframe and processes. Dine' Nitahakees; Nahata; lina; Shiihasin elements are in the works...

3rd DCRE, July 31, Tsedakaan (Larry's Farm), core team in attendance (12). Discussed other Dine' Wellness models, what is different from DCRE? How deep do we reach back and bring forward of Dine' historical, ancient teachings of sacred perspectives, of doing & knowing; to attain "Freedom" for Dine' and environment from the ill effects of today's society.

2nd DCRE, July 10, in Churchrock, 18 in attendance. Same process of identifying Dine' Traditional Values and articulating Dine' thought process using Dine' translations. Began to design a visual concept in the use of female & male Hogan teachings model. Conducted a sacred tobacco ceremony.

DCR&E is to begin a healing process of trauma, re-center Dine' intergenerational of youth, families, elders and future. Many social ills, find solutions to bring harmony-balance back to the center of Dine'. Thur research & evaluation process, the ask is: Are these issues or programs addressed for Dine' and by Dine' traditional values & principals?

DCR&E Team: Late Dr. Larry Emerson, Lead; Dr. David Begay; Dr. David Tsoisie; Dr. Herbert Benally; Bess Tsoisie, Donna House, Janene Yazzie; Robert Tohe; Hazel James; Chili Yazzie; Marc Emerson; Norman Brown; EYLewis

San Juan CHE: Coordinator and Dine'-Centered Research & Evaluation/HNDA program development planning team; to include Racial Equity sessions/Indigenous Lens. Served (289); DCRE Mtgs/attendance (71).

SJCHE presentations - Dine' Centered Lens:
-Indigenous Research Lens: Mar. 2, 3, Nat'l CHE, Wash.D.C. (15) Racial Equity (RH); - Mar. 15, City of Farmington Mayor Robert's Minority Roundtable (20); Mar. 27, Truth/Racial Healing Transformation (RE) (50); - April 8, Chaco Coalition (25); -May 16,17, Indigenous Data Sovereignty-Albuq (20); -May 8, Tri-Chpt-NABI Mtg (60); June 17 Conf. call w/Gretchn; June 20, WKKF-Racial Equity, Albuq. (18); -July 27, Mex.Sprgs Summer Youth Employmt (40); Aug. 26, ENAC; -Aug. 29 / Sept. 10, Sept. 8, Frontline Farmington (20); Sept 11, Community Relations commission (8); Sept. 13, NNHRC; Sept. 19, NEAMZ (10) Chpt Alliance agreed to use DCRE for BLM/BIA RPMA (13).

SJCHE successfully sponsored the 1st DCR&E Symposium at NTU Crownpoint, NM, May 19, 2017. In attendance: (18) Navajo professionals; (2) Medicine Healers. Discussions:

Began articulating the meaning of research and evaluation written in the Diné language and from a traditional knowledge viewpoint. The DCR&E is to work on a foundation for Dine' Wellness to heal historical trauma, of mental health.

Key concepts:

Diné traditional knowledge as research, decolonizing methods, Indigenization processes, Diné ceremonial knowledge, intergenerational communication and cooperation, Diné matrilineal culture as research, community voice and action in research, existing Diné research methods (e.g. Hózhóogó na'adá, Navajo Wellness Model), youth involvement, impact of western colonial research on Diné, examples of research from Maori peoples, data sovereignty, data governance, community activism, grassroots involvement, Diné nation governance and research, a Diné lens in research, community empowerment, Diné sovereign action, colonialism. strategies to protect Diné knowledge and research, working with allies non & Indigenous people and organizations, others. Healing historical trauma. Root causes of social and environmental issues of the people and the land.