

Vacant President Daron Yellowhorse Vice-President Matthew D. Tso Secretary

AGENDA

Saturday, March 15, 2025 - 9:00 A.M. (IN-PERSON)
Location: Tsé Al Náoztii (Sanostee) Chapter • Sanostee, NM 87461

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) INVOCATION
- 4) REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5) REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a) December 21, 2024 NNAC Meeting (Upper Fruitland Chapter)
- 6) NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS (Resolutions and Documents in Hyperlinks)

(Motion, Second, Brief Description/Discussion on Item, Vote)

- a. Nomination and Election of New NNAC Executive Officers Navajo Election Administration
 - ♣ President
 - ♣ Vice President
 - Secretary
- b. <u>Resolution 1:</u> Supporting and Recommending Reagan Wytsalucy, Assistant Professor with the Utah State University Extension to Conduct Studies for the Development of Historic and New Farming and Grazing Lands (Sponsor: Reagan Wytsalucy)
- c. <u>Resolution 2:</u> Supporting the Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. Request for \$5,000,000 Matching Funds to Construct and Indigenous Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Facility to Include Classroom Spaces (*Sponsor: Kevin Belin*)
- d. <u>Resolution 3:</u> Approving the Northern Navajo Agency Council's Request to the Office of the President and Vice President, Office of the Speaker, and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, to Jointly Advocate for Their Navajo Constituents and Veterans Affected by the Ongoing Federal Government to Negate the Layoffs, Pressured Retirements, and Terminations or to Cease Outright (Sponsor: James Benally)

Contact: Northern Navajo Agency Council - Email: nacouncil@naataanii.org

e. Resolution 4: Action of the Northern Navajo Agency Council to Nominate and Appoint to Serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development (Sponsor: D. Harrison Tsosie)

<u>Resolution 5:</u> Approving a Support Resolution for Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Corporation (NNOGC) for a Navajo Nation Tribal Access Authorization for the "Running Horse" Pipeline; Requesting that the Navajo Nation Issue a TAA in the Best Interest of the Northern Navajo Agency and Navajo Nation (Sponsor: Lennard Eltsosie)

7) RECEIVING REPORTS (Limit to 5-10 Minutes) (Documents in Hyperlinks)

- a. Report Regarding NNAC-163-2023 "Healthy Native Nations: Identifying Effective Alcohol Policies for American Indian Tribes" and NNAC-162-2023 "Healthcare-Seeking and Violence against American Indian and Alaska Native Women: Examining the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic"—Juliet Lee, Ph.D. (Report Period: October 18, 2024 to January 18, 2025) Juliet Lee, Ph.D
- b. Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health— Taylor Billy
 - Reports: "Hózhó Horizons: Empowering Native Youth in Health & Wellness" Claudia Madrigal
 - PowerPoint Presentation Hózhó Horizons Summer Camp
- c. Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice President
- d. Navajo Nation Council Office of the Speaker
- e. Northern Agency Council Delegates
- f. Navajo Nation Division Directors, Departments, Boards, Commissions:
 - i. Department of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Michael Salabiye
 - ii. Division for Children and Family Services Thomas Cody, Director
 - iii. Division of Community Development Candice Yazzie, Director
 - iv. Department of Diné Education Claudia Edgewater, Superintendent
 - v. Navajo Environmental Protection Agency Stephen Etsitty, Director
 - vi. Navajo Veterans Administration Bobbie A. Baldwin, Director
 - vii. Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) Tom Platero, Director
 - viii. Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC) Cortasha Upshaw
 - ix. Division of Human Resources Reycita Toddy, Director
 - x. Office on Navajo Government Development/Commission James Benally
 - xi. Department of Justice / Attorney General Heather L. Clah
 - xii. Division of Economic Development Tony Skrelunas, Director
 - xiii. Division of Natural Resources Mike Halona, Director
 - xiv. Division of Public Safety Michael Anderson, Director
 - xv. Division of General Services Shawnevan Dale, Director
 - xvi. Department of Health Sherylene Yazzie, Director
 - xvii. Finance / Controller / Fiscal Recovery Fund Lisa Jymm. Director
 - xviii. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office Sarah Slim, Director
 - xix. Navajo Election Administration/Navajo Board of Election Supervisors

8) ROLL CALL

9) AGENCY MEETING DATES:

- > Saturday, June 21, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M. Location: Cove Chapter House (Cove, NM)
- > Saturday, September 20, 2025 @ @ 9:00 A.M. Location: Gadiiahi Chapter House (Gadiiahi, (West of Shipmak Cudeii NM)
- > Saturday, December 20, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M. Location: TBA

10) ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

December 21, 2024



Dr. J. Kaibah Begay President

Daron Yellowhorse Vice-President Matthew D. Tso Secretary

MINUTES

Saturday, December 21, 2024 - 9:00 A.M. (IN-PERSON)

Location: Upper Fruitland Chapter (Walter Collin Center) • Fruitland, NM 87416

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:18 a.m.

2) ROLL CALL

Roll call performed with 33 members present. Quorum was verified.

3) INVOCATION

The meeting invocation was provided by Larry Foster

4) REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Laura J. Benally Second: Lojan Watson

Vote: 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained

5) REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) September 14, 2024 NNAC Meeting (Nenahnezad Chapter)

Motion: Debra Yazzie Second: Verma Francisco

Vote: 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained Count is up to 34

6) NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS (Resolutions and Documents in Hyperlinks)

(Motion, Second, Brief Description/Discussion on Item, Vote)

a. Resolution 1: Supporting and Recommending the Research Study Entitled: "VAX-31: A Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of VAX-31 in Adults," To Be Conducted by The Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health (Sponsor: Dr. Kristen Roessler)

Motion: James Benally Second: Nevina Kinlahcheeny

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstained

Resolution: NNAC-215-2024

- b. Resolution 2: Supporting and Recommending the Research Project Entitled "Hear My Story, See My Face: A Boarding School Experience" (Sponsor: Harley Interpreter; Dr. Charles M. Roessel)
 - Research Summary

Motion: James Benally Second: Nevina Kinlahcheeny

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstained

Resolution: NNAC-216-2024

c. Resolution 3: Supporting and Approving the Reauthorization of the Ch'ooshgai Community School, Inc. (CCSI) Grant as a Tribally Controlled School Under Public Law 100-297 ("Tribally Controlled Schools Act") and Applicable Navajo Nation Law and Regulations (Sponsor: Renee Tolino, Lisa Hubbard)

Motion: James Benally Second: Nevina Kinlahcheeny

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstained

Resolution: NNAC-217-2024

d. Resolution 4: Requesting to the Navajo Nation Fire Department, Water Resources Department, Navajo Nation Emergency Management Department, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, and Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to Conduct a Feasibility Study to Install and Maintain Fire Hydrants in the Tse Dáá K'áán Chapter (Tókọ'í Sání area) and other Northern Navajo Agency Chapters Located Along or Near N36 and US Highway 491 (Sponsor: Robert Lapahie, Jr.) No sponsor present.

Laura Benally presented the resolution and request. Herman Farley it doesn't say anything about a resolution, but a feasibility study. The resolution has more teeth. Robert Lapahie Jr. clarified the intent of the resolution to have fire hydrants along the new pipeline to protect the health and safety of all the communities that are along the waterline.

Motion: Kerby Johnson Second: Jourdan Washburn

Vote: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained

Resolution: NNAC-218-2024

e. Resolution 5: Supporting the Designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and Other Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites (Sponsor: Delegate Amber K. Crotty)

Motion: James Benally Second: Nevina Kinlahcheeny

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstained

Resolution: NNAC-219-2024

f. Resolution 6: Supporting and Approving the Navajo Transitional Energy Company's Continuance of Operations at the Navajo Mine and Its Acquisition of the Four Corners Power Plant (Sponsor: Leonard Palmer/Cortasha Upshaw/Sophina Tyler)

Motion: James Benally Second: Nevina Kinlahcheeny

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstained

Resolution: NNAC-220-2024

g. Resolution 7: Approving a Support Resolution for Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Corporation (NNOGC) for a Navajo Nation Tribal Access Authorization for the "Running Horse" Pipeline; Requseting that the Navajo Nation Issue a TAA in the Best Interest of the Northern Navajo Agency and Navajo Nation (Sponsor: Leonard Eltsosie)

No sponsor. No Action Taken.

h. Resolution 8: Action of the Northern Navajo Agency Council to Nominate and Appoint to Serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development (Sponsor: D. Harrison Tsosie)

No sponsor. No Action Taken

7) RECEIVING REPORTS (Limit to 5-10 Minutes)

- a. Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health- Taylor Billy
 - Findings from the Project SafeSchools Cohort" NNR-21.419 Presenter: Lacey Howe
 - Findings from the <u>+Connection is Medicine pilot study</u>" NNR-22.445 Presenter: *Lacey Howe*
 - * "Active Bacterial Surveillance (ABS)" NNR-19.343 & NNR-16.238 Presenter: Dr. Kristen Roessler
 - ♣ "Adult Pneumonia 3: Understanding the causes of pneumonia among Indigenous adults in the Southwest United States" Presenter: *Dr. Kristen Roessler*

12:50 pm – After conclusion of the reports, the council went back to the original report order. Lacey Howe gave the report/presentation on behalf of the Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health. Written reports were provided.

- b. Report on <u>"Measuring Child Maltreatment and Community Protective Factors in New Mexico"</u> Presenter: Rebecca Girardet/Sarah Adeky
- c. <u>Native Woman Rising Program</u> by Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST) Presenter: *Alyssa Begay; Bernadine Beyale*
- d. 4 Corners K9 Search and Rescue Team Presenter: Alyssa Begay; Dawn Fawka
- e. Northern Navajo Fair Board NNFB Officers
 - 4 111th Annual Northern Navajo Fair Financial Report
 - ♣ 111th Northern Navajo Fair Services Expense Report
 - 4 111th Northern Navajo Fair Event Budget and Expense Detail
- f. Tó Nizhóní Ání Tucson Electric Power's (TEP) Right-of-Way Presenter: Eleanor Smith

- g. Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice President
 9:45 a.m.: Gervana Begay provided the report for the Office of the President. A written report was provided. There was a question about Light Up Navajo and who is providing power. No questions were asked.
- h. Navajo Nation Council Office of the Speaker No one present. A written report was provided.
- i. Northern Agency Council Delegates *No delegates present.*
- j. Navajo Nation Division Directors, Departments, Boards, Commissions:
 - i. Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Michael Salabiye

No one present. A written report was provided.

ii. Social Services - Thomas Cody

No one present. A written report was provided.

iii. Community Development - Arbin Mitchell

9:55 am: Arbin Mitchell provided the DCD report. A written report was provided. He stated that there are 49 vacancies with chapters and that they are taking time to fill. The administration and new council came in 2023 and have been working to make projects happen. \$168 million is available for chapter projects under ARPA. The council adjusted some actions to move the funding into General Funds and they are not at risk of being reverted to the federal government. Certified chapters spent \$9 million of the amount. The report also discussed section 11, which is bathroom additions. Chapters need to have updated waiting lists for bathroom addition projects. DCD staff are not the staff. Meeting one chapter at a time doesn't work. Section 10 is housing, and \$50 million was allocated for housing. 10 names were asked per chapter. The Navajo Nation procurement process needs to be amended because it takes too long.

DCD is also working with New Mexico capital outlay. There is no plan put into projects. Quite a few projects have no clearances and they have to wait and funding is going to expire. We are going to do something different this year. DCD staff are doing the vetting before is goes into the ICIP. The state has over \$6 billion in unspent capital outlay projects. If projects are not ready, they need to be phased out. Some chapters have 50 projects. Ask for reauthorization to finish the short-funded projects.

The Nation has a continuing resolution that is place for the chapters. Make sure the carryover is approved. There are several numbers on the General Wage Adjustment. Some chapters have older budgets and they are approved in the carryover. Inauguration is going to be coming up.

Herman Farley and Andrea Lope asked questions to Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Farley asked about project management, and Ms. Lope asked about progress on the housing for homeless residents. Mr. Lapahie stated that there wasn't a deadline or timeline on chapter projects and

- iv. Transportation (NDOT) Report Margie R.S. Begay

 Leann Roy provided the report for NDOT. A written report was provided.
- v. Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC) Cortasha Upshaw

 Lay provided the report for NTEC. The report covered coal distribution and updates with

 what is happening at NTEC. Chapters are eligible for 20 tons of coal per month and for

 chapter managers to be notified. Some chapters also got grants from NTEC.
- vi. Human Resources No show.
- vii. Office on Navajo Government Development/Commission James Benally

James Benally and Harrison Tsosie provided the report.

viii. Department of Justice/Attorney General

Heather Anderson Claw provided a report for the Department of Justice. Her report covered possible changes in law impacting chapters including FMS policies, etc. Robert Lapahie Jr. asked for this information to be provided at the next agency council and upcoming meetings. Harry Deschene asked about why the Navajo Nation Council removed the Attorney General.

- ix. Economic Development

 Henry Silentman provided the report for the DED.
- x. Education

 Matthew Tso provided the report for the Department of Diné Education.

xi. Natural Resources

Mike Halona provided the report for the Division of Natural Resources. A written report was provided. His presentation covered home site leases and have chapters help out those residents obtain leases. They need to go to the agency offices. New home site leasing regulations are in effect. 1,553 home site leases were approved. There is legislation to repeal the 750-foot corridor for right-of-way. The ROWs were zoned for development. There were 2 attempts by RDC to develop regulations. There is discussion that the TAA is going to replace this need. \$1.5 million was provided by the USDA for food boxes to be delivered to the chapters for families who need the assistance.

Nevina Kinlacheeny asked about using USDA to possibly hire veterinarians.

xii. Public Safety

Michael Henderson provided the report for the Division Public Safety. His report covered the Shiprock detention center and progress.

xiii. General Services

No show.

xiv. Health

Marlinda Littleman provided the report for the Division of Health. Specific to Northern Agency, we are reviewing the San Juan County to get funding for senior centers for noncertified chapters. DALTCCS is also taking care of the capital outlay projects for senior centers. The tri-state agreement needs to be updated. They are also hiring for accountants, because all the positions are vacant.

xv. Finance/Controller

No show.

xvi. Navajo Election Administration/Navajo Board of Election Supervisors

Virginia Nelson provided the report for the Navajo Election Administration. January 10, 2025 is the inauguration for new officials. Invitations have gone out. Look for it in the mail. Don't' forget to sign your oath of office. Food will be served at Nenahnezad Chapter after the inauguration. NTEC is providing the food. Vacant positions will be advertised. Special election will be held in March 2025. Cancellation ("purging") of voter registration or purges will be happening.

xvii. Navajo Hopi Land Commission No show. Time: 12:49 p.m.

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10) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Kerby Johnson Second: Laura J. Benally

Vote: 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained <u>Time:</u> 2:35 p.m.

Northern Agency Council Minutes December 21, 2024

Minutes Submitted By:

Matthew D. Tso, NNAC Secretary

12/22/2024

Date

RESOLUTIONS



Vacant President Daron Yellowhorse Vice-President Matthew D. Tso Secretary

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Supporting the Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. Request for \$5,000,000 Matching Funds to Construct and Indigenous Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Facility to Include Classroom Spaces

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to IGRD-269-05, the Northern Navajo Agency Council is a recognized political subdivision of the Navajo Nation and has the authority to advocate and make appropriate recommendations on behalf of the nineteen (19) Northern Agency Chapters to the Navajo Nation Government, Federal, State, and Local entities for appropriate action.
- 2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. § 103 (D) (4), the Northern Navajo Agency Council, a consortium of elected Chapter Officials representing nineteen (19) Navajo Nation Chapters, agree to address and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Northern Navajo Agency Chapters.
- 3. Pursuit to Resolution ECMY-33-91, the Education Committee of the Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. to serve talented and highly motivated high school youth to become leaders in their communities.
- 4. The Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. is fully accredited and in good standing with COGNIA-Navajo Nation, New Mexico Public Education Department, and International Baccalaureate Organization as an IB World School.
- 5. The Northern Agency Council supports the Navajo Preparatory School in providing quality education for 291 students who come from all areas of the Navajo Nation, including 35% from the Northern Agency.
- 6. The Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. serves as a college preparatory school and supports graduating seniors as demonstrated by a high school graduation rate of 94% and a college acceptance rate of 100%.
- 7. The Navajo Preparatory School Inc. has graduated 1,329 alumni since its founding in 1991; and
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- 11. Furthermore, the Northern Agency Council wholeheartedly endorses the construction of a new Indigenous STEAM facility at the Navajo Preparatory School, Inc., recognizing its potential to enhance enrollment and provide expanded educational opportunities to students from all 110 Chapters of the Navajo Nation.

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Vacant, President	Daron Yellowhorse, Vice President	Matthew D. Tso, Secretary



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NNAC-___-2025

Approving the Northern Navajo Agency Council's Request to the Office of the President and Vice President, Office of the Speaker, and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, to Jointly Advocate for Their Navajo Constituents and Veterans Affected by the Ongoing Federal Government to Negate the Layoffs, Pressured Retirements, and Terminations or to Cease Outright

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- 3. The U.S. Federal Government currently or is proposing to additionally implement an U.S. wide termination actions and/or pressuring employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), and Indian Health Service (IHS) and/or other federal employees to resign, pressuring them into early retirement, or outright illegally terminating them.
- 4. Amongst these employees are our Navajo constituents. These constituents are confused, scared, or angry due to these unforeseen actions. Amongst the hardest affected will be the single parent households and the main wage earner for the entire family comprising of their parents, grandparents, and siblings.
- 5. Our constituents are looking for employment and/or temporary financial assistance until they can tend for themselves and those in their care. These constituents are looking for our elected leaders to advocate on their behalf and seek solutions to address their basic financial needs to pay their bills, buy food, have medical care, and other immediate and long-term necessities.
- 6. In addition, our Navajo constituents, our Navajo Veterans, have lost a lot of their needed health and mental care and financial assistance. Our Navajo Veterans are also looking at our elected leadership to advocate for them to have their health and mental services and/or financial benefits fully restored. They, as well as our constituents are waiting for a unison voice from our elected leadership to advocate on their behalf to offset these actions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

 The Northern Navajo Agency Council hereby approves this request to the Office of the President and Vice-President, the Office of the Speaker, 25th Navajo Nation Council, and the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation to advocate with a unison voice or action on behalf of their Navajo constituents to offset these actions taken by the U.S. federal government.

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Vacant, President	Daron Yellowhorse, Vice President	Matthew D. Tso, Secretary



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Action of the Northern Navajo Agency Council to Nominate and Appoint _ Serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development	to

WHEREAS:

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- 3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A). (2020 as amended), The Commission shall consist of 12 Navajo members to be confirmed by and serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council as follows
- 4. Five members shall be nominated from the five agencies of the Navajo Nation. Each agency council shall nominate one member from recommendations to be submitted by Chapters in each agency, said nominees shall be either Chapter officers, Local Government/Governance Commissioners, Grazing Committee/Land Board members, or School Board members. These members shall serve a term of four years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, so long as they continue as Chapter officers, Local Government/Governance Commissioners, Grazing Committee/Land Board members, or School Board members.
- 5. The current Commission nominee from the Northern Navajo Agency Council will no longer serve as a Chapter officer, therefore, is ineligible to continue serving on the Commission.
- 6. It is in the best interest of the Northern Navajo Agency Council to nominate an eligible person to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development to accomplish the Navajo Government Reform Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1.	The	Northern	Navajo	Agency	Council	hereby	nominates	and	approves
	_		to	serve on the	ne Commiss	sion on Nav	ajo Governme	nt Deve	lopment for
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- 3. Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company ("NNOGC") is a wholly owned corporation of the Navajo Nation organized under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 5124 (formerly 25 U.S.C. § 477), as amended, and charged with operating and managing an integrated oil, gas, and helium company for the benefit of the Navajo Nation.
- 4. NNOGC owns and its midstream division operates a 16" crude oil pipeline and associated gathering lines, appurtenant facilities, and pump station for the benefit of the Navajo Nation (the "Running Horse Pipeline" or "RHP"), a portion of which is located on and/or in Navajo Nation tribal trust lands within the Chapter boundaries.
- 5. The federal right-of-way ("ROW") for the RHP expired on January 19, 2024, and NNOGC and the Navajo Nation Minerals Department have been diligently negotiating a Navajo Nation Tribal Access Authorization ("TAA") to replace the expired ROW.
- 6. The TAA is a land use authorization that has replaced federal ROWs on the Navajo Nation for Navajo owned entities like NNOGC, pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 169.4(b)(3)(iii), and the final approvals for TAAs have been delegated to the Navajo Nation Land Department by Resolution No. RDCJN-17-20, where the TAA is currently pending approval.
- 7. Under the TAA, NNOGC will continue to own and operate the RHP, the TAA will have the same land footprint as the prior federal ROW, there will be no additional surface disturbance or work necessary for the continued use of RHP, including any land surveys, and all requisite environmental clearances have been obtained for the TAA from the Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department.
- 8. NNOGC's mission statement is to "Maximize resources for the benefit of the Navajo Nation with respect for Mother Earth" and NNOGC is committed to carrying out its oil and gas activities, including operation of the RHP, in an environmentally responsible manner in accordance with Navajo Nation law, including the requirements of k'é.

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The Northern Navajo Agency Council now wishes to provide its support and approval for NNOGC's application for a TAA for the continued ownership and operation of the Running Horse Pipeline by NNOGC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Northern Navajo Agency Council supports and approves the application by Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company for a Tribal Access Authorization from the Navajo Nation for the Running Horse Pipeline.
- 2. The Northern Navajo Agency Council hereby requests that the Navajo Nation issue NNOGC the TAA for the RHP, in the best interest of the Chapter and the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

	oregoing resolution was duly considered by ng at Tsé Al Náoztii Chapter, Sanostee, Nev otion was made by	
	a vote of in favor, opposed, and ab	
Vacant, President	Daron Yellowhorse, Vice President	Matthew D. Tso, Secretary

NNAC-163-2023 "Healthy Native Nations: Identifying Effective Alcohol Policies for American Indian Tribes" - By Juliet Lee, Ph.D.

NNAC-162-2023 "Healthcare-Seeking and Violence against American Indian and Alaska Native Women: Examining the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic" – By Juliet Lee, Ph.D.

Report Covers: October 18, 2024 to January 18, 2025

1. Budget Changes

No budget changes.

2. Personnel Changes/Staff Training Provided

PI Dr. Lee meets with staff member Jonnie Woody (Navajo) for training on the goals, aims, and methods of the project. Ms. Woody participates in weekly project team meetings (teleconference).

3. Timeframe Changes

No changes

4. Activities Accomplished Under Research Objectives

NNHRRB approved the project July 18, 2023.

NNPD senior staff recently completed the project's law and law enforcement survey and a follow-up interview. The transcribed interview is being cleaned and reviewed and will be sent to the respondent for review. Our project staff are following up with referrals for further information.

The project law consultant is conducting a review of NN law codes related to alcohol.

The survey, interview, and code review together with outlet data will be summarized and submitted to NNHRRB for review prior to submitting the summary to supporting NN agencies and chapter houses.

PIRE (Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation) statistical analysts are completing initial reports of incidences of VAW aggregated across AZ and collocated Tribal jurisdiction.

PIRE Research Associated completed Interview summary was completed.

5. Conference Reports (if any)

Presented at NIHB conference in Rapid City, South Dakota which was held May 20-23, 2024.

6. Description of Serious Adverse Events

None

7. Any Other Change Affecting the Study

PIRE staff are not yet able to conduct analyses of alcohol-related hospitalizations as proposed, since the state of New Mexico does not report hospitalization data to the federal government at the zip code level, to protect Tribes. The NM Department of Health state epidemiologist agreed to release these data to the project staff with letters of consent from participating NM-area Tribes and Pueblos. Staff will follow up with Navajo Nation about how to obtain a letter of consent.

8. Plan on Submitting Continuation Request for Study

For the parent study we are completing the 3rd of 5 funded years. For the VAW supplement, we will request another continuation from the funder, as we have not yet completed the funded research.



Hózhó Horizons: Empowering Native Youth in Health & Wellness

Brief Project Summary

Native youth sexual and STI risk reduction programming continues to be one of the greatest needs across the Navajo Nation. Navajo Nation ranks above the national average on numerous measures of sexual risk, including STIs and AI teen birth rates. Of particular concern, syphilis in one Navajo Nation County is approximately 10 times the national rate. The Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health implements evidence-based youth pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection prevention strategies for Navajo Nation youth to address the rise of STI rates.

What we are doing

- Family Connection Workshops (LiFT program): This strengths-based one-day program strengthens family communication, promotes positive decision-making, and supports teen well-being through engaging, culturally relevant activities.
- Online program (Vision of You): An interactive, self-paced online health education program that
 uses engaging videos, animations, interactive components, and gamification principles to provide
 information, develop skills, and promote behavior change.
- Summer camps (Vision of You): These camps empower youth to realize their full (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual) potential through the promotion of physical fitness, healthy nutrition, and positive life skills. Using the Vision of You program as the main evidence-based initiative in the camp setting, youth will engage with this interactive, self-paced, video game-like program.
- Clinic video (Plan A): An interactive sexual health education tool that uses relatable scenarios and engaging content to teach teens about contraception, communication, and making informed decisions.

How this will help improve health in our community

The program will leverage community and cultural strengths to postpone sexual initiation, clearly communicate the risks and consequences associated with sex, and develop youth's knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and skills to make positive decisions as they move through adolescence.

Website: cih.jhu.edu/programs/hozho-horizons-empowering-native-youth-in-health-wellness/

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Evidence-Based Programs

- LIFT program: One-day interactive workshop building family connection and better communication skills to talk about tough topics
 - Chinle
 - Shiprock
- Vision of You: Self-paced virtual interactive program that discusses sexual and reproductive health
 - Chinle
 - Tuba City
 - Shiprock
- Plan A: 20-minute video that discusses contraceptive methods and real-life scenarios on clinical visits
 - Tuba City
- 4. Hózho Horizons Youth Camp
 - Shiprock (June 9-13, 2025)
 - · Chinle (July 14-18, 2025)



Camp Summary



Goal: 150 Participants

- •Recruitment to start in late March
- •Registration form finalized by 03/10/2025

Location: Shiprock High School

- Simultaneous with Summer School Program
- Meals and Transportation Provided

Workshops: TBD – collaborating with HPDP

Vision of You (ages 11-19)

- Nine Units
- Appx. 7 hours to complete