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Tribal Council Travel Narrative

Date:	August 18, 2014
To:	Tribal Council, Tribal Citizens
From:	Michael Naganashe, Tribal Council Member
RE:	August 12 – 15, 2014 Travel to Traverse City, MI to attend CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting, MAST Summer Meeting and 2014 HIS Director's Bemidji Area Listening Session

Please accept the following as my formal written report.

I departed for Traverse City, MI on Monday, 08/11/14.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, I attended the CDC/Tribal Advisory Committee Business. Items discussed include: Metabolic Syndrome, Traditional Food, Environmental Health, Smoking and Tobacco use, Native Specimen*, National Center for Environmental Health Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and 3 Tribal testimonies.

*Native Specimen survey will be sent to each tribe for definitions and policy and procedure of types of specimens and other issues associated with collection, storage and return or disposal.

Thursday's business consisted of attending the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Summer Meeting. Subjects discussed included the following:

- 2014 consultations updates from HHS and IHS,
- Director Daniel Blough, spoke on behalf of Congressman Dan Benishick,
- Youth Detention/Wellness,
- Phyllis Davis gave recognition to all the tribal leaders for their hard work.
- Funding reduction in the special diabetes program

Chi Miigwetch GTB for the good job sponsoring this meeting and the wonderful food.

Final day of week long meetings occurred Friday morning, where Tribal Leaders discussed numerous concerns with Yvette Roubideaux, Acting Director, Indian Health Services. Several tribal representatives addressed continued fund reductions when the number of health issues and addictions are on a rise. Suggestions were made to include monies for mental health, holistic healing and any other means of wellness that don't rely solely on prescriptions.

I returned home on Friday afternoon.

In closing, I thank Tribal Council for allowing me the opportunity to attend this week long event