



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL NARRATIVE
Submitted by: Michael Naganashe, Tribal Council Secretary

Training/Event: Fighting Poverty in Indian Country
Location: Grand Rapids, MI
Date of Event: September 22, 2016

I Michael Naganashe, attended the Fighting Poverty in Indian Country held in Grand Rapids, MI on September 22, 2016

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Treasurer Reyes and I traveled to Grand Rapids, MI

Session began with the State Bar of Michigan, American Indian Law Section meeting.

- Hon. Angela Sherigan was awarded the 2016 Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award.
- Update of Amicus Brief regarding ICWA and State ruling on definition of Indian Custodial.
- Elections

Fighting Poverty in Indian Country

Kim Dunn, IRS presented an overview of *Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014*.

- Tribe's should develop their own tribal laws defining general welfare program and payments.
- Issuance of unnecessary 1099's
- Define Traditional Services, Ceremonies
- Tribal Advisory Committee comprised of 7 members has not been completed.
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Bill Brooks, Pokagon Legal Counsel talked of the importance of knowing demographics of community.

- general welfare programs for the elderly based on tiered programs that wouldn't interfere with Social Security benefits.
- Mr. Brooks spoke of Pokagon's well written legislation on non-taxability of tribal programs.
- Recommends full understanding of the Income and Asset Rules.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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