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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Regina Gasco Bentley

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Re: 6th Annual MI Response to Hate

Thursday night was a meet and greet with the presenters of the conference. I had a chance to visit with employees from the State of Michigan and other nation on issues with racism and hate crimes.

Friday started with breakfast and opening remarks from Daniel Krichbaum, PH D., Director, and Michigan Department of Civil Rights. He was pleased to announce that hate crimes have declined for the second straight year.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Bryan Greene from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development gave a presentation on hate crimes of the past and how the State continues to work on laws against hate crimes. Encouraging every state and tribe to have in place Anti-bullying laws. He also informed us that there is funding for housing thru hud funding under fair housing.

The break out session that I attended was on Messaging and the Power of Words- In this session it was discussed on how to be Proactive and education is the key to help prevent hate crimes.

During lunch Dr. James W. Loewen gave us history of racism and segregation. How racism is becoming less throughout the years.

Afternoon session I attended was The Bigger Picture- It was a look at local efforts to champion international human rights.

