

# Engaging Lakota Communities: Defining Your Role in American Indian Research

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Research and our Initial Two Tribal  
Partners

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# Brainstorm

- Began with discussions within CEID & CRCAIH about planning for upcoming grant year's scope of work and funding opportunities.
- CRCAIH Grant: 3<sup>rd</sup> year for first tribal partners would conduct a research conference to disseminate information to the community about Tribal research and opportunity for researchers to meet tribal members, community leaders and stakeholders to network for future research opportunities.
- RFA announced: PA-13-347 *NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings* (1-year funding; standard appl. process schedule)



# Initial Community Engagement

- Presented opportunity to Tribal Partners, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Oglala Sioux Tribe.
- Discussed Grant requirements and began organizing working groups at each site and one at SR-CRCAIH
- Developed Specific Aims



# Organizing Subcommittees

## Tribal Partners Subcommittees

- Oglala Sioux Tribe
  - Elizabeth Belt, Dennis Dolezal, Bernadette Denny, Kathryn Kidd and Amanda Carlow
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
  - David West, Gladys Looking Horse, Marcia O'Leary and Sherlynn Herrera

## CRCAIH/SR subcommittee

- CRCAIH
  - Amy Elliott, Jyoti Angal, Ann Marie Hess, Roxi Miller and Victoria Grey Owl
- SR
  - Tabatha Lemke, Molly McGrane



# Specific Aims

- **Aim 1:** Provide an information/dissemination of research projects currently conducted on the OST and CRST reservations, and past 5-7 years, including the purpose and functioning of their Tribal Research Review Boards
- **Aim 2:** Provide relationship building opportunities for researchers to meet with Tribal leaders and community members to discuss OST and CRST research agendas.
- **Aim 3:** Provide a venue for information to high school and college students from OST and CRST on careers in health research.



# Each Site's Key Grant Discussion Topics

## CRST

- Location
- Speakers
- Agenda
- Budget
- Conference Title

## OST

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**Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe:**  
**Researching, Restoring & Rebuilding Our Oyate for a Longer Life**  
*Cheyenne River Center College*

**Thursday, March 18, 2015**

7:30 AM		
8:00 AM		<b>Prayer</b> Gene Thin Elk, BA
8:15 AM	REGISTRATION	Welcome <b>Researching, Restoring &amp; Rebuilding Our Oyate for a Longer Life</b> Denise Casillas, MA
9:00 AM		<b>Research on Cheyenne River: Why is it so important?</b> Marcia O'Leary, BSN
10:00 AM		Break
10:15 AM		<b>Journeys Along the Good Red Road: Intersections of Culture, Science, Policy and Health Inequities in American Indians</b> Jeff Henderson, MD
11:30 AM		<b>Roundtable: Research with CRST</b> Various Scholars; Lyle Best, MD
12:30 PM	Lunch	Poster Session
1:30 PM		<b>Tribal Participatory Research</b> Denise Casillas, MA
2:30 PM		<b>CRST Research Review Board: Research, Data Collection/Storing/Sharing, Consent, and Stakeholders</b> Eileen Briggs
3:30 PM		Break
3:45 PM		<b>Research Participant Protection Act</b> Gene Think Elk, BA
4:45 PM		<b>Evaluation and Closing</b> Denise Casillas, MA; David West
5:00 PM	Honor Song	Honoring our Guests Thank You

**Conference concludes at 5:30 PM**

**Oglala Sioux Tribe:**  
**No Longer Dreaming--Your Role in Native American Research**  
*SuAnne Big Crow Boys and Girls Club*

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

7:30 AM		
8:00 AM		Prayer & Welcome <b>Overview: No Longer Dreaming</b> Elder/RRB/Health Administration
8:30 AM	REGISTRATION	<b>History of Research at OST: The Lakota Way and the RRB</b> Wayne Weston, MA
9:30 AM		<b>What is the OST - Lakota Research Agenda and its Importance: Pathways to Solutions</b> Elizabeth Belt, BA, Jodi Brewer, BA
10:00 AM		Break
10:30 AM		Break
10:45 AM		<b>Having the Conversation &amp; Building the Relationship</b> Roundtable with Researchers and OST Stakeholders
11:45 AM	Lunch	Poster Session
1:00 PM		<b>Current Directions: OST Scholar Presentation</b> Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart, PhD
2:00 PM		<b>Tribally-Specific Protocol</b> RRB: Wayne Weston, MA; Russell Zephier, JD
3:00 PM		Break
3:15 PM		<b>Practicing for the Dream--Foundations for a Career in Health Research: Opportunities, Scholarships and Internships</b> Darrin Merrival, BS
4:00 PM		<b>Community Education--Voices of the Past, Present and Future: OST Scholar Presentation</b> Alicia Mousseau, PhD

**Conference concludes at 5:00 PM**



# After Grant Submitted

- We took a deep breath

## In General,

- Start making lists and timelines
- Have several committee meetings
  - Funding needs that grant will not cover that you want to provide
    - Food and beverages
    - Scholarships for travel; high school vs graduate/post-doc-- not grant provided
    - Swag
    - Entertainment





# After Grant Submitted

- Prepare, if funded or not
- Write more grants, in-kind, donations
  - Mini grant requests to vendors or businesses for additional support
  - Consider vender tables and rental fee; donations
  - Keep in contact with volunteers, committee members, friends
  - Post on social media
  - Send your requests for abstracts, posters, speakers early in the process



# Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Research Symposium



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# Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Community Advisory Board



- Originated from CRCAIH Incentive
- Continued and was officially supported by Chairman Harold Frazier
- Organizations represented:
  - OLC- Cheyenne River College Center
    - Dave West, Jr., Center Director
  - CRST Four Bands Healing Center
    - Denise Casillas, MA, Director
  - Tribal Ventures
    - Eileen Briggs, MEd, Executive Director
  - Missouri Breaks Industries Research
    - Marcia O'Leary, Manager
- Biweekly Meetings from January until the conference
  - 7.5 weeks to coordinate

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# Planning and Implementation

- **Organizations represented:**

- OLC- Cheyenne River College Center
  - Karen Little Wounded – Intern in Charge of Project Management
- Missouri Breaks Industries Research
  - Patty Picotte – Executive Assistant, Corrine Huber – Media consultant



- **Activities**

- Mailings
- Newspapers
- Social Media
- School contacts
- University Partnerships
- Tribal and Community Support – Donations and Infrastructure
- SDPR “Feature” and other radio spots
- West River Eagle Post Report

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# The Main Event



## Content

- Paper/ Poster Competition –Evening Prior
- Vendor/Information Booths
- Welcoming, Speakers, Lunch presentations, and Networking Breaks
- Top 5 Contest
- Award Ceremony
- Evening Feast

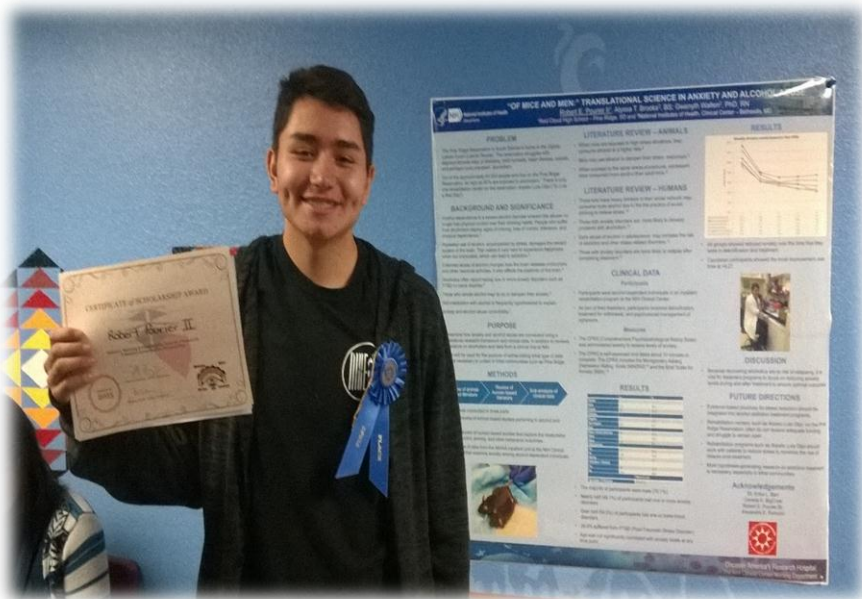
## Post Assessment

- ~130 Attendees (25 High School Students)
- NSU-Aberdeen Student Researchers and other colleges/universities
- Pre vs Post Student Surveys – Change of Attitude
- Adult Surveys – Mostly positive community support

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# High School Poster Board Display



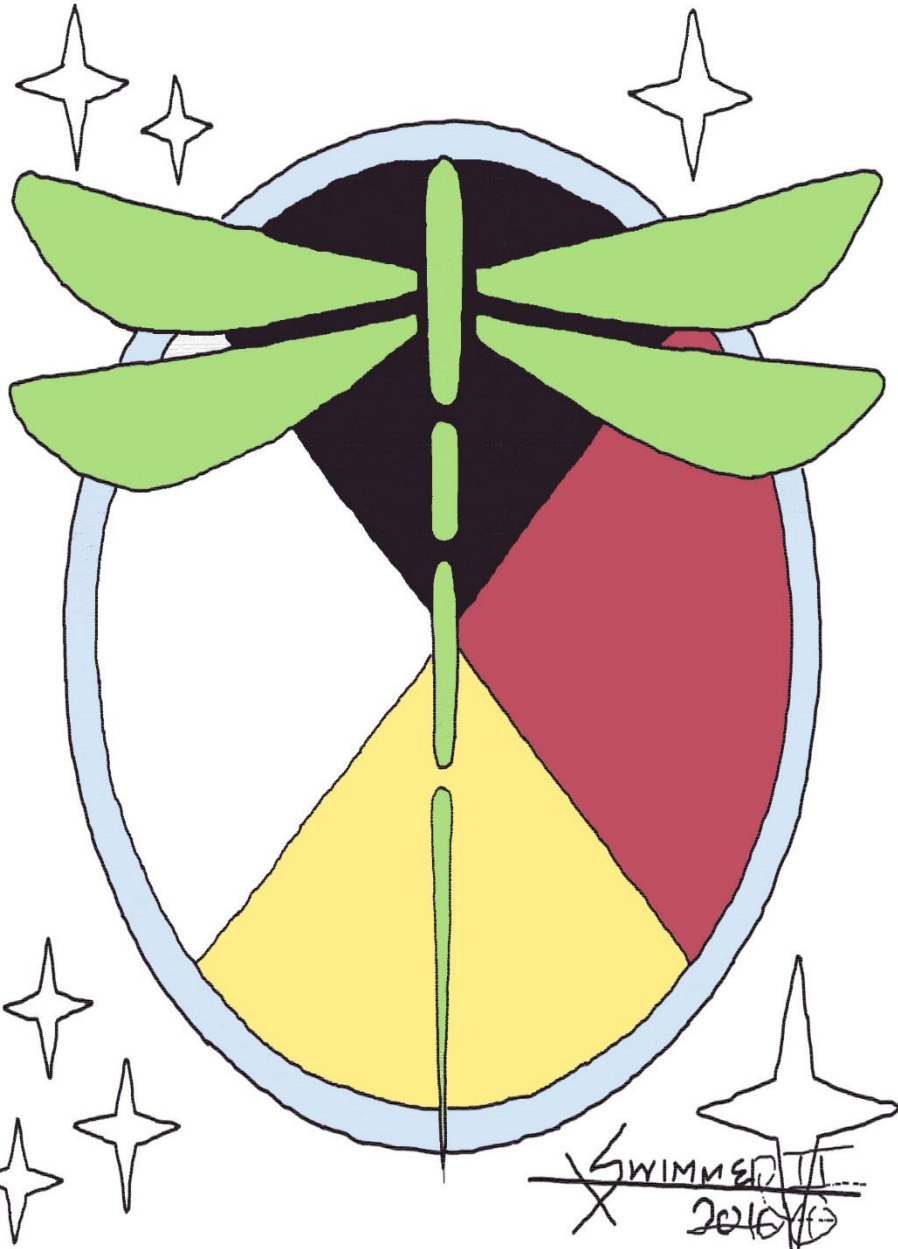


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# Highlights

- High School Student Poster Display
  - Timber Lake Student took the feedback from the judges; revised her poster and took first place in a State competition.
- Radio Interview
  - Marcia O’Leary, Manager, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc.
  - Joseph Yratchetta, Sr. Scientist, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc.
    - <http://listen.sdpb.org/post/dakota-midday-cheyenne-river-research-symposium>

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# Oglala Sioux Tribe Research Conference

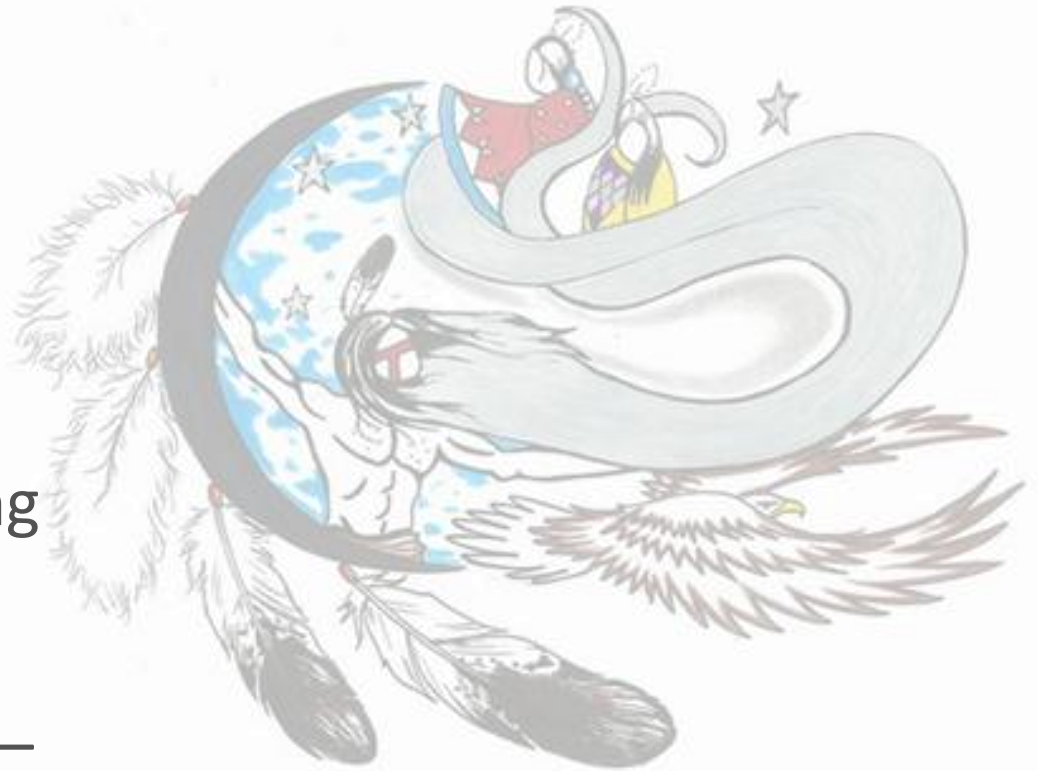


*“No Longer Dreaming: Your Role in Native  
American Research”*

May 7, 2015

# Working Group

- Members – Amanda Carlow, Bernadette Denny, Kathryn Kidd, Dennis Dezoel
- Content for agenda planning, venues, speakers, and anything else
- Conference Assistant – Lyndon Brown



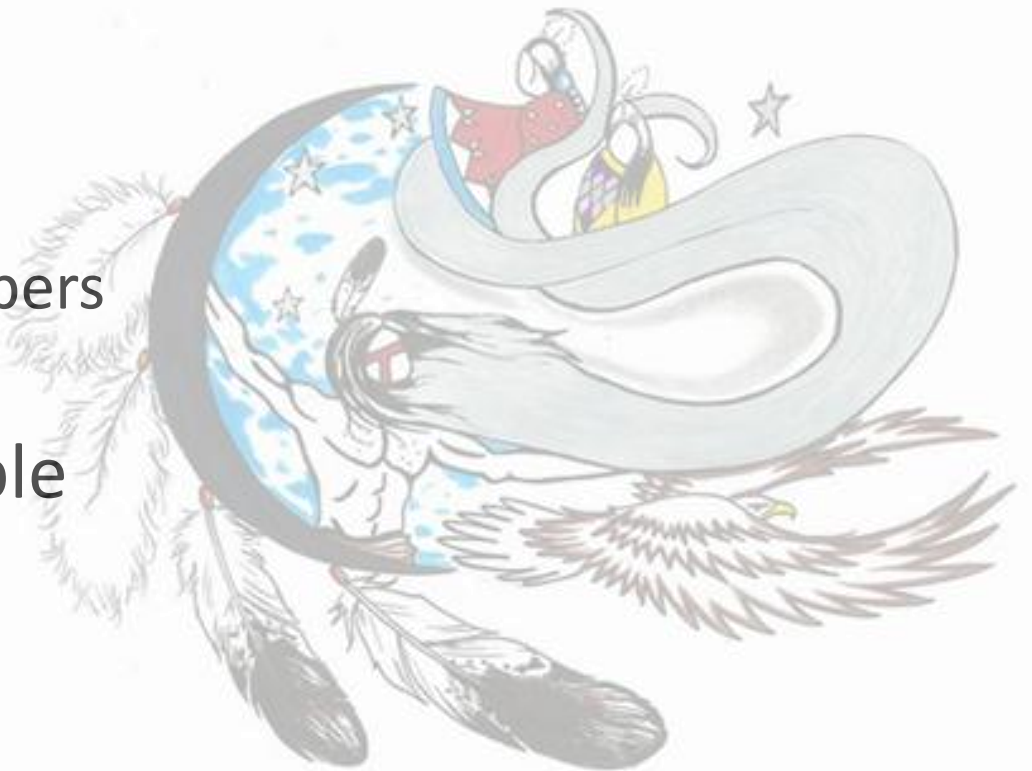
# Planning/Implementing Activities

- Resolutions
- Venue
- Speakers
- Meals
- Advertising
- Emails
- Forms
- Childcare
- OLC
- KILI
- Tribal Organizations
- Transportation



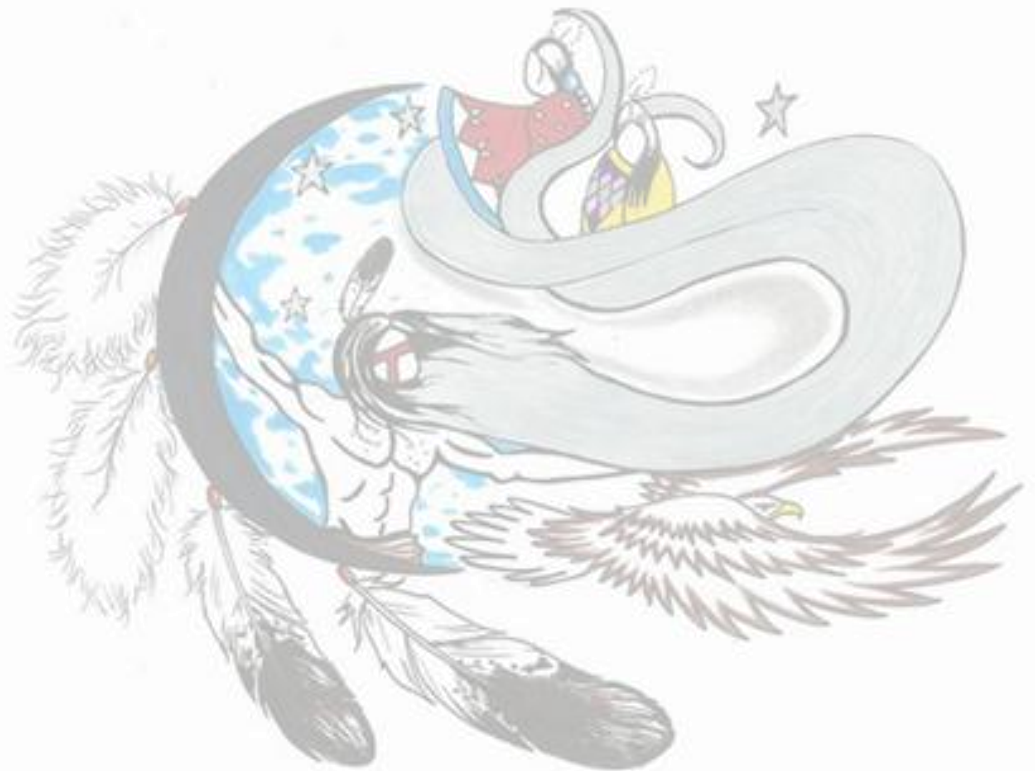
# The Event

- SuAnne Boys & Girls Club, Pine Ridge, SD
- 70 attendees
  - 52 were tribal members
- Juggle the agenda – Speakers not available last minute
- Went really well
- Survey



# Summary

- Introduce research to the community
- Find more ways to involve community members
- Poster session was good example on dissemination to community members



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# Summary

- Objective One: To identify key resources for planning/implementing community research conference
  - Develop strong Working Groups to meet the needs of your Research Conference
  - Planning and starting early in the process lessens stress and allows for solutions to problems if they develop
  - Financial and Human Resources should be two key areas in planning and implementation for a successful conference





# Summary

- Objective Two: To identify Tribal Partners' key components for a successful Community Research Conference
  - Community-based Conference Planning Committee the movers toward accomplishment!
  - Poster sessions offer strong opportunity for scientists to share with the community at an individual and group level leading to network for future research discussions

