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J Jamerson Ray Tafoya 00:00
Thank you again, Melody.

M Melody Delmar 00:05
Thank you, Jamerson. Okay, let's give it to you, Matt.

M Matt Lunn 00:10
All right. Well, it's great to see so many of you on the call this morning. For those of you that I haven't had the opportunity meet before, my name is Matt Lunn, I'm the Director of the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice. And I'm really excited today. I know a lot of you have already had the opportunity to meet Melody. But I'm really excited for those of you who haven't met her yet to hear her today, and start to build those relationships with her. As many of you not all of you are aware, we did a number of stakeholdering engagements with community, with the Governor's Office, with legislature and with our tribal lands to better understand what you all would like to see from OMMIR are moving forward how we can better and continue to serve the community and do this important work. And we had members of this advisory board and other community members and representation from the tribes on the hiring panels. And I was very pleased with the recommendation that came out of both the state group and the community group, identifying our finalists for this position. And I am incredibly grateful and thankful that we were able to convince Melody Delmar to leave New Mexico and join us here to do this important work in Colorado. She has been engaged in this work for a long time and has received significant accolades from her work specifically in New Mexico. I've received amazing feedback in the short period of time that she has been here in Colorado. And I just can't say enough nice things about her and I cannot express to you all enough how excited I am about

this work moving forward and having her at the helm of OMMIR. And so with that, I will turn it over to Melody, not only to lead the meeting, but to start off here to give a little bit of information about herself and how she sees her role in this office moving forward. So with that Melody, thank you so much for choosing to be here in Colorado and to do this important work here and I really appreciate your leadership and and I just look forward to all the great things that you're going to continue to do in this office. So with that Melody.

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Amy Barcenas 02:28

Thanks Matt.

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Melody Delmar 02:33

[Indigenous language]. Hello, and thank you all for joining us again. For those of you who have not met me yet my name is Melody Delmar. And for those of you not familiar with the Navajo language or customs, my clans are Red Running Into Water born for the Salt Clan. My paternal grandfather is Yucca Fruit Strung Out In A Line Clan and my maternal grandfather is Bitter Water Clan. Hello to my kinship and relatives in the meeting. My pronouns are she/ they. I am incredibly happy and honored to be here with you all. It's my fifth week as the new Director of OMMIR. It has been such an honor to meet some of you in person already and be in the community. I'll expand more on that later on our agenda. I wanted to start off by giving you a little background about me. I'm originally from Arizona. I was born on my reservation into the city and raised in Flagstaff most of my life. My parents are from the Navajo Nation, Navajo Mountain Encanta areas. My work with MMIR is rooted in my experience in history as a Dinã© person. When I worked in Americorp in my undergrad at Northern Arizona University more than 15 years ago, I was assigned to work in my city's domestic violence shelter as an advocate. I also got involved with supporting community response to human sex trafficking along the I-40 corridor, and began to learn about the prevalence. This changed my life and academic course as I knew I wanted to better support my relatives. Pursuing a degree in psychology led me to work with work with social work and public health oriented roles in the areas of early childhood, parenting, economic development, and school social work. So eventually, I realized that in order to better serve people, I needed to obtain my Master's in social work, which led me to Washington University in St. Louis, where I focused my program in research and policy and specialized in American Indian/Alaskan Native communities. My research and academic work also focused specifically on the Violence Against Women Act, and its intersection with missing Native American women and children. I was also able to tailor my practicum work with The Indian Country Child Trauma Center at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. While, my career and academic path forward and my desire to serve native women and children motivated that path. I had a pulse on MMIR as the movement made its way down here from our relatives in the First Nations up north in Canada. I noticed it really took up speed during grad school, especially with the release of the movie Wind River at the time, in addition to the release of the first MMIR database. I felt like I couldn't move fast enough with the work that needed to be done at that time. Given my desire to serve Indian country in this way, I was able to support MMIR work, most recently in New Mexico as appointed by their Governor to lead their state initiatives. What we were able to accomplish in that community was life changing. I'm a different and better person because of it. I'm ever so grateful for the partnerships that we were able to strengthen there on a tribal, state and national levels. So I'm happy to bring those

critical relationships here as they help us respond to our MMIR families. Thank you for choosing me Colorado, and I'm looking forward to serving you. Next, I'd like to have some time to get to know you all. Adrienne, if you could help me with navigating introductions, that would be great.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 06:32

Sure thing. All right. I'm just gonna pull up all of our attendees and start at the top if that works. Amy.



Amy Barcenas 06:50

Hello, hi.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 06:53

Hi Amy.



Amy Barcenas 06:55

I'm a community member. I'm originally from Great Falls, Montana. I am enrolled in the Chippewa Cree tribe. I work in community health. And I've been working. I was an AmeriCorps VISTA to for three years for Health Care for the Homeless in Wyoming. And I currently work for a children's nonprofit here in Colorado, and I'm involved in my schools. And just I'm always on the pavement because I'm with my kids all over the community. And so I think that puts me at an advantage because I'm able to interact and build community. I'm also an indigenous lactation counselor. And indigenous full spectrum doula, and I'm currently studying midwifery, Indigenous Midwifery, and I'm working with early childhood partnerships of Adams County. And I'm going to be hosting free breastfeeding classes for our community, our underserved, marginalized community and working with the state. And it's amazing, the, the path that just being myself and my passion for motherhood and parenting and giving the opportunity to give back and it's, it's great. I love being in Colorado. So I've been here for about 12 years. And I love it. So thank you for having me on the board. I appreciate in wow, amazing Melody. Amazing. All of you guys. It's an honor to be in this room.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 09:03

Thanks, Amy. We're happy to have you as well. Carla. Maybe we'll come back to you Carla. Christinia.



Christinia Eala 09:36

Okay, good morning. Sorry, I was running late this morning. Well, my name is Christinia Eala. I'm Lakota and from the Rosebud Reservation, and let me see what what am I just introducing myself? Is that what's going on? I live in Fort Collins. And right now I'm in the, in the planning

process or the thinking process of making an appointment to meet with the Sheriff of Larimer County and police departments in the city of Fort Collins to talk about what protocols they may have in store or what protocols they may have at the ready in case something like this happens in our area? Because I'm not really sure, you know, I've heard people talk about the contacts that they've had with the law enforcement in the places where they live, but I need to take care of that. And if there's anybody out there who's already done it, let me know. I've met, I'm the founder and the Director of Tiyospaye Winyan Maka in Fort Collins, and let's see our 501 was established in 1982. I've been doing this for a long time, I have several projects going that I think are pretty important to the youth, the indigenous youth. I want to I want to get get a United Nations Association for indigenous people going and the format will be different. The Executive Council will be made up primarily of people from 18, who have had a lot of UN model, UNA experience up to about, let's see what is the 18 to 28, who have UN experience already. And then there will be an Elders Council in place because in the indigenous way. We'd like to support the youth and their voices. And we don't interrupt we just like to watch and see which way they're gonna go. And to guide them when they ask for it or when we see that they need it. So that's one of my projects that I think is really important. And the other one oh my god, it's very, not very often I talk about. Like, I go up and I build homes on reservations for the Lakota people. But I'm gonna take on my first one in DinÃ© country. And okay, oh, land back. I said, I have a land back initiative going on in Fort Collins, which is really, right now my top priority. And we have several other programs. I've partnered with the Native American ,Native American Boarding School System Survivor Coalition. And so that I can work with people who have been abused during boarding school times. Because, you know, that's intergenerational, it goes down from mother to daughter to son, et cetera. Unless there's some healing that happens, that's the only intervention that can kind of stop that. And, and so I've, I've partnered with them because, you know, I'm a survivor of, well, I can't say I'm a survivor, but I'm the daughter of three generations of survivors. My mother, grandmother and great grandmother. And my go at night in my great grandmother's time, that's when that's the time the boarding school system started and she went to high school. And my grandmother and my mother went to St. Francis Indian boarding school. And that's why I've partnered with NABS because I've experienced everything that my mother that my matric matrilineal side of the family. I've been through everything that they went through because they weren't they had never healed. So that's why I like to work with historical trauma. grieving and healing. And okay, that's, that's who I am.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 14:07

No worries. Thank you for sharing Christinia. We appreciate it.



Christinia Eala 14:12

Thank you.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 14:13

Of course. Carla said she was just trying to get her camera on. So Carla we'll come back to you.



C Carla Respects Nothing 14:23

Okay, thanks. My name is sorry, I can get it on. I don't know what's going on. My name is Carla Respects Nothing. I'm Oglala Lakota Sioux from Pine Ridge. I've been in Denver for about or Colorado for about 35 years. Just working this life and through lived experience. I work, currently work at a Jefferson County homeless shelter. Homeless/unhoused organization called Recovery works. I am an addictions counselor there. I work. I am co founder of Native American Housing Circle over in Denver. See ya my passion in this field comes with relatives missing on my reservation in. I'm from originally from Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and the Manderson area. We had back in the early 90s/ 2000s, we had, you know, this has been going on for a long time. So then it just wasn't addressed because we had to go by cultures and traditions to address this type of situation. I also my passion is housing and addictions. I currently was served in several housing committees throughout Denver and Colorado, especially during the pandemic, I had to step up and become advocates for our people out there and be a voice which led me to several different committees. And this has been one of them, but my passion really was doing outreach and finding our relatives out there on the street and be able to convince them through social work to get get housed or be acknowledged and pick them up off the streets. That that really led me to where we're at now and don't do into lived experience as well in domestic violence. That's another role I play too as well. There's a lot of domestic violence out there that happens in Indian country that really isn't addressed in that when the supportive services on and because in through the Denver Metro area, and throughout the area. You know, it just really there's no services for them. You know, even even through non natives as well. You know, we have to send our abused women to shelters in Bailey and Greeley and Fort Collins, and that sent them out of the area, which is great. But we also need supportive services for that as well. Yeah, just working in the in the field for a long time and, you know, hoping to create some type of housing for people in supportive services for women through treatment. And, you know, just basically pick them up where they're at. So yeah, that's just me. Nice to meet you. And thank you for being here. Thank you all good to see you all today. [Indigenous Language].



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 18:10

Thank you for sharing Carla. We appreciate it. Daniel.

D Daniel Steuer 18:19

Hi, my name is Dan Steuer. I'm the Attorney General representative to the board and glad to be here. Just to give you a little bit about my background, I serve as the tribal liaison for the Attorney General for the legal departments of Colorado's two tribes. I also am an adjunct professor at DU. I teach a course on Native American water rights. Before coming to the AGs office I've been at the AGs office for about 10 years. But before coming, I would work for a small firm representing Indian tribes and worked there for about nine years. So glad to be here. Thank you.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 19:01


Glad to have you. Thank you, Dan Kirby.

 Kirby Lewis 19:11

Good morning, everyone. I'm Kirby Lewis. I'm with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. I currently serve as the Assistant Director over the Denver office overseeing all the operations here as well as overseeing the Missing Indigenous Person Alert. Thanks for being. Thanks for letting me be here and good to see everybody again.

 Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 19:36

Good to see you, Kirby. Meskee.


 Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte 19:43


Good afternoon. Good morning, everyone, depending on where you're at. My name is Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte, and I'm originally from Oklahoma. I do live there here in New Mexico. I'm the founder of Navajo Nation Missing Persons Updates. Also one of the cofounders of Missing and Murdered Diná© Relatives, and also a member of their MMDR Task Force for the Navajo Nation Council, and a former member of the New Mexico MMIWR Task Force. And I know Miss Melody quite well. I was asked to join this taskforce because of the knowledge that I taught myself, I started my volunteer group Navajo Nation Missing Persons Update back in May of 2013. Taught myself how to be an advocate for our missing and murdered people in the Navajo Nation. At the time, there wasn't really too much of a platform people could go to. So I created one. I also was the one who created the first alert system through text messaging, using a text app for Navajo Nation is very similar to what they have now. So and, you know, I've worked with prior before Melody came on to New Mexico Task Force. We were working on how to collect data, and there was so many missing holes that we needed to fill. And my first suggestion on the taskforce was to have a Missing in New Mexico Day. So again, that passed through legislation and it became finalized in law, I can't remember what year it was, Melody probably knows. And we had our first year there, I believe it's the third year this year. And it's been very successful. So I'm here to help in any way possible. My knowledge is open to everybody right now. Well, we have created a, a toolkit for our missing. So it's a step by step, step by step guide to, you know, help the families figure out what to do when somebody in their household or their loved one goes missing. This is right now has been it's official through the Navajo Nation Councils. So now all Navajo law enforcement agencies and surrounding areas, have this toolkit and it's very efficient. It's, you know, overlooked by different agencies by all law enforcement throughout Navajo and surrounding areas. So we were pretty, we were pretty thorough about this, we made sure that it was appropriate for all situations, and we're still working on it. It's an open document. So you know, we will modify it through months and years, just so that, you know, it's able to help families. And, again, I'm here to help if even if you're out somewhere and a different res, and if you need some kind of assistance, you know, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I'll do what I can to help. Thank you.


 Melody Delmar 22:48


Thanks, Meskee. I just wanted to say that, it's good to see you on this side. And I just wanted to huge shout out in all the amazing work she has done and the legislative piece with creating Missing in New Mexico Day, which is helped families immensely, so I'm happy to continue work


with the you Meskee.

 **Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte** 23:10
Me too love.

 **Adrienne Perkins - CDPS** 23:13
Sorry, Phil.

 **Phillip Gover** 23:22
Noa, everyone. I'm Phil Gover. I'm the Tribal Affairs Specialist for CDHS. And I'm Pawnee and Choctaw. And I'm happy to see you, Melody, I'm, it's good to know that we now have another OMMIR Director, and I look forward to working with you as we go forward. Just real quick my background is and actually it's good to see Mr. Salazar, I haven't seen you in a little while either. My background I come from Oklahoma originally worked out in and Arizona for a while I was in the law there and I worked for the Salt River Indian Community for a bit before moving up this way and actually worked with Mr. Salazar a little bit there for a short while before I went to Adams 12 and was the Native youth advocate there. I've I also have connections into this issue and that I lost a cousin of mine to violence from her own partner on these types of issues. So there is that history and I think all of us who are native and there's just unfortunately a lot of people that have these kinds of issues that that we've worked through are around and want to support. But currently, as I say in my position, I help support CDHS and at least making connections with the tribe and with these different departments and whatever way that anybody would like to ask for my help just email me I can put that into the chat, but appreciate and actually Miss Respect Nothing it's good to see you too and Miss Baceras. There's a number of you on here that I've worked with. Always now that I'm looking at all the names and, and Miss Torres, thank you for being here and Miss Payment. Prbably missing somebody I'm sure and I apologize if I didn't say thank you to everyone at the opening there but appreciate being here and I look forward to working with everyone.

 **Adrienne Perkins - CDPS** 25:26
Thank you so much, Phil. Rick.

 **Rick Waters** 25:32
Good morning, everybody. And welcome Rick waters. I'm Kiowa and Cherokee, originally from Oklahoma like several on here. I had the pleasure of meeting with Melody, and I really appreciate her reaching out to us in the early when she began her position. And I represent the Denver Indian Center as well as myself. And even with the previous director even work with them, we will provide support advocacy, and all the activities that are going on with MMIR, and including even direct services that that may come about or need for with any of the clients that you work directly with. Been here at the Denver Indian Center, we are more or less the

comprehensive go to place for Native American issues in the Denver, Colorado area. So the door's always open and for all the other people on this call that I have not met. I'm open to visiting with you and sharing what we do and always looking at partnerships. So thank you Melody for taking on this enormous task. I think you're understaffed already, but we're here to support where we can. Thank you.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 26:55

Thank you, Rick we appreciate it, Vanessa? We can always come back, Vanessa. Um, well, really quickly in the interest of time. We'll call on the people for who are joining that are not members of the council yet or a part of the Advisory Board. Daisy.



Daisy Bluestar 27:47

Good morning, everybody. My name is Daisy Bluestar. I am from Ignacio, Colorado. I'm a Southern Ute tribal member. I'm on the Native Love Nonprofit and I do a lot of advocacy for MMIR. my path started in 2017. I'm at home. So excuse my my kids, they have the day off today. But in 2017 I had an aunt whose case was cold for 20 years. So I was really wanting to seek justice for her. And, in our community those things were kept quiet and private. So it was really hard to really advocate for this when I first began. I did get a lot of you know, elders who are angry with me and angry with this movement, because a lot of those things were not to be talked about. So we've came this far with SB 22150. We assisted with that and continue to move forward in this way. And I think I've earned our community's trust. I've done a lot of collaborative work with our local law enforcement, SUPD and, of course, the State of Colorado CBI and also our Southern Ute Tribal Council. So this is a passion of mine, it will continue to be a passion of mine. I care for our people in all four directions of the earth and whatever I can do, I am here to help. I also elaborated briefly here in New Mexico. I'm here in New Mexico right now. But this is where we had to come and look for one of our teens that were missing. So it would be good to get some of those connections here or, you know, start getting connections everywhere. We do a lot of boots on the ground work also. So I'm open and interested to all collaborative work in order to bring our people home. So Towoac.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 30:03

We're so glad to have you. Thank you, Daisy. Debbie.



Debbie Oldenettel 30:10


Good morning, everyone. I am as always honored to be here. I have met many of you, at least virtually. And I'm appreciative and excited to have Melody on board. We've been excited about that for months. So I won't take up much time. I didn't say I'm the Deputy Director for DCJ. And thank you for all of you who are here.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 30:35

Thank you, Debbie. Jay


Thank you, Debbie. Joe.

 Joe Salazar 30:39


Good morning, Melody. Welcome to Colorado which I consider northern, northern New Mexico. I may have had a couple of cups of coffee, and I'm real jittery since I don't drink coffee. But anyway, I'm Joe Salazar, former state representative for the state of Colorado. I'm also a civil rights attorney. It's a great seeing everybody here. Haven't seen Phil in a long time. And also Rick Waters, who knew me when I was a puppy over at CU Boulder back in the early 90s. But I ran a lot of legislation as a state rep to for the indigenous community. We got rid of Columbus Day, we got rid of offensive American Indian mascots, and also ran the bill on providing in-state tuition for indigenous persons who, whose tribes have historic ties to the State of Colorado, all of which failed under my watch, because we had a Republican controlled Senate. But then my sisters came in and passed it back in 2019 and 2021, Democrats got control of the House and the Senate and in the Governor's seat. So anyway, I served on the task force to help this bill move forward and creating this office. And I'm really super excited about about your your arrival. I'm a civil rights attorney and what I do is sue government, I look at systems of discrimination, systemic systems of discrimination, dismantle them and rebuild them in a in a manner that benefits our communities. And so I'm happy to be here and help you navigate through all these systems that are very complex and also extremely racist in nature. That's just how they were built long time ago. And so yeah, welcome

 Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 32:26


Thank you for joining us, Joe. We appreciate all the work that you you did before Raven and Monycka were able to move things along

 Joe Salazar 32:36

My two sisters Raven and Monycka.

 Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 32:40

Melissa.

 Melissa McGaw 32:43

Good morning all. My name is Melissa and I'm the missing missing person and missing and murdered indigenous relatives analyst here at the CBI. I'm also we're one of the Amber Alert team members that issues the MIPA alert. And I originally hail from New Mexico as well. So good morning.

 Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 33:07

Good morning Rachel. Maybe not we can come back Rachel. Raven

Good morning, Rachel. Maybe not we can come back Rachel. Raven.

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Raven Payment 33:28

Hi, [Indigenous Language] everybody. Raven Payment. I am Ojibwe and Ganigahaga. I am a project manager for Kiewit by day, my regions span the west coast of North America and then I am a member of the MMR task force of Colorado and the co chair for the American Indian Commission. Several of my favorite people are on this call from many different facets of life. So I'm just kind of here to bask in all the awesome professional work that's being done in this space. So thanks, everyone, for your continued commitment to this crisis. Good to see you all.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 34:13

Thank you. We're so glad you're here. Raven. Riley.

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Josh Player 34:22

Hi, can you hear me?



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 34:24

Yeah, yeah.

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Josh Player 34:26

My name is Riley Josh Player. I go by Josh. I am an Assistant United States Attorney and I'm in the office down in Durango. So it's closest to the two tribes of Colorado. I'm also the tribal liaison for the District of Colorado. And I'm here to learn from everybody and work on the federal end of the missing and murdered indigenous relatives movement. So thank you for allowing me to be here.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 34:58

Thank you. Sorry about that. Josh. Rachel.

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Rachel Yamahiro 35:04

Hi, can you guys hear me?



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 35:06

Yep, you're good.

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Rachel Yamahiro 35:08

So Hi, I'm Rachel Yamahiro. I am the crime analyst for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, I track all of the missing and endangered juveniles here. And I'm also part of the Jefferson County MDT, what that entails is doing a lot of social media analysis, cell phone analysis. We do have several indigenous children who are who I actively track and I also partner with a lot of tribal social workers and just information share and try to see if we can locate a lot of the kids in our jurisdiction. So happy to be here, happy to learn from everyone.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 35:50

We're so glad to have you here as well. Thank you. And I know Chris snuck in. Chris, did you want to introduce yourself?

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Chris Mimmack 36:01

A little under the weather. So my voice is, is hurt. And so Melody and I've already met in person and introduced each other. So you're okay with that? I'm probably gonna have to step off here shortly.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 36:15

No worries, I hope you feel better. And just to wrap up, thank you everyone for being here. Just a quick brief recap from our meeting in February. We did go over the hiring and interview process for the new director. And now she's here, which we're all so excited about. We had a human trafficking presentation from Maria Trujillo, who's the program manager for our Human Trafficking Unit at DCJ. And then we also discussed some of the Advisory Board prep, as well as based on feedback, we moved the meetings to the beginning of the quarter, to sort of help facilitate that reporting requirement. But if anybody has any questions, let me know. Otherwise, Melody, I'm going to turn it over to you.

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Melody Delmar 37:08

Thank you, Adrienne. And thank you everyone. I know we're a little off schedule, but I'm okay with that. Because it's important for me to meet with you and hear your voices and have this initial virtual introduction with with some of you and those of you I've met and I'm so happy to have met with you. So if you're okay with that, I'm thinking we're probably gonna go a little bit over time today, which is fine for me. Run Indian time. Okay, so thanks, Adrienne for the review. Next, I'd like to move into my updates and what I have been working on, and what we continue to envision for OMMIR, before I get into my updates, I'd like to give a huge kudos to Adrienne for keeping OMMIR moving forward. While DCJ searched for a new director. Adrienne would like to say a few words to the advisory board.





Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 38:04

Sure, um, so my husband accepted a position in Phoenix. So I'm actually going to be leaving OMMIR, I'm so sad to be leaving. I've really enjoyed the work and the opportunity to collaborate with everyone in this space. So I apologize for getting upset. It's just been such a great opportunity for me. So thank you.



Joe Salazar 38:37

Thank you, Adrienne.



Melody Delmar 38:40

Thank you. I thank you so much, Adrienne. Um, yeah, I'm really sad to see her go.



Chris Mimmack 38:51

Thank you, Adrienne. This is Chris. Sorry to see you go as well.



Phillip Gover 38:58

Yeah, I also want to say Adrienne, you are amazing. And I thank you for giving that help there. When we were at the end of this last year. She's Miss Perkins is is an amazing and helpful person.



Debbie Oldenettel 39:13

And Adrienne from the Divisions' perspective. You know how I feel about it. I'm happy for you and your family, but we absolutely hate to see you go not only in terms of the role you play in OMMIR, but as a division overall, and how you've helped hold things together during the interim, as we found our way to Melody, so it's a very sad time for us as well.



Matt Lunn 39:39

I was I was a bit heartbroken when Adrienne told me that they were going to be moving to Phoenix. She is amazing. She's not only kept OMMIR work going and been a great partner for you all on this call. But she has been indispensable just across the division as a whole with a lot of things that we've had going on. It just in the short 8 months that I've been here and so Adrienne knows how I feel about her, I'm going to miss her terribly. And I've already tried to set her up with our agent or similar agency in Arizona and told them how lucky they'd be if, if she jumped on board over there. But she's, she's an amazing person, she's going to be missed and I'm hopeful that she'll stay in contact with us.



M**Melissa McGaw 40:27**

She also, when she started this office, she just hit the ground running and was tasked with assisting me in building our MMIR dashboard for the State of Colorado. And man, she, I couldn't have done it without her literally could not have done it without her. So she's an amazing woman, and she's really passionate about the cause. So it's, it's a very tremendous loss that we're have losing you. But we're so happy for you and your family.

**Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 40:59**

Thank you all so much, I really appreciate it.

M**Melody Delmar 41:03**

Yes, thank you. And that makes me think about anyone who's involved with this work specifically, who hasn't been involved with it before it changes, you really, it really changes you. And you become a better person because of it and you become invested. So I applaud your work. Adrienne, you've been incredible, and helping me understand the office. And I'm really, really sad to see you go, you have been so amazing to work with. And, you know, as everyone has said, has so much valuable knowledge that I didn't have about, you know, when I first started, and so I'm happy for her and her family as well with their next steps. And I wish you Adrienne the absolute best. As I'm experiencing the volume and complexity of this work here in a new state, it's a lot. In hindsight, I know that Adrienne helps keep the office operations steady in a very meaningful and heartfelt way. So thank you so much, again, for your kindness, your willingness to quickly help. And above all your work here, I will truly, truly miss you.

**Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 42:13**

Thank you.

M**Melody Delmar 42:16**

So, as I mentioned, stepping into this role has been such an honor, I wanted to inform you of what I've been working on my approach and how we are envisioning strategies moving forward. In my first five weeks here, I prioritized meeting key stakeholders internally and externally. So as Rick said, I met with him my first week here during the elders luncheon. And I also happen to see Raven there at the same event. I love being in community and meeting you all. And my first week, it was great to make those in person connections as I learn about who I'm working with. I also met with CBI to learn about the MIPA process with Melissa and Kirby. Excuse me, as I'm walking you through what I've been working on, it's important for me to also note that some alerts have occurred since I've started and in addition, I was contacted by some family members for support early on. I want an all you know all of you to know that I prioritize my work and response with families right away. I'm really grateful for the relationships I've established coming from New Mexico, as it provided useful engagement in ensuring state to state communication of our missing relatives right away. That said, I'm working on a position description for a social worker who can help us support our families in our office. As Phil said, I

need I need help already. Or Rick sorry, I think Rick said that. So you're right, I do need the help. If you have any input in this new role, I'm definitely open to it. However, it would be, you know, I need to work with you right away if you're interested in you know, giving suggestions or input. I've also met with the Office of Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs a few times. I'm so grateful for their support and connection. They were able to introduce me to key state committee committees such as the health and wellness committee, American Indian Alaskan Native committee, tribal policy, state tribal leadership, and they also invited me to attend the upcoming quarterly event at Tte mountain Tte, which I'll be attending with the CDPS Executive Director Stanley Hilkey at the end of the month. CCIA coordinated a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Diane Primavera where I was able to introduce myself and chat with her and she's very supportive of, you know, the work what we're going to do. I was so honored to meet with the Lieutenant Governor right away, and I'm looking forward to working with her and CCIA. I've also had amazing conversations with Maria Trujillo who, who leads the human trafficking efforts within DCJ. I'm looking forward to this particular internal partnership because the intersection of human trafficking and MMI work is important to address. Last week, I was able to meet with the Southern Ute Tribal Council and attend their MMIR event for the May 5 National MMIR Day. I absolutely loved meeting with them and being in their community. These are highlights I wanted to let you know about in my first month of being here in this office, I've had such meaningful conversations and meetings virtually with some of you as well. And please let me know if you if I missed you or somehow missed you. If you still want to meet, I still would love to meet with you. Adrienne, can you please put my information in the chat for everyone. Moving forward, this is already a very busy month for travel for me. As I keep saying my heart is in is being in the community. So I'm looking forward to meeting and traveling to you. I have a meeting with Chairman Heart at the Ute Mountain Ute next Friday. And I was also invited back to Southern Ute to attend their Bear Dance festivities. So if you're in the area and would like to meet in person, please let me know right away so we can arrange that. In addition to forming partnerships, myself and Matt will be meeting with the US Attorney and the Assistant US Attorney for MMIP in the southwest region and their Durango office. I'm very excited for this connection on the federal level as we work on responding and improving responses to MMIR in our state. Yesterday, I met with our health and equity team to get me familiar with a work on their reporting to the Governor's Office. So I'm looking forward to sharing with the advisory board their report to support health equity for the Governor. Okay that was alot. Are there any questions about my first few weeks? Okay, well, if you want to raise your hand, or let me know, or put it in the chat, feel free. And next I'm going to shift shift the focus to our office vision and strategy from my initial first weeks and getting the lay of the land and who to work with and meeting with people and understanding the community and how things are working. So I'm still learning, it's gonna, it's gonna take some time. But so initially, my approach to this work is meeting with the community to listen to you. You are the experts of your communities. And as I start to build relationships, I want to sit with you and listen. From my experience, building effective community partnerships is critical and key to effectively responding to MMIR, the value of community partnerships was reflected was even reflected in the recent report from the Not Invisible Act. So I want to be very clear, as I start, I'm guided by legislation and broader strategic leadership within public safety, will listen to you all about how I can best serve the community. My strategy is to work with stakeholders who truly care about the work. So initially, I'm seeing that the Community Volunteer Advisory Board is a strength, strong arm of how we can work together with making stronger partnerships. So I just like to open it up to the community and your thoughts and how I can best serve you.

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Matt Lunn 48:55

One other thing I would note, and thank you, Melody is we've sent out a survey on this. But I think this also gets into what you all would like to do, how you envision this advisory board moving forward and being effective. And so I would really would really like to hear your thoughts on that. And I know Melody has a lot of experience in this space and can give her perspective as well, but I'd love to hear from community on that. And what you've previously shared.

M Melody Delmar 49:32

Meskee. I know you have a list for me.

M Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte 49:37

No, but I do have one recommendations, somewhat of a suggestion. I know we do have a lot of of our DinĀ family out there in Colorado. So I was hoping that we could add Reycita Billie with the Navajo Police Department to the advisory board. She would be a lot of help on this.

M Melody Delmar 50:01

Thanks, Meskee and the open positions is a conversation I'm going to be having with Matt next week, just because it's reflected in legislation, but thanks for that. And I think she just hopped on the call. So I, I, I hear ya.

M Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte 50:18

Yeah, that'd be great because I know we also do have some of our relatives out there that have been affected by the sober living home scheme out in Arizona. So again, her being a part of Operation Rainbow Bridge, that would be she would be very beneficial to this to this group.

M Melody Delmar 50:37

Great thanks.

P Phillip Gover 50:53

One comment, because of the last year with trying to get that report created, I think we need to, early on try to determine who on this, I guess advisory board is going to help with the development. That was one thing we did we talked about that we need to get started on earlier than later just to take into account all those changes. And I don't want to do the same position where we were trying to do within a month or two, it'd be best if we can pick a couple of people or Melody who, who or whoever wants to volunteer to because I believe the board has to is a part of that report in their own manner beyond just even the director, if I remember correctly.

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Matt Lunn 51:38

Yeah, that's correct, Phil, and thank you so much for your work on that report at the end of the last calendar year. That is something we've discussed. And so if there are people that would like to participate in that more directly, please reach out to either myself, Melody, or Adrienne, and my hope is, is that we can kind of build that report as the year goes by. So it's a it's a little bit of a lift throughout the year. And we don't miss out on the great work that is being done, either through the office, or out in the community.

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Melody Delmar 52:14

Right. And just because I know we have a new group here, and I'm new as well, if we could resend that Jotform that went out last time, just so we can have a better idea of who wants to be involved, because I've seen some great suggestions already from Meskee, suggesting some some work groups. So thank you for that. What other thoughts do y'all have or recommendations or ways you can see us working together to build partnerships, and I'm wondering.

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Phillip Gover 52:58

If we could meet so that I can figure out in what way CDHS partnerships we can create and find out which groups in terms of support for those families when there's been these tragedies or, or what ways there's programming within CDHS that we need to make aware and clear. I'm also the Behavioral Health Administration is filling their position and I'm certain that they're going to want to be a part of that. So we could set up at least some kind of meeting to discuss what ways we can we can help and support and be available. Generally, it's going to be depending on the county in which the matters happened. So it still be because they're local county supported offices. But maybe there's something we can do at this, this higher level to let counties be aware of this is an important matter that we need to be available for but if we could schedule this some time, so we can brainstorm and figure out that kind of connection.

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Melody Delmar 54:02

Absolutely. Yeah, let's let's keep talking about that. I'd love to see how we can move forward and that there's there's a lot of moving pieces as well. So I want to Reycita I'm going to call you out. Oh wait, Daisy, go ahead.

D

Daisy Bluestar 54:20

Just a thought. I don't know if we could start working on the prison and jail systems, the Colorado State on that level, about MMIR because I know that there's some families that are concerned about their relatives who had been murdered in in prison or you know, places like that. I don't know if we can get data started for that and possible support for those families. I don't know if there's why no as of right now that that hasn't been one of the biggest things

because they know we mostly focus on community and out here. So it was just something that was brought to my attention that just keeps coming back into my, into my mind. So that's just a thought.

M Melody Delmar 55:13

Thanks. Thanks Daisy I think that's I guess within our CDPS is the relationship I can look at. Now, I haven't met with anyone from that department yet, but I hear you. Okay, Reycita. If could just introduce yourself your name has already brought up to be a part of Colorado's work so go ahead. it sounds kind of

R Reycita Billie 56:04

Can you hear me now? Hello, can you hear me now? Hello, I am Reycita Billie liaison for the Navajo Nation. I have I currently have a few experience with law enforcement these important telecommunication. Background noise is actually driving back from Oklahoma. But I am ready to see what Colorado is going to be doing. And I'm excited. So if you guys have any questions, I will put my information in the chat.

M Melody Delmar 57:00

Thank you. Reycita. I see. Daisy, your hand is raised and also Meskee. Daisy will go Daisy first. Oh. Sorry.

M Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte 57:14

I just put my hand down. Okay, nevermind.

D Daisy Bluestar 57:19

Yeah, mine was an accident. I don't know what happened there. I'm sorry.

M Meskee Tsotaddle-Yatsayte 57:22

Yeah, I'm putting my war paint on some might have pushed it on accident.

M Melody Delmar 57:36

Carla, your hand was raised.

C Carla Respects Nothing 57:40

So just just to give you some of the context that we do in homelessness and housing through HUD, in a homeless unhoused navigation center. We use the continuum of care HUD HMIs system. It's the Homeless Management Information Center system for organizations that have service providers to house or house people. I know the Native American Housing Circle utilizes this system and due to HIPAA laws, I know it's really strict to really care information. But when we're in dire need of finding someone for housing, that their names have come up in the system, or they got mail, we utilize this homeless information data system to communicate throughout each organization. And to let them know that or we're looking for somebody. And sometimes when I see someone missing or the alert comes on, I'll look them up in this system to see if we if they've checked in to have a meal somewhere or shower somewhere because it's supposed to be put in a system that they walk in and check in. They use clarity cards, which is the identification card that they scan at the every homeless enhanced navigation center or if they're sleeping somewhere. So we utilize that as well. Just wanted to share that part that I use

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Melody Delmar 59:33

Thank you, Carla. Councilwoman Torres, I see you on the call and you unmuted so go ahead.

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Vanessa Torres 59:54

I hope that you can hear me.

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Melody Delmar 59:56

Yes we can hear you

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Vanessa Torres 59:58

I couldn't introduce myself earlier. So my name is Vanessa Torres. I am a tribal council member for this Southern Ute tribe. And I think this is welcome aboard. It was great to meet you. And I look forward to working with you. And I'm glad that you're going to be meeting with Chairman Heart next week, and we'll be able to, you know, with both councils be able to be available for the CCI meeting. But, you know, I think it really comes for us as well, for my tribe anyway, to bring that awareness to our tribal communities, and especially our local, our, you know, with La Plata, Montezuma or Archuleta, getting the word out there. And yesterday, I was able to meet the new Chief of Durango, Brice Current, and also state highway patrol, I can't remember her name, just totally, I can't think of it right now. But I was introducing the MMIR, and what it stands for, and what we're looking for, and if, if there's any way that we could be able to get a class or some type of session with officers just to plant that seed, so they know and they understand what MMIR is what we're trying to do as. Southern Ute, or even, you know, natives to have that awareness. So so they could be, you know, to be on the same page with everybody and making sure. You know, that was something I was thinking of yesterday afternoon, this would be a good idea to have an intro with our officers and La Plata and, and the State Patrol to and she was very interested in it, to have something collaborate together. And

that way, you know, that, like I said that the seed would be planted in more awareness would be out there. But I'm looking forward to working with you. And it was great that I'm glad that you came down. And were a part of the community for our walk.

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Melody Delmar 1:02:22

Yes, thank you, Councilwoman, and thank you for the very warm welcome. I loved meeting with you and getting to know the community and being a part of your event and meeting with families down there already that got their contact information on my phone. And like I said before, I'm prioritizing them because they're at the heart of what we do. Thank you for inviting me back down for the I don't know if you're there for my earlier part of this, our meeting, but I am coming back down for the Bear Dance festivities. And so in Councilwoman Torres had mentioned from the council that they were interested in having some more meetings and conversations with their community, and especially that educational piece and also with law enforcement education that is part of our legislation with P.O.S.T training. So that's something of course, that's on my plate right now to look at and to work on. And so um, yeah, I hear you and we're gonna we're gonna work on that. What are your other thoughts in the community about the office and moving forward and everything?



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 1:03:58

Melody, there are some notes in the chat. It looks like people would maybe like to see quarterly or yearly meetings in person.

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Melody Delmar 1:04:13

Let's, see?



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 1:04:16

So maybe planning one of the meetings to be in person if we could make that happen? I'm not sure logistically. But

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Melody Delmar 1:04:28


Absolutely. I think that's something you know, we do as relatives, we meet together, and we eat together and talk with each other. So I hope that's something that we can do. Matt, what are your thoughts? I know some people are out of state too. So that's something to consider. But I think that if we have enough time and maybe carefully plan something we can do an in person meeting.


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Matt Lunn 1:04:54


Yeah, I think that's a I think that's a great idea and it'd be nice to be in the same space with


everybody. So we can start working on that, and maybe finding a date and a location that would work for, for most, if not all of you. So I think it's great suggestion.


 M Melody Delmar 1:05:13
Great, thanks. Matt.

 Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 1:05:15
Amy.

 A Amy Barcenas 1:05:19
Thank you just wondering about starting, like, education and, like teen dating violence, and getting, like early education to an awareness to the young women and young men, so that they're aware of, you know, when they're being abused, what is appropriate relationships, and also just safety, so that, you know, when they're in situations or setting up, like for our younger, younger kids who fall into these spaces, and then end up you know, in these horrible circumstances, would that be something like we could do, like, like, within groups or in the, in the communities like a teen dating, violence and education awareness for that?

 M Melody Delmar 1:06:33
I love that. I think that's definitely an important piece to this, especially when we look at some initial initial data that's coming. Go ahead. Matt, do you want to

 M Matt Lunn 1:06:45
No, I was just gonna, I was just gonna say Amy. One, I appreciate the the suggestion, I think it's an important component of the work. Melody and I have had some initial conversations about kind of a median and awareness campaign that we could engage in. And so we are not very far down the tracks with that conversation. But it's also something that we intend to bring you all into, and understand the issues that you think are most important. And one of them, I would agree is, is, is dating, interpersonal relationships, and that an important component of this work. So there's definitely more to come on that. But it's something that Melody and I have discussed about ways that we can increase awareness around the state about this important issue.

 M Melody Delmar 1:07:42
Yeah, and I also wanted to, I was trying to say is that there, there are materials out there I believe already that some organizations are already doing. So I think that building that collaboration or relationship with someone who is doing the work already would be great. In

addition to that, with the work with the you know, what, what you said about the team dating, so thank you for that. What else do you have for me? I want to hear it all.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 1:08:25

There's another question about whether we've had an awareness conference. Reycita, would you mind clarifying what type of awareness conference?



Reycita Billie 1:08:39

Yes, of course. So we all are knowing the work so one thing that a lot of the task members or not a lot of there's some questions a lot. So for us to do make progress and to change things you know, the people need to understand what is going on and what can be up to the MMIP. You guys are talking about teen as far as dating and domestic violence so much things and an awareness conference to streaming these particular people in sharing it with the members. More other awarenesses that are going on out there. As for me when I first started, it was I didn't know that there was so much pieces particularly to MMIW. And as far as you know, regarding human trafficking as well, there's a lot of times that come into that very, it's, it's good to have that knowledge, especially, you know, you're presenting yourself as another, you know, another organization that is helping with the MMIR or MMIP.



Melody Delmar 1:10:37

Thanks Reycita, I hear you about needing a potential conference, I think that's something we can definitely think about. And I'm already thinking about could be maybe more of a partnership, maybe within CDPS. What do you think Matt?



Matt Lunn 1:10:56

Yeah, I think it's a great idea. I would want to think about what other partners we could bring in, so that we can increase the visibility and awareness of the conference. And, but but I think it's definitely we can start to work towards. And I'd be interested to know from the community members, what other organizations they think would be helpful in that space to partner with on something like that?



Melody Delmar 1:11:32

You know, that Colorado has its Missing Persons Day, too. And thanks, Adrienne, for that heads up. I think that's something we can possibly think about with that, that's already happening, right? So we can build that Missing Persons Day in Colorado, or support it. So I'm kind of thinking that's what you are talking about with a resource or awareness conference in Colorado Reycita? Go ahead.



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Yes, it is. And also, the thing that's very successful with New Mexico, Mexico, New Mexico Task Force is bringing in law enforcement, having that particular law enforcement as a different police department. Same thing with what we're doing, as Navajo Police Department is having state law enforcement, collaboration meetings. As far as New Mexico, Arizona, we are working with Utah right now. And, you know, soon to be working with Colorado. I did mention this to Melody before. Prior MMIR person that was in there, we did find several people from Colorado, that were on Navajo Nation, and they were alive, they were healthy, they were good. So bringing it to, you know, law enforcement, because they really think that they are a big help. And they're the ones that are mainly the boots on the ground, you know, work with these individuals and victim advocates are very, very useful. We use them a lot. We started using them on a lot of our missing persons cases, just so that we can have the families have that particular person that can speak for them because a lot of the families are exhausted, you know, trying to get their voices heard and the remembrance of their families, you know, they're still trying to find their family members as well. So those are particular groups that I would see really helpful.

M Melody Delmar 1:13:57

Thanks Reycita. I appreciate that. And I think, Oh, thanks, Melissa. Melissa, are you able to speak a little bit about missing person, Colorado Missing Persons Day?

M Melissa McGaw 1:14:10

So yes, we have two events that we do yearly. So Missing Person Day is February 4 of every year. So we usually celebrate it on a Friday, depending on when that day falls, and we do an event at the capitol where we the family members are able to come and we do a proclamation that the steps of the Capitol and we mentioned all the names of the missing in the state of Colorado, and we just gather together just to have that remembrance for everybody. The Dissing in Colorado day usually falls in August. This year it's going to be August 3, and that one is more resources for families of missing persons. We have have various speakers that come and discuss various options such as last year, we discussed forensic genetic genealogy, and how that can assist in missing person cases, we have investigators there for family members to come and discuss the cases just to get an investigator-side point of view of the case. We also have a luncheon that only family members are able are allowed to attend. We stay out of the room. So they're able to, to discuss if they feel free their families cases, or just everything that they've been going through. We also offer a collection of family reference samples to be added to various databases, we have various people there such as NamUs, and NCMEC and it's a really good resource type. So we can definitely expand on that as well, for both days.

M Melody Delmar 1:16:08

Thanks, Melissa, that sounds great. And looks like Reycita said in the comments are "Is there any traditional healing as a part of this?".

M Melissa McGaw 1:16:20

No, not at the moment. But we could definitely expand on that and discuss doing something like that. Also, the MMIR Task Force has come every I believe, for the last two years. And you're right. Raven, and they've come to to discuss the task force and MMIR and it's been, it's been really successful. So yeah, we would definitely love to expand on any front.

 Melody Delmar 1:17:05

Raven, do you have any thoughts on that with the missing person day? I don't know if she's still in the call.



Adrienne Perkins - CDPS 1:17:17

It looks like Raven lefts the call?

 Melody Delmar 1:17:20

Oh, okay. Well, I can reach out to her and talk more about that with how they're involved with the event. But just from my experience with doing our my other Missing in New Mexico Day, we did bring in a community member to offer those services as a part of like a resource for that day. So I think that's something we can talk a bit more about Melissa, with the next upcoming missing persons day

 Melissa McGaw 1:17:47

Definitely. I think they are planning on attending this event this year as well.

 Melody Delmar 1:17:57

Okay, great. How much I'm curious Melissa how much tribal involvement have you had with the missing persons day?

 Melissa McGaw 1:18:11

For the Missing in Colorado? Our event in August that's been on the task force has attended the last couple of years. For our Missing in Colorado or Missing Person Day in February. We've had tribal involvement and I believe the last two years were Raven and Monycka. I believe Lynette has come, Lynette Grey Bull. Yeah. Yeah, the task force does have a booth there every every year. So we always would welcome more of course.

 Melody Delmar 1:18:49

Okay, thanks, Daisy. So it looks like we're coming up on 1130 So just to honor everyone's time, thank you for staying here with with us and I thought we're gonna go over but it looks like we

probably won't. Is there anything else that anyone like to add about? The work that we're gonna do together and your suggestions or input? Daisy?

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Daisy Bluestar 1:19:17

Um, yeah, I just when you ask the question about tribal communities, does that include the sister tribes of Colorado and are their councils welcome or invited to attend. I know for us being on a small reservation. Sometimes we get overlooked in the work that needs to be done for for our communities. I know that the trust in our communities is also harder to gain when it comes to trying to get them to understand we're here for them. It can be a very big battle within our communities. So if we are able to show them these days and get them involved somehow or even work on having something within our own local areas. I think we need to focus on that. And that's just, I was just curious about that when you asked that question.

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Melody Delmar 1:20:21

Right, and I hear you loud and clear, Daisy. I think that this work is borderless. And I've already been working with work with a northern tribe out of South Dakota with regarding a family because of the, you know, Colorado kind of being in the middle of some big, important events, like for example, a powwow, a lot of people are traveling through through Colorado down to, you know, New Mexico for that gathering of nations, for example, so and then also, you know, that it's a main vein for people traveling through the state. And so looking at how we can be more equitable in our approach to better serving our Native nations who are, especially on the border. And as I'm learning more about the communities and trying to figure out how I can streamline our messaging for our response in the state to better serve our missing people. And I, that's something I personally have been thinking about. And maybe that's why I need the advisory board and your help, as I'm new to the state to learn where I can focus my attention on and at the same time, using the data we have from CBI to know how we can best approach our response. And part of that is, you know, knowing your, your, like I said before your expertise as a committee member, your recommendations, your, you know, desire to see us down there more. So that's why after meeting with your community, I have a better idea of what I need to do down on that south, south west border of our state. So I want to stress that community collaboration will be key to addressing this in our state. So thank you. And I feel like I can't work fast enough. So that's, that's my challenge and power, the more I know, the more your talent talking to me. And the more you're giving recommendations in this meeting, and even in the future, the more I can have more tools to move forward to do this work. So thank you. What other thoughts do you all have? Matt, do you have any other last thoughts? Or?

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Matt Lunn 1:23:06

No, I don't at this time, I just appreciate everyone's engagement. And as we continue to build out this office and the work moving forward, I just really appreciate everyone's viewpoint. And I look forward to supporting Melody as she she does this important work.

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Amy Barcenas 1:23:32

Thank you, Melody.

Thank you, melody.

M Melody Delmar 1:23:34

Yeah, of course. Thank you. It feels like we're ready to wrap up. And I know it's a few minutes early. But I also wanted to, you know, give anyone else who has lasting thoughts to this space

A Amy Barcnas 1:23:58

If I wanted to, like start getting the wheels rolling on getting a teen dating violence and working with other communities I know, like, so there's some organizations in Colorado Springs that I have in mind to collaborate with. I work in two community buildings in the north Denver area at the Dahlia Campus for Wellbeing, and it's like a mental health hub. And then I have another office at the C four building, which isn't the Adams County Human Services Building in their space there. So I have this space. Would who would I contact to, like in this board to? Like, I guess just support that or how would I? How would I do that?

M Melody Delmar 1:24:48

Two things. I think that let's schedule a meeting, Amy, so I can hear more about your thoughts in that. And then I can look at connecting you to any other resources that you would need but. Yes I would say like, go go with it, I would encourage you to do with that. And from my role as a liaison for my office, I will look at my resources to connecting you to who you need and what we need to who we need to talk to. But I think that's amazing. The other thing is that I will send out an email after this meeting to the community, I know some people had to hop off, but just to make them aware of, of your idea and what you want to run with and with a teen dating, and see who could be a resource to you as well.

A Amy Barcnas 1:25:34

Thank you.


M Melody Delmar 1:25:36


Right. Thanks, Amy. We are right at almost 11:30. So I really enjoyed meeting all of you. Thank you so much. This is such a honor to be here with you. I'm really excited to be with you virtually and have our first meeting and we went forward and how we want to approach this work. So thank you, everyone who was here to give me some time. And again, please don't hesitate to reach out if you want to meet with me or schedule anything. And we Adrienne, thanks Adrienne for putting in that calendar there for resources. And I guess we'll end with that. So thank you, everyone.

A Amy 1:26:21

Thank you

Thank you.

 Joe Salazar 1:26:23
Thank you

 Kirby Lewis 1:26:24
Thanks all. Good to see you.