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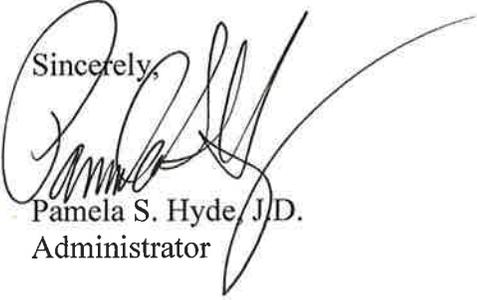
Dear Tribal Leader:

As part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) ongoing commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native behavioral health care needs, SAMHSA is hosting a tribal leader listening session on Sunday, June 8, 2014. The listening session will be held during the National Congress of American Indians' mid-year conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Regrettably, due to scheduling conflicts, I will not be present for this event. However, I invite you to join Kana Enomoto, Principal Deputy Administrator, and Mary Fleming, Director, Office of Planning, Policy and Innovation, to share your feedback on SAMHSA's policies and programs and to express the behavioral health issues affecting your membership. This listening session will allow us to engage in an interactive exchange of ideas and information.

SAMHSA is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

Enclosed for your review, is the event's draft agenda, which is tailored to provide optimum time for your comments and questions about SAMHSA's policies and programs. If you are unable to attend the listening session and want to offer feedback, you may send your comments to tribalconsultation@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Through your participation, I know that this listening session will provide SAMHSA with the feedback needed to improve services and resources as we work to improve the behavioral health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,

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Administrator