

***Memorandum of Agreement
Between
The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
and the
Multijurisdictional Reentry Services Team***

WHEREAS the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services Standing Rock Agency, the South Dakota Department of Corrections, the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, the North Dakota US Probation and Pretrial Services, the South Dakota US Probation and Pretrial Services, the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations, the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, the North Dakota US Attorney's Office, and the South Dakota US Attorney's Office share common interests in the successful reentry of Tribal Members; and

WHEREAS, these common interests include, improving public safety, reducing recidivism, creating a sustainable transition and reentry process that engages the Standing Rock community and stakeholders who can promote and support the offender reintegration into Tribal Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Multijurisdictional Reentry Services Team stand to mutually benefit from increased communication and cooperation across the spectrum of their common interest; and

WHEREAS, there are opportunities to work collaboratively to develop and implement Native American culturally founded and evidence-based strategies that will support Tribal Members returning to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation from incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the agencies agree to collaborate utilizing existing resources, programs and services to enhance public safety by reducing recidivism through successful community reintegration; and to create a sustainable Native American Reentry Program that ensures coordinated culturally founded services and supervision for offenders released from correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, a systematic review of common issues and the creation of a reentry model for a reservation that spans across two states and multiple jurisdictions has never before been accomplished.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services Standing Rock Agency, the South Dakota Department of Corrections, the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, the North Dakota US Probation and Pretrial Services, the South Dakota US Probation and Pretrial Services, the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations, the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, the North Dakota US Attorney's Office, and the South Dakota US Attorney's Office take the following steps:

1. Pledge to create a new level of communication and cooperation that will share information and promote understanding of issues and opportunities, with an initial focus on creating strategies to reduce recidivism and other stated goals;
2. Agree to meet as necessary to review issues and find opportunities for joint cooperation and benefit in order to bring systems into alignment and rethink operations and priorities based on shared goals;
3. Create a Multijurisdictional Reentry Services Team Charter with a set of concepts and skills to provide focus and clearly define the team and will include at a minimum, the Team purpose and mission, measurable/verifiable goals and objectives, and operating guidelines;
4. Appoint officials and representatives to serve as principal points of liaison for policy purposes on specific topics, the sharing of information, the efforts to maximize resources and to make reallocation decisions;
5. Work in consultation with key federal agencies that will serve the Multijurisdictional Reentry Services Team in an Advisory capacity. Those agencies will include: The North Dakota United States Attorney's Office, the South Dakota United States Attorney's Office, the North Dakota United States Probation and Pretrial Services and the South Dakota United States Probation and Pretrial Services.

This Memorandum will remain in effect until renegotiated by authorized representatives from the participating agencies. This Memorandum shall be reviewed as necessary, not less than once every year. This Memorandum may be amended if mutually agreed upon and approved by authorized representatives of the participating agencies. Such changes shall be incorporated as a written amendment to this Memorandum.

This Memorandum of Agreement does not create any right or cause of action enforceable by third parties, nor does it waive, limit or diminish the sovereign immunity of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. It is a definite expression and record of the purpose and intention of the Parties, to which each honorably pledge themselves.



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