2018 SORNA REGIONAL WORKSHOP – SORNA Sustainability
Lessons Learned in Indian Country

American Indian Tribes

NCJTC National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College
Options for Implementation

• Will you complete all aspects of sex offender registration and community notification?
• Will you opt to work cooperatively with other state or tribal jurisdictions to complete all aspects of registration?
• Will you delegate authority to implement your SORNA program with another entity?
Delegation to State

- A tribe who does not implement in a reasonable amount of time
- A tribe that falls short of a standardized program
- A Tribe may choose to delegate
  - The State will be required to assume all responsibilities of implementation
SORNA Implementation is the Beginning of your Sex Offender Management Program

• Sustainment of your Tribe’s SORNA Program is the Next Step
• SORNA Implementation Assurance Process
Plan to Sustain your SORNA Program

• Identify other agencies both internal and external that would benefit from a partnership with your tribal agency
• Identify past barriers to working together
• Seek solutions to resolve those barriers
• Form mutually beneficial partnerships
• Collaboration is the key to success
Developing an Effective Memorandum of Understanding (MOU’s and MOA’s) to Promote Collaboration
Memorandum of Understanding

• A written agreement that clarifies relationships and responsibilities between two or more parties that share services, clients and resources
Collaboration thru MOUs/MOAs

• Why is this important?
  • MOU’s, MOA’s, and Inter-governmental agreements can ensure there is transition of information that remains in place through changes in administration
Benefits of MOUs/MOAs

• Provides formal written agreement between jurisdictions
• Defines Roles and Responsibilities
• Provides Mutual Understanding of Duties
• Minimizes Conflicts
• Prescribes a Specific Dispute Resolution Process
• Prescribes Coordination and Communication
State and Local Partners
Identify State and Local Partners

• State Police and State Department of Public Safety
• Local sheriff’s or city police department
• State and Local probation or parole office
• Local treatment providers/evaluators
Tribal Partners
Other Tribes as Partners

• Networking – Sharing Information, Exchange Information
• Share Resources – Equipment, Services, Personnel
• Grants
Other Steps to Ensure Continuity in your SORNA Program

• How do you engage other stakeholders: tribal council, elders, other tribal agencies?

• How do you ensure continuity of the SORNA program during staff turnover or changes in tribal administration.
Funding of your SORNA Program Beyond Implementation

• How to develop community support to fund and sustain your SORNA Program
• Developing partners who can assist with SORNA registration
• Budgetary options to help sustain your tribal SORNA Program
Resources

• SMART Office
  • SORNA interpretation
  • Funding opportunities
  • Training and technical assistance
• Contacts
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Resources (Cont’d)

• FVTC – National Criminal Justice Training Center
  • Training and technical assistance
  • Resource experts
• Contact
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Leadership
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• Name a person who is/was a great leader
• What were the qualities that made this person an effective leader?
Leadership

• Don’t be afraid to fail
• An effective leader takes Action – Inaction leads nowhere and is a guarantee for failure
• Learn from your mistakes and build on your successes
Summary

• No single component – in and of itself - is a sufficient strategy
• Collective work and expertise is critical
• Work must be integrated and collaborative
• Take Action
SORNA Sustainment Discussion

• What are your next steps for on-going SORNA Sustainment for your Tribe?
• What should your SORNA Sustainment plan look like?
QUESTIONS?