



New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council Native American Subcommittee (NASC)



**August 5, 2026
10:00 am – 11:00 am**

Virtual:

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Meeting ID: 862 2807 7939

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AGENDA

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| 10:00 am | Call to Order |
| 10:05 am | Approve Meeting Minutes
August 06, 2025
November 05, 2025
May 06, 2026 |
| 10:20 am | NASC Attendance Roll Call (zoom) |
| 10:25 am | NASC Newsletter Review |
| 10:35 am | NASC Framework for Future Meetings |
| 10:50 am | Review NASC Leadership Roles Nomination Form |
| 11:00 am | Adjourn |

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NASC QUARTERLY MEETING

NEW MEXICO INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

August 5, 2026



INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

VISION

Our Vision is that tribal nations, tribal communities and Indigenous people are happy, healthy and prosperous and that traditional ways of life are honored, valued, and respected.

MISSION

The NM Indian Affairs Department is committed to be a resource by:

- Advocating for tribal interests at state and federal levels through policy and legislative work;
- Supporting tribes with access to resources, technical assistance and funding opportunities;
- Connecting tribes with the executive branch, other tribes and with the tools and resources they need to be self-governing and self-sufficient.

NASC

The Native American Subcommittees mission is to assure excellence in behavioral health services to all Native American people in New Mexico.

Co-chaired by the Indian Affairs Department, the NASC has established 5 priority areas for improvements in Native Americans behavioral health: best practices, cultural competency, comprehensive services, workforce development, and quality management systems.





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MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

- ▶ NASC Draft Notes_06August2025
- ▶ NASC Draft Notes_05November2025
- ▶ NASC Draft Notes_06May2026

<https://www.iad.nm.gov/native-american-subcommittee-nasc/>



NATASHA BROKESHOULDER

MMIP PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND CONSTITUENT LIAISON

Natasha Ashley Brokeshoulder serves as the MMIP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons) Program Coordinator and Constituent Liaison for the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (NMIAD). Diné (Navajo) and a member of the Navajo Nation, born and raised in Gallup, New Mexico, a border town deeply connected to Navajo communities and culture.

In this role, Brokeshoulder supports families and communities affected by the MMIP crisis by coordinating resources, advocacy, and communication among state agencies, tribal nations, and the constituents they serve. She brings both cultural understanding and dedicated advocacy to this critical work, striving to ensure that Indigenous voices are heard and that families affected by MMIP receive the support and answers they deserve.

She is committed to bridging the gap between government systems and impacted communities, honoring the resilience of Navajo and other Indigenous peoples while working toward greater safety, justice, and healing.



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GARRETT W. BRIGGS

STATE- TRIBAL CONSULTATION SPECIALIST

- ▶ Garrett W. Briggs has over a decade of experience advancing and advocating cultural protection and heritage preservation. A citizen of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, his career is rooted in a deep commitment to legal compliance, culture resource management, and advocacy for tribal nations.
- ▶ Garrett's public-service experience began as a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Coordinator, which later lead to an appointment as the inaugural Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for his tribal nation. His career in intergovernmental relations continued while employed by the US Forest Service, as the Assistant Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager in Region 3.
- ▶ Serving as the Tribal Consultation Specialist for the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, he now focuses on carrying out the responsibilities pursuant to the State-Tribal Collaboration Act and ensuring the elevation of tribal voices and concerns to state-level decision making with respect to policy and program development.

**Garrett W. Briggs**

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

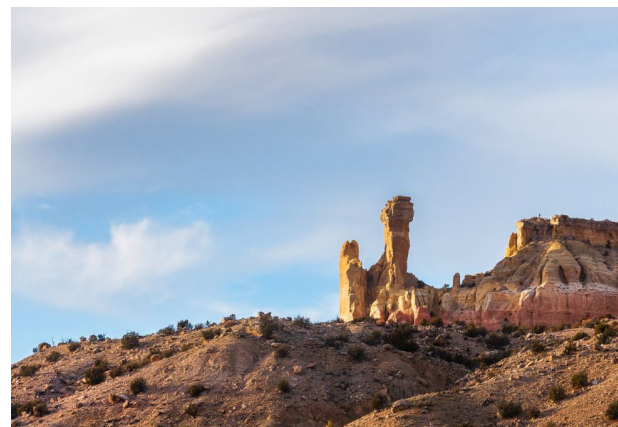
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NASC NEWSLETTER

- ▶ Funding Opportunities
- ▶ Training and Outreach Events
- ▶ Surveys and Public Listening Sessions
- ▶ Community Events, Program
- ▶ Announcements, and Job Opportunities
- ▶ NASC Meeting and Information
- ▶ Additional Resources (988, SAMSHA, etc...)



NASC MEETINGS

FUTURE MEETING IDEAS

- ✓ Resource Sharing
- ✓ Data Presentations
- ✓ Best Practices/ New Initiatives
- ✓ Native American Local Collaborative Presentations/Updates
- ✓ State Agency. State Initiatives Presentations/Updates



NASC LEADERSHIP NOMINATION FORMS

- ▶ Please submit by end of day October 5, 2026!
- ▶ https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9GuqBDUb0K_pAS3pw5g_wxC-w4cb_VOtGAnYt0eaNBUNTk2REE4NktTTVQxRldPQjhKRkkyRzhZWlQlQCN0PWcu



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For NASC updates visit the IAD Native American Subcommittee webpage.



THANK YOU

NEW MEXICO INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT



**New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council
Native American Subcommittee (NASC)
Meeting Notes (DRAFT)
Wednesday, August 5, 2026
*Held Virtually Via Zoom***



Approval of Agenda: There was no approval of the agenda

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order

Meeting Minutes: Draft meeting minutes for August 06, 2025, November 05, 2025, and May 06, 2026, approved by majority vote (no objections raised).

Welcome

- Review of the Indian Affairs Department (IADs) Vision, Mission, and the NASC Mission.
- Overview of the NASC Agenda for 08/05/2026.

NASC Attendance Survey

- Participants were asked to enter their contact information into the chat for attendance tracking.

IAD Updates

- Natasha Ashley Broke Shoulder introduced as MMIP Program Coordinator and Constituent Liaison at IAD. Her primary focus is all IAD MMIP related programming and IADs Constituent Services. Identified as a key warm-handoff contact, particularly for connecting tribal community members to relevant state partners.
- Garrett Briggs introduced as Tribal Consultation Specialist at IAD; responsibilities include State Tribal Consultation training, compiling annual reports, hosting the State Tribal Leadership Summit, and providing technical assistance to tribal liaisons and any agency requesting support.

NASC Newsletter

The NASC newsletter is shared biweekly or monthly depending on available content; frequency varies based on information volume.

- The current subscriber list includes roughly 150 members, with new attendees from this meeting to be added.
- Newsletter content is organized into key sections: funding opportunities, training and outreach events, surveys and public listening sessions, community events and programming, job opportunities, NASC meeting information, and resources.
- Discussion around feedback on layout, missing content, and ways to make the newsletter more accessible so members can easily find relevant information.

NASC Framework for Future Meetings

Discussion included:

- NASC co-chair structure:
 - One co-chair designated through the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

- Additional co-chair nominations forthcoming
- Recruitment of up to 25 voting members statewide.
- Clarification that participation is open even for non-voting members.
- Discussion emphasized the need for strategic, culturally grounded efforts around behavioral health, youth safety, MMIP, substance abuse prevention, and improving coordination across state agencies.

NASC Leadership Roles Nomination Form

- The membership survey is now available; the link was shared in the chat and will also be distributed via email, hard copy, and QR code. Link can be found here https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9GuqBDbUb0K_pAS3pw5g_wxC-w4cb_VOtGAnYt0eaNBUNTk2REE4NktTTVQxRldPQjhKRkkyRzhZWlQlQCN0PWcu
- It gathers basic contact information, interest in serving as a co-chair or voting member, and a few short qualifying questions.
- Survey deadline: **October 5, 2026**, ahead of the November meeting.

Comments, Upcoming Events, & Announcements

- IAD Suicide Prevention Day Event — September 17th, Albuquerque, NM, additional details will be shared via the NASC listserv.
- Native American Local Collaborative Updates:
 - Two local collaboratives remain vacant, LC14 (serving Alamo, Acoma, Isleta, Laguna, Zuni, Jicarilla Apache, Mescalero Apache, Ramah, and To'hajiilee), and an urban tribal collaborative. Those Interested individuals should contact Karen Canady, Local Collaborative Coordinator at Karen.Canaday@hca.nm.gov.
 - Local Collaborative 16 continues collaborative work with DOJ focused on online predation, sextortion awareness, suicide and violent crime prevention, and related behavioral health concerns.
 - Dr. X with LC18, invited attendees to the American Holistic Nurses Association Conversation Corner on November 17th, 3–4:30 PM MT.
- The NM Alliance of Health Councils announced the Quarterly Community Collaborative Forum on August 20th, featuring SB3/Behavioral Health Reform updates, a gubernatorial candidates public health panel, and childcare access updates. For more information regarding the NM Health Councils contact valeria@nmhealthcouncils.org or at the NM Alliance of Health Councils [website](#).

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Attachments

- 08/05/2026 Meeting agenda
- NASC 08/05/2026 PowerPoint presented during meeting