



HUD ONAP Crime Prevention National Summit Tackling Meth Challenges Part : Policies and Prevention February 4, 2020 Denver, CO



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Introductions

- Name
- Where you are from
- How did you realize that you had a meth problem in your community?



Workshop Overview – Part Two

- Addressing meth remediation issues in your policies and procedures
- Promoting meth awareness and prevention
- Data collection
- Funding strategies





Addressing Meth Issues in Housing Policies and Procedures



Overview of Policy Considerations

- Protecting community from harmful effects of meth contamination
- Child neglect and other social issues
- Increased crime
- Criminal prosecution
- Drain on housing resources



Types of Policies

- Tribal Law (Code, Ordinance, Resolution)
- Tribal regulations (Indian Housing Authority/TDHE Policies and Procedures)
- State laws
- State regulations
- Federal laws
- Federal regulations



Where are meth issues addressed?

- Tribal law
- Housing policies and procedures
 - Admissions & Occupancy, Meth Remediation, Maintenance, Security, Grievance, Relocation
- Occupancy Agreements
- Residential Lease



Indian Housing Management Issues

- Health and safety of staff, tenants and general public
- Displacement of tenants, second chance, homelessness
- Availability of funding to remediate meth contamination
- Who is responsible to pay?
- Liability of tribe or TDHE
- Personal belongs





Promoting Meth Awareness and Prevention



Meth Awareness Team

- Started in 2016 by WMAT Tribal Council resolution
- Includes staff from several WMAHA departments
- Created to increase community awareness about meth

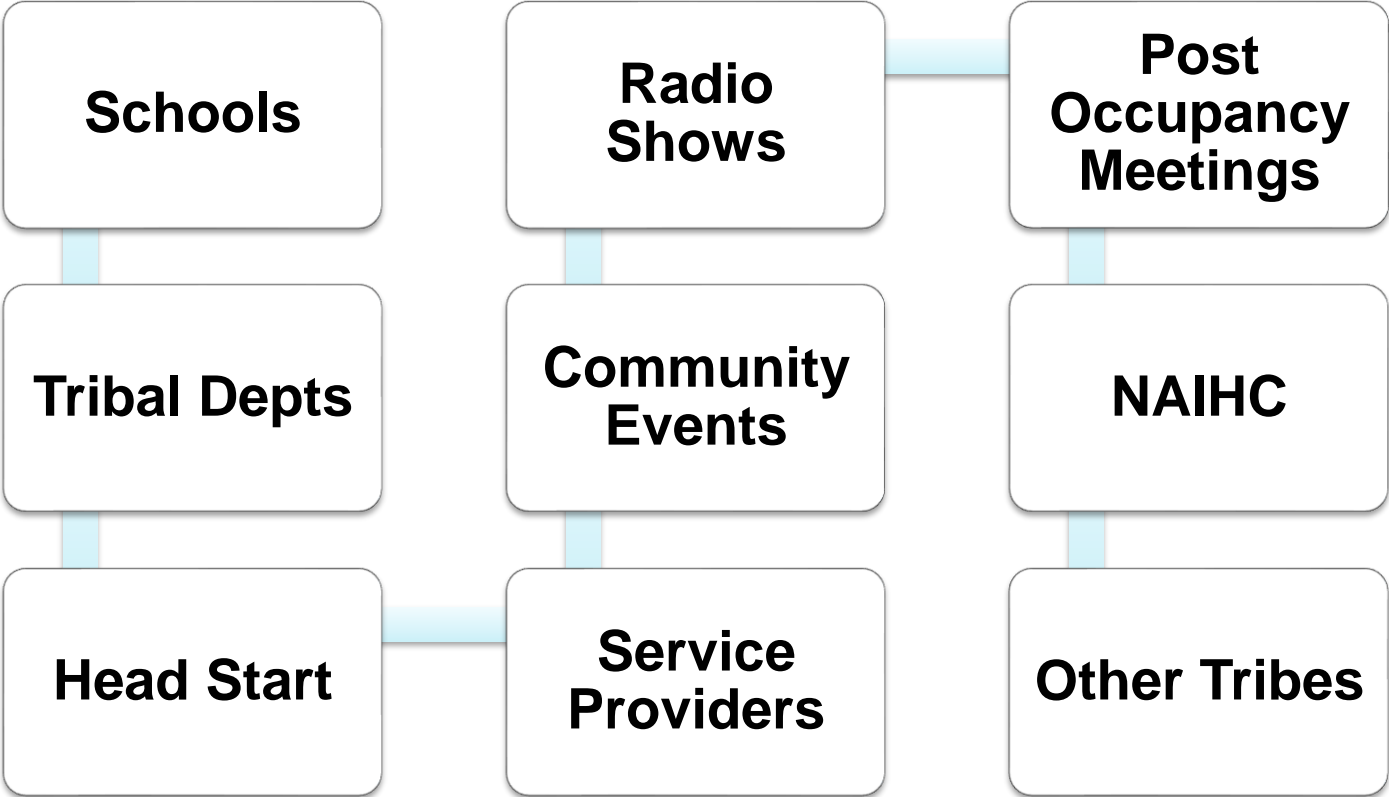


Meth Awareness Team Mission

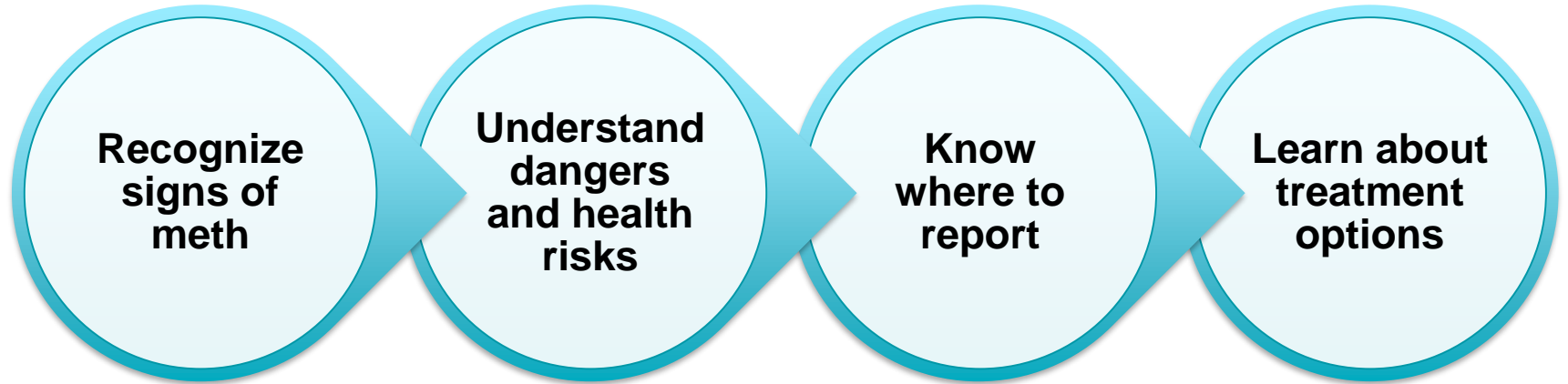
To ensure good health & safety of our Tribal citizens by serving as an agent of providing prevention education & community awareness about the problem of meth use & the dangers it has to both users & non-users of the drug.



Meth Awareness Team Outreach Events



Our Message to Community Members



Meth Awareness Team Impact

Successes

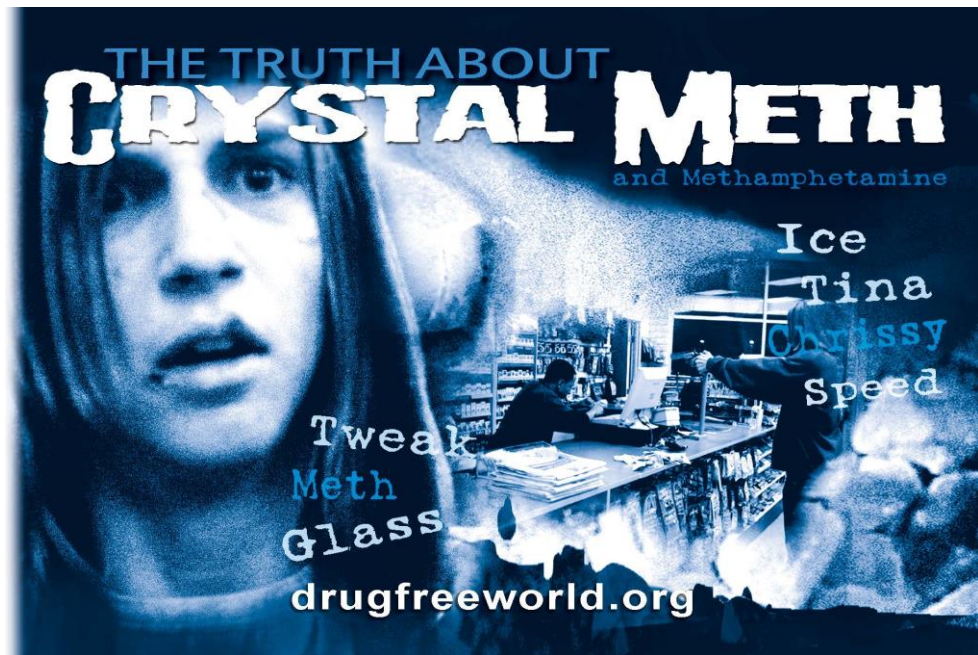
- Community awareness has improved
- Requests for presentations are increasing
- More interest from other tribes

Struggles

- Meth use continues
- Remediation costs are increasing
- Contamination moves to whichever unit meth user moves to
- Keeping partners engaged

Sources for Meth Awareness Resources

- Drug Free World
<https://www.drugfreeworld.org/>
- Nexus Coalition for Drug Prevention <https://ncdp.rocks/>
- National Institute on Drug Abuse
<https://www.drugabuse.gov/>
- SAMSHA Store
<https://store.samhsa.gov/>



Meth Treatment Contact Numbers

- **National Meth Hotline**
1-866-525-5620
- **Crystal Meth Addiction Recovery Hotline**
1-888-978-3685
- **Meth Project**
www.methproject.org



Data Collection



Tracking Economic Impact of Meth

- Percentage of units testing positive
- Number of units cleaned and remediated
- Number of units cleaned and remediated multiple times
- Costs of testing, cleaning and remediating units
- Housing staff training and certification costs
- Increased security costs (staff, equipment, vehicles)



Tracking Social Impact of Meth

- Number of meth-related arrests in housing units
- Number of tenants using drug rehabilitation services
- Number of children removed from homes
- Increase in number of families evicted for positive meth testing



Evaluating Program Success

Outputs

- # of community awareness events
- Decrease in arrests
- Decrease in % of units testing positive
- Decrease in cleaning/ remediation costs

Outcomes

- Increased awareness of dangers of meth use
- Decrease in drug use
- Healthier and safer communities
- Capacity to build new homes instead of remediating contaminated units



Funding Strategies



WMAHA Funding Sources

Funding Source	Testing	Clean-up/ Remediation	Renovation
HUD Indian Housing Block Grant	X	X	X
HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant	X	X	X
HUD Healthy Homes	X	X	X
EPA Brownfields		X	X
EPA Multi-Purpose	X	X	

EPA Brownfields Grant



- **What is Brownfields?** "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant"
- WMAHA received this \$600,000 grant to remediate methamphetamine contaminated housing units.
- To date, we've cleaned 109 units.

WMAT Community	Units Remediated
Whiteriver	52
Cibecue	42
McNary	15

Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing \$1 Million Grant

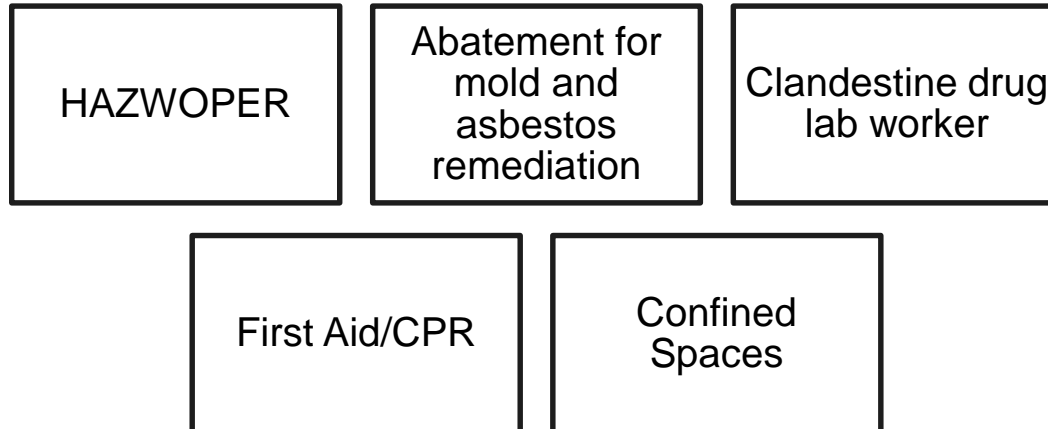
Funding to address the most severe housing-related health and safety hazards such as:

- Mold
- Weatherization, e.g. damaged or missing windows, roof leaks, etc.
- Sanitation issues, e.g. lack of indoor plumbing
- Structural improvements for accessibility
- Chemical contamination



Achieving Cost Savings – Staff Training

- As WMAHA becomes more knowledgeable about meth remediation, staff takes on more roles.
- Training and certification opportunities:



A New Law Enacted by Congress

Substance Use–Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act

(SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act)

Public Law 115-271

SUPPORT Act Provision



To provide individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder temporary housing for up to two years.



Funding will be allocated like Community Development Block Grant through states (not directly to Tribes).



Expect more guidance from HUD and state agencies that fund Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.



Could this be used to build transitional housing for meth users in treatment programs?

SUPPORT Act Appropriations in FY 2020

- Congress funded \$25 million for the SUPPORT Act in the FY20 appropriations act.
- The funding will go to 25 States: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-04-17/pdf/2019-07681.pdf>
- Includes Arizona and New Mexico, but not Texas.

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