This session will provide tribal leaders an opportunity to hear from federal agencies on how tribes can access the resources to address the opioid epidemic, including those from the FY 2018 omnibus spending bill. Additionally, tribes across Indian Country are creating innovative models to address this epidemic. This session will allow tribal leaders to share their experiences and successes in addressing opioids issues in their communities, and attendees will hear best practices developed by tribes that have created tribal action plans, as well as successful prevention and treatment programs.

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AGENDA:

Federal Resources for Tribes

1:30 p.m. Opening Prayer

1:45-2:00 p.m. SAMHSA Opioid Resources
*Mirtha Beadle, Director of Tribal Affairs and Policy, SAMHSA*

2:00-2:15 p.m. Indian Health Service Opioid Resources
*CAPT Cynthia A. Gunderson, PharmD
Vice-Chair, IHS National Committee on Heroin, Opioids, and Pain Efforts*

2:15-2:35 p.m. Department of Justice Opioid Resources
*Tracy Toulou, Director of the Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ), DOJ
U.S. Attorney John Anderson (District of New Mexico)*

Tribal Programs to Address the Epidemic

2:35-2:55 p.m. Tribal Action Plan
*Aaron Payment, Chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*

2:55-3:15 p.m. Treatment & Prevention Models
*Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe*

3:15-3:35 p.m. Innovative Best Practice Model: Ho-Chunk Nation’s Integrative Care Approach to Medically Assisted Treatment for Opioid and Alcohol Dependence Disorders
*CDR Ted Hall, PharmD, BCPP, Director of Pharmacy/Chief Pharmacist, Ho-Chunk Nation*

3:35-4:00 p.m. Tribal Leader Discussion