

**TIBC Data Management Subcommittee Meeting
September 22, 2020
DRAFT Minutes**

What does this subcommittee hope to accomplish?

- Assist in the improvement and completion of the Labor Force report.
 - Both tribal leaders and Indian Affairs agreed that there is a data collection need in addition to DOL's report and that the methods or data collected by Indian Affairs could improve that report.
- Tribal leaders stated that they would like to identify what data needs collected and then identify comparison datasets (similar non-tribal programs) to see how those programs are funded and if there is funding parity.
- Tribal leaders stated that they would like for Indian Affairs to put forward an estimate of full funding for Indian Affairs' trust and treaty obligations, assisted by the work of this subcommittee.
- Tribal leaders stated that they would like to identify and assess the data used the by the federal government to determine funding allocations for tribal programs across all federal departments or agencies.
- Tribal leaders stated that they would like to clearly state what any data collected is being used for and receive assurances that the data would be protected before any data collection requests are made through TIBC.

OMB generally supports Indian Affairs' collection and maintenance of certain data, such as population data.

- Tribal leaders were skeptical of OMB's interest in population/enrollment data collection.
- Indian Affairs stated that certain population numbers used by HUD for Indian Housing Block Grants are also relied on at other departments or agencies, where those program distribution formulas rely on population.
- Indian Affairs supported that it should be the federal authority on those numbers.
- Tribal leaders again urged caution when assessing population or enrollment, using IHS serviceable population as an example of variance between tribal citizenship and the reality of population served by a federal program.

Action Items

- Tyler will be producing an outline of the TLOA report in reference to how its model could be applied across all BIA programs and any deficiencies in the TLOA report (like old data) that may need addressed.
 - These documents are intended as a launching off point for discussion and improvement on October 5, 2020 and in subsequent meetings.
- Tyler will also be reviewing the TLOA report and the 26 IAM part 3 attachments on program funding distribution formulas.
 - The TLOA report relied on the latest BIA labor force report data for some of its report.

- Tyler will be reviewing these three datasets to begin to make a list of the types of data known to be relied on for program distribution or estimate of obligation.
- The Data Management Subcommittee noted that some program funding is based on historical tribal shares data, and their program distributions are simply pro-rata.
- Tribal leaders expressed concern that the inclusion or exclusion of certain tribes from certain programs could skew averages for programs when making funding needs estimates.
 - Example:
 - If a program share of zero for a tribe is included and no additional need is included, the zero could bring an average need number down.
 - If a program share of zero for a tribe is excluded and no need is ever requested, the average could be lower than the actual need because certain need was never taken into consideration.
- Tribal leaders requested that Indian Affairs facilitate identifying which tribes have zero shares of a program and also what it would take for a tribe to become eligible for that program.
 - Several programs were referenced and ICWA was discussed further as an example. Tribal leaders noted the need to confirm what data is being relied on by IA currently to make program funding decisions.
- Tribal leaders asked what data goes into agency and regional office reports.