

THE TRIBAL

Thanksgiving 1982

OBSERVER

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE

TO THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY

I apologize for not communicating with you sooner. These past five (5) months have really went fast. I have a couple of mutual concerns that I would like to bring to your attention.

First, I hope by the time you receive this "Tribal Observer", you will have responded to the questionnaire dealing with future tribal programming. The Tribal Council needs your input as to how to spend the 20% set aside funds. As you will recall when the claims regulations came out, this was mentioned as a condition to get the money. Now we must come up with a plan to do this. This has been discussed in council, and there has been some recommendations made. However, the Tribal Council wants to be sure

that each family has had a chance for input in this matter. So please send your forms in. If we don't receive any responses, then we'll assume that you agree with the suggested recommendations and the order that they are in. If you should have any questions about this or any other tribal matter, please stop in and see me, or any member of your Tribal Council. I realize that I am hard to catch in the office, however, my secretary knows my work schedule and will make an appointment for you.

And the other concern, Congratulations to Tim Davis who has successfully completed the Law Enforcement course at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Academy, Brigham City, Utah.

P.S. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Arnold J. Sowmick
Tribal Chairman



REPORT TO INDIAN PEOPLE - HEALTH
DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES - FY'80-82, August-September.

Contract No. 239-80-0040.

This report is being submitted to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community as required under Article XVII of this contract from PHS Indian Health Service.

As the staff under this contract, Jeanette Johnson and I wish to thank you for your input, help and support regarding the development of all health programs for this community. This report will provide a brief outline of services that have been developed for Indian people. I am very happy to report that past activities provided for the Indian community have been successful and proved to be very beneficial to all participants.

Past activities include:

-Planning and implementing the Nimkee Memorial Health Clinic with the services of a Family Nurse Practitioner with the Davis Clinic, PC, providing physician back-up services. The outpatient clinic averages 60 patients per week and provided Community Health Nursing activities on a limited basis and special screening clinics are conducted throughout the year. P. Jane Powers, Family Nurse Practitioner, Twyla Schrot, LPN, and Gerry Strong, Medical Office Assistant, have been a

number one medical staff for the clinic.

-Planning and implementing several Community Health Awareness Programs on various aspects of health; substance abuse, diet and heart disease, diabetes and diabetic meal planning, diet and weight control class, community health awareness for women and care of children.

-Participated at many health related meetings where I represented and provided input concerning the needs of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community. Some include: Indian Health Service training programs, Mental Health Services, Central Michigan Community Hospital, East Central Michigan Health Systems Agency, Mid-State Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency, Kincheloe Health Center Advisory Board, Michigan Indian Health Planners Administrators Committee, Women's Aide Service, and Inter-Tribal Council Health Programs. Isabella County Health Association and others.

-Administered the Medical Services part of contract health services program with the assistance of Jean Pego, Jeanette Johnson and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board Committee.

Current Health Board Members are:

1. Beatrice Colwell;
2. Cathy Chamberlain;
3. Betsy Hall;
4. Gary Quigno;
5. Elsie Sawmick;

6. Florence Sprague;
7. Wilmer Smith;
8. Rose Wassegijig;
9. Vacant.

-Planning and implementing the Ojibwe Substance Abuse Program with assistance from the Substance Abuse Planning Committee, which recently opened to provide counseling and support services to youth and members of the Indian community who need help with drug and alcohol abuse. Bruce Hinmon, Director; Henry George, Counselor; Delmar Jackson, Jr., Youth Counselor and Marylin Williams, Secretary are the staff responsible for the newest program.

-Provided local tribal supervision for the Inter-Tribal Council's CHR Program, (Eleanor Sprague, Lorna Call and Patty Heron), the Nimkee Memorial Health Clinic staff and Contract Health Services Clerk.

-Various training opportunities were made available to the health staff and for the community members which included: First Responder Class, Advanced First Aid and Emergency Medical Technician training.

-Programs also established were a Health Educator (Vista Volunteer) for one year, and the Summer Food Service Program for children for one summer. Conducted a Health Career Recruitment Workshop for the youth of the community.

-I have participated in many health training programs throughout the contract year which I benefitted from, both personally and on-the-job.

-I have monitored, administered all health contracts, maintained the vouchering process, prepared and submitted reports as required by the Tribal Council and the Indian Health Services contract. And I have negotiated with Indian Health Services, Office of Substance Abuse Services for health programs annually.

-The development of Policies and Procedures for the Clinic, Health Department and Substance Abuse Programs, is being drafted with the input of tribal staff and the Indian Health Board Committee. If you would have comments regarding Health Programs for the Indian community, (good or bad) please feel free to submit them at any time. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey A. Falcon, RN
Health Administrator



OJIBWE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

The Ojibwe Substance Abuse Program unofficially opened its doors on October 7, 1982. The grand opening is tentatively projected for early 1983. Hours of operation are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. After hour emergencies can be received by either calling Henry George at 772-4286 or the Tribal Police Department at 773-4371, or by calling the Isabella County Sheriff Department at 772-5911.

Group therapy meetings are held Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm at the Tribal Center in the Substance Abuse meeting room. Activities will include a film on substance abuse along with group discussion. We are also trying to start a women's support group to be held at the same time and place. Look for a posting for more information. Dynamic's will include: parent and spouse abuse, how and where to seek help.

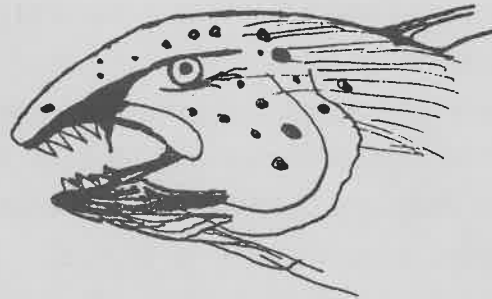
Program staff include:

1. Bruce Hinmon - Director/
Counselor
2. Henry George - Counselor
3. Marilyn Williams - Secretary
4. Delmar Jackson, Jr. - Youth
Counselor

Everyone is invited to drop by for coffee and see what we're all about. You don't have to be an alcoholic or problem drinker to know

the symptoms of our community's number one health problem. Drop by and bring a friend.

Bruce Hinmon
Director



PREVENTATIVE DENTAL CARE AVAILABLE

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board encourages regular dental check-ups on a yearly basis for children ages 3-18. When was your child's last check-up?

To do this, schedule your child for an appointment with a local dentist. Then call in your appointment to Jean Pego or Jeanette Johnson for an authorization. The Health Board will pay for routine check-ups (if you do not have dental insurance or medicaid).

Don't wait for problems. Take advantage of your dental insurance benefits and SMILE!

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board.
Phone: 7739887



ANA REPORT

Objective 1.0: Initiate and coordinate the creation of a tribally chartered Economic Development Corporation (EDC). The following describes the work program thus far:

September 10. Met with Carl Cameron of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Mr. Michael McCarthy, Executive Director, Upper Peninsula Economic Development Corporation, Kincheloe, Michigan. Mr. McCarthy is a Certified Industrial Developer (C.D.), and an expert in establishing EDC's. His orientations were towards a three (3) year training program. Afterwards we felt his multi-year technical assistance package wasn't what we needed, we were beyond this point as we had industrialists ready to work with us. If we had a building we could be in business immediately. At three years, time is too precious to spend in training sessions.

October 12-14. The Grand Portage Band of Minnesota Chippewa held a tribal marketing seminar. A

presenter at the conference, Mr. Steve Haberfeld of the National Economic Development and Law Center of Berkely, CA agreed to come to Mt. Pleasant, MI and help us set up a tribal EDC and define the advantages manufacturer's would have in tribal joint ventures. If successful, these would expose the Isabella Reservation's economic base, as well as mean new jobs. Incomes could increase as unemployment decreases.

Mr. Greg Blanche, Attorney, Michigan Indian Legal Services of Traverse City, MI agreed to come to Mt. Pleasant and help set up the Articles of Incorporation for a tribal EDC. He will help design formats for joint ventures. These will be completed by the first quarter FY'83. This meets our program timelines.

Objective 2.0: Secure financing to construct a 5,000 sq. ft. building as the tribal share of the proposed joint venture agreement with Cadillac Rubber and Plastics, by the end of the second quarter of FY'83.

Due to the economy's severe downturn, the Cadillac Rubber and Plastics firm of Cadillac, MI withdrew for the time being its offer to enter into a joint venture with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Cadillac Rubber has contracts with automakers to assemble auto emission control components. The tribe would also have packaged and shipped the

completed assembly harnesses to the appropriate car maker. Meanwhile, a new opportunity has arisen.

Mr. Ernie Young (Chippewa), President of Special Plastics of Marine City, MI has offered to enter into a joint venture with the tribe. This new company would assemble plastic tubes and harnesses for the auto industry. In the future, the car makers will work with fewer supplier firms. Again, if we had a building we could be in business.

Ferro Manufacturing, a supplier of automotive hardware, has a plant in Mt. Pleasant, but is expected to close and move this operation to Tennessee. If this happens the building may be vacated. We are watching this closely. According to Mr. Young, a chemical engineer, the building is "very suitable". At 100,000 sq. ft. it is large, has shipping docks, overhead crane, and a large parking lot. With a plant this size this tribal joint venture would have the capability to help the auto industry to deal with minority vendors. According to Mr. Young this joint venture could mean up to 300-400 new jobs (the project appears viable).

Mr. Greg Blanche, Attorney who drew up the Articles of Incorporation for S.C.E., consented to prepare formats for an EDC and the joint

venturing economic development project.

As Vice President of S.C.E. Inc. I am a member of the new Native American Business Council (NABC). This group was formed under the auspices of Michigan State University, Department of Urban Affairs. Mr. Young is Vice President of the NABC. This *interacting* helps with objectives 2.0 and 3.0 of our ANA program.

Objective 3.0: Product diversification: S.C.E. Inc., the tribe's new woodproduct plant is Michigan's newest entry into the industrial community. "S.C.E.", an EDA funded project, brought 12 new jobs to the reservation. It produces wood pallets for Michigan industries: chemical, cereals, auto, etc.

S.C.E. was not intended to remain a one product company. During construction, various machines were compared. A Pendue machine with a capability to cut and groove logs was purchased and installed. The manufacturer donated the cutters worth \$6,000 to S.C.E. (we want to make more use of these tax exempt procedures).

To meet objective 3.0, we are negotiating with Mr. Gary Franks, formerly the tribe's Indian Action Team instructor, about the feasibility of making log homes for the housing market. He will design a two (2) and three (3) bedroom model. An interested lumber yard will supply the

materials for a completed home. It could be a do-it-yourself, or, erected by a tribal crew. The lumber dealer wants to set up a prototype and market the home from two lumber yards in Michigan.

High interest rates, expensive labor and material costs have priced many families out of the housing market. A very large segment of the population needs low cost, affordable housing. A log home by S.C.E. may help supply this need. Conventional "stick housing" is prohibitively expensive. Consequently, many young Indian families are forced into the mobile home market. It is possible these log home packages will be in the price range of mobile homes. A permanent home is a better place to invest precious lifetime dollars than in house trailers which the Bureau of Indian Affairs describes as "mere transitional housing".

Reservation families usually "solve" their substandard housing problems by moving into HUD homes. Owned by a government agency, the houses may not be purchased. Not only are the rents high, but many years of renting can mean large sums of money can be lost if they decide to move. They are back to square one if they are looking toward owning a home.

Market survey: The sales picture will be studied by students from Central Michigan University's Business School (a major University located in Mt. Pleasant) the study will be done at low cost. The tribe will try to make more use of the University resources in its move towards self-sufficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Quigno
Resource Developer



TRIBAL CODE AVAILABLE

The Saginaw Chippewa Community Court has recently received several inquiries about how community members can examine the Tribal Code. A complete looseleaf copy of the Code is available in the office of the Court Clerk/Magistrate, Richmond Riggs, at the Community Center. Any member of the community may come to his office during regular business hours and read the Code. Mr. Riggs will be happy to answer any questions anyone might have concerning the Code or the Community Court in general.

NOTES FROM SCE, INC.

-Our employees have recently achieved 10,000 man hours of work without an injury. The crew decided they wanted windbreaker jackets as the safety award. Congratulations!

-In addition to Dow Chemical, James River Corporation, and Packaging Corporation of America, we now have a new customer- Dow Corning Corporation of Midland, MI. Our first truckload was shipped to them on November 1st. Also we set a sales record during the first eight days of November with the shipment of 2500 pallets to our various customers.

-We would like to welcome two new employees to the SCE crew: Larry Pelcher and Orville Jackson.

-We urgently request the cooperation of parents in keeping your children away from the storage area behind the woodproducts building. The piles of cut lumber, where the kids have been found playing, are surprisingly heavy and unstable. A child could easily become trapped under the pile some evening and nobody would even know, until its too late.

We have notified the Tribal Police of this problem, and they patrol the area. But keeping the children away from the storage area is not their responsibility, nor is it ours. Thank you for your cooperation.

Richard G. Paxton, General Manager

NEW JOM PARENT COMMITTEE

On October 29, 1982, the following candidates were elected as the Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee: (a.k.a.: Local Indian Education Committee or L.I.E.C.), of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe:

1. Genevieve Chippeway;
2. Cathy Chamberlain;
3. Adelaide Davis;
4. Ron Falcon;
5. Foster Hall, Sr.;
6. Anita Pelcher;
7. Beverly Vasquez;
8. Rose Wassegijig;
9. Juanita Slater; and
10. Henry George, Sr.

There were twenty-one regular candidates, and four write-in candidates for a total of twenty-five. Thirty-two persons voted, choosing ten from the list of twenty-one.

The votes were tabulated and checked by volunteers Marilyn Williams; Mildred Pelcher (to whom I am grateful); and Wilmer Smith.

I would at this time wish to express my sincere thanks to the out-going Parent Committee, who met on a weekly basis, to assist me in becoming adjusted to the program, upon assuming the position of Coordinator. I also wish to thank Mrs. Eleanor Starkweather, and her assistants for their patience in my dealings with the Accounting Department.

Wilmer Smith, Home/School Coordinator

NEW TRIBAL POLICE OFFICER

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department added Tim Davis onto the force last June for a four man department. On September 7, Davis traveled to the U.S. Indian Police Academy of Brigham City, Utah to obtain his certification.

Davis graduated from the Academy at 10:00 a.m. on November 17, 1982, upon completion of the rigorous 10 week course.

Congratulations Tim and good luck!

INFANT CAR SEAT PROGRAM

For this fiscal year the Indian Health Service mandated that Community Injury Control (CIC) Programs be planned and implemented at each service area. For our first attempt at meeting this objective the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board and Nimkee Clinic will begin an Infant Car Seat Program.

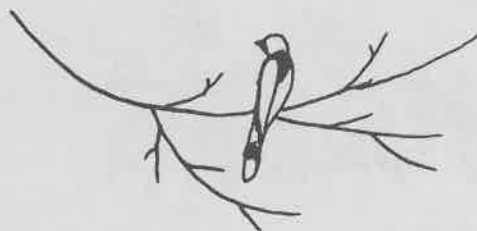
A law effective in April 1982 states that children under one year of age must be fastened to a safe car seat, regardless of where they ride in the car. Children between ages 1-4 must be in a car seat if riding in the front seat. If they ride in the back seat a seatbelt alone is permitted. Why infant car seats? Here are a couple of good reasons. During a 30 m.p.h. crash

an unrestrained child will hit the dashboard or windshield at a force equal to that of a fall from a three-story building. The worst possible place for an infant to ride is in the arm of an unrestrained adult. An unrestrained adult can literally crush a child against the dashboard. So, don't hesitate to give us a call. If the costs given below are a problem, let us know.

The cost to loan out a car seat are: \$10.00 for rent and a \$5.00 deposit. The \$5.00 deposit will be returned to you if the car seat is returned in good condition. These seats will fit infants up to 9 months or 20 pounds. The toddler seat is for infants up to 44 pounds and can be rented for \$10.00 but for six months only. At the end of six months, \$5.00 will be refunded, or the seat can be checked out again. A waiting list will be kept to insure that everyone gets a fair chance to use the car seats.

If a person would like to purchase an infant car seat, a payment plan can be set up. For example, at \$10.00 a month the seat would be paid for at the end of the six months.

Patty Heron, CHR



FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

The Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency (MICWA) is a non-profit agency working in the areas of foster care and adoption for Indian people. Presently the agency is in great need of Indian foster parents throughout Michigan. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact:

- Central Office -
P.O. Box 537; 120 Ridge Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-9400
- Branch Offices -
Lansing Indian Center, Lansing
Contact: Cheryl Flowers
(517) 487-5400

Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center,
Baraga
Contact: Carole Gowens
(906) 353-6178

Hannahville Tribal Center,
Wilson
Contact: Anita Hardwick
(906) 466-2881

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Center,
Mt. Pleasant
Contact: Charlotte Cummings
Heidi Vialpando
(517) 773-1223

Traverse City
Contact: Sister Anne Jeffrey
(616) 947-6829

You can't Win

- If I express myself on a subject,
I'm trying to run things.
- If I'm silent, I'm dumb or have
lost interest.
- If I'm always at my office, why
don't I get out and learn what's
going on.
- If I'm out when they call, why am
I not tending to business.
- If I'm not at home at night, I'm
out carousing.
- If I'm home, I'm neglecting important
outside contacts and activities.
- If I don't agree with persons, I'm
bullheaded.
- If I do agree with persons, I don't
have any ideas of my own.
- If I don't do what I'm requested,
I'm a darn poor official.
- If I do agree, well, that's what I'm
paid for.
- If I give someone a short answer, I'm
"too big for my britches."
- If I attempt to explain the pros and
cons of an issue, I'm a know-it-all
and long winded.
- If I'm well dressed, I think I'm a
big shot.
- If I'm not, I'm a poor representative
of my office.
- If I'm on the job a short time, I'm
inexperienced.
- If I've been there a long time, its
time for a change.

ANONYMOUS

TRIBAL PLAN FOR USE AND DISTRIBUTION
OF DOCKET 57 JUDGMENT FUNDS

We have reached the final stages for per-capita distribution of Docket 57 judgment funds. As you know the Tribe will receive 20% of the membership share of the funds. This 20% will probably be somewhere in the range of \$660,000.

Prior to receipt of this money, the Tribe will be required to submit a plan for use and distribution of the funds to the United States Congress (Public Law 93-134, 25 USC Chapter 16). A number of suggestions have been made as to the Tribal use of these funds in order to bring the greatest benefit to the Tribe as a whole.

Some of these suggestions for the use of this money are:

1. A juvenile home;
2. Assistance to the elderly;
3. Improvement of tribal administration;
4. Industrial development;
5. Legal services for tribal members;
6. Membership health insurance;
7. Tribal education;
8. Business development and investment;
9. Land acquisition; and
10. Health sanitation.

The suggestions listed are by no means exhaustive, nor are they in any specific order of priority. We feel that there are probably a lot more

suggestions that could be obtained from the community.

Therefore, we are requesting your assistance in this matter. We would appreciate it if you would fill out the attached summary sheet and return it to: Ruth Moses, Executive Secretary, at the Tribal Center.

We would appreciate your suggestions by November 26, 1982, so that we can prepare a comprehensive plan before the end of this year.

SURVEY SHEET - Docket 57
Plan for use and distribution of Judgment Funds.

Please list below your suggestions as to use of the above judgment award funds:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Date: _____, 1982

Signature

Mail back this portion. Thank you.

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