# Tribal Engagement & Planning

## Administrative Office of the Courts – Tribal Plan Addendum and Updates

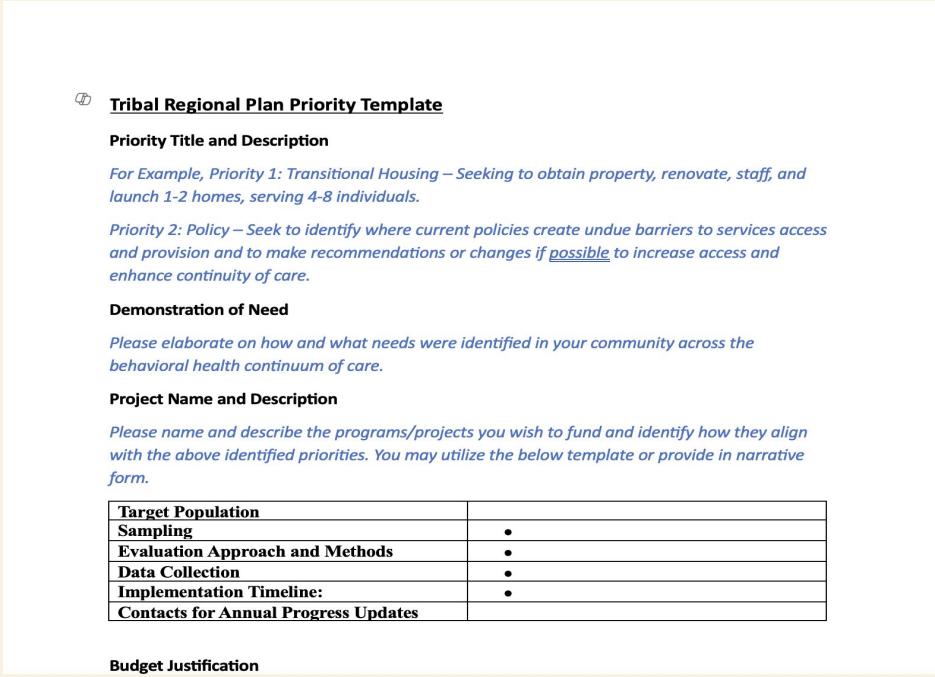
**Behavioral Health Executive Committee Meeting – July 9, 2026**

# AOC Tribal Engagement

In FY26 AOC utilized consultants to:

- Create a tribal toolkit explaining and introducing BHRIA (top right picture)
- Conduct initial engagement through a tribal liaison
- Assist in completing Tribal priority plans (bottom right picture)
- Engage in one-on-one ongoing communications with tribal representatives

This process is ongoing as Tribal partners continue to navigate their own stance on the BHRIA process and sovereignty issues.



**Tribal Regional Plan Priority Template**

**Priority Title and Description**

*For Example, Priority 1: Transitional Housing – Seeking to obtain property, renovate, staff, and launch 1-2 homes, serving 4-8 individuals.*

*Priority 2: Policy – Seek to identify where current policies create undue barriers to services access and provision and to make recommendations or changes if possible to increase access and enhance continuity of care.*

**Demonstration of Need**

*Please elaborate on how and what needs were identified in your community across the behavioral health continuum of care.*

**Project Name and Description**

*Please name and describe the programs/projects you wish to fund and identify how they align with the above identified priorities. You may utilize the below template or provide in narrative form.*

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| **Target Population** | |
| **Sampling** | • |
| **Evaluation Approach and Methods** | • |
| **Data Collection** | • |
| **Implementation Timeline:** | • |
| **Contacts for Annual Progress Updates** | |

**Budget Justification**

# Why a Tribal Addendum?

- Honors tribal sovereignty by providing an avenue to identify and communicate tribal specific priorities
- Supports ongoing regional planning while still incorporating tribal input
- Demonstrates flexibility and respect for Tribal Government to State Government relationships
- Tribal priorities are formally captured in the template which supports future funding requests, collaboration opportunities and program development

# Tribal Status

| Category | Region | Pueblo / Tribe / Nation | Status / Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Commitment to Submitting a Tribal Addendum | Region 1 | Pueblo of San Ildefonso | Tribal Addendum received |
| | | Pueblo of Pojoaque | |
| | | Jicarilla Apache | LOS received; signed onto Region 1's regional plan |
| | Region 2 | Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of Sandia | LOS received |
| | Region 8 | Pueblo of Taos, Pueblo of Picuris | LOS received |
| | Region 11 | Pueblo of Zuni | LOS received; NWCOG requested to be co-AE |
| | Region 12 | Mescalero Apache | |
| | Region 13 | Pueblo of Laguna | Tribal Addendum received |
| | | Pueblo of Acoma | LOS received; tribal addendum forthcoming |
| | | Pueblo of Cochiti | LOS received |
| | | Pueblo of San Felipe | Signed MOU; tribal addendum forthcoming |
| | | Pueblo of Zia | LOS received |
| | | Pueblo of Santa Ana | LOS received |
| | | Pueblo of Santo Domingo | LOS received; tribal addendum completed |

# Tribal Status Continued

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| Tribal Engagement in Process | Region 1 | Pueblo of Nambe | LOS received |
| | | Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh | |
| | | Pueblo of Santa Clara | |
| | | Pueblo of Tesuque | LOS received |
| | Region 13 | Pueblo of Jemez | Pending LOS |
| Pending | Region 6 | Fort Sill Apache | LOS received, but no allocation |
| | Region 11 | Navajo Nation | LOS; NWCOG requested to be co-AE with Navajo Nation |
| | | Alamo Navajo | Not listed in Region 7; tribal addendum completed |
| | | Ramah Navajo | LOS received; not listed in Region 13 |
| | | Tohajiilee Navajo | Not listed in Region 2 |

# Engagement Status Continued

- Until BHRIA, Tribal funding distribution occurred at the state and federal levels.

- Tribal Partners are aware:
  - Of the timelines the AEs are following
  - Of their ability to participate/engage with SB3 the following ways:
    - Signing onto the Regional Plan
    - Submitting a Tribal Priority Plan as an addendum
    - Signing onto the Regional Plan and submitting a Tribal Priority Plan
    - Elect not to participate now, but retain the option to participate at anytime (eg., FY28)

- It is possible some Tribal Partners will not have approved plans until FY28.