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I am a graduate of the University of Maine. I have a BA degree in Political Science.

I have represented the Penobscot Nation in the State Legislature for approximately nine years. During my tenure I have advocated for freedom of religion, removal of offensive names from the Maine Maps and for visibility of Native people. I have advocated for equal rights on a policy level for the tribes in Maine in areas of economics, employment, health care, affordable housing and education. I sponsored and wrote a bill that made Maine Indian history mandatory for all public schools in Maine. This is now law. I continue to advocate for economic self-sufficiency for Maine Indian people.



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Memorandum for the Maine Advisory Committee Members

From: Ivy L. Davis, Director
Eastern Regional Office

Subject: Upcoming Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee

Let me begin by again thanking you all for your patience and continued support. As I've advised, Rachel Talbot Ross has graciously agreed to serve as chair for the remainder of the charter period, which ends December 5, 2006.

I have spoken or exchanged voice messages with virtually all committee members. All agree on a date, Thursday, May 25; time, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM; location, Portland; and topic, briefing update on draft report, "Racial and Ethnic Profiling and Harassment in Maine;" and followed by a planning meeting.

Possible Agenda: I suggest that we begin the day with an orientation (30-45 minutes), which is not open to the public – I will provide an agency status report. The briefing would last from 90-120 minutes and would be transcribed. We would conclude with a planning meeting to consider possible topics and approaches for a new project.

Attached for your review is the draft report, "Racial and Ethnic Profiling and Harassment in Maine." Chapter 4 summarizes the panel presentations, which included representatives from the advocate community and federal, state and local government officials. With up to two hours set aside for the update, the matters to be resolved are: how many presenters, should we draw from those identified in Chapter 4 or are there new resource people to consider, and do you want to set aside 30 minutes to take brief oral statements from the public?

Immigration is a major national topic and the Washington Post carried a front page story on Maine on Saturday, April 8th. A hard copy is enclosed and here is the link:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/04/07/AR2006040701673.html?referrer=emailarticle>

Things to do:

1. As noted, above we need to identify possible presenters. Will committee members make contact or shall I?
2. Shall time be set aside at the end of the formal presentations (up to 30 minutes) to take brief oral statements from the public?

3. Rachel has agreed to identify a meeting site.
4. I suggest that we have at least one conference call, prior to the actual meeting to make sure that things are working as planned. In the mean time, we can converse by email or phone. My direct dial number is 202.376.7756.

Please note that I will be away from the office from Tuesday, April 25 and return to the office on Tuesday, May 2. On Wednesday, April 26 and Friday, April 28, I will be check and respond to any messages left on my direct dial number and email. So, please feel free to stay in touch.

Attachments

- Draft Committee Report
- Hard Copy of Washington Post Article
- Contact list for Advisory Committee members