

Cherokee Nation Tribal Council

Community Services Committee Report

Department: **Human Services** Report For: **April for June 2013 Meeting**

Executive Director of Human Services: **Marsha Lamb**

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Employees: 378 Vacancies: 34

Volunteers: 4

Program Highlights for April 2013

1. **Indian Child Welfare Child Protective Services (CPS):** There were 229 referrals of Cherokee child maltreatment from 27 Oklahoma Counties and 0 out of state. In April, there were a total of: 82 referrals for neglect only, 80 referrals for physical abuse, 84 substance abuse, and 67 referrals for sexual abuse.
 - a. **ICW Court Advocacy and Permanency (CAPS) Units:** There are 1439 Cherokee children with assigned ICW workers. ICW workers were involved in 238 hearings regarding these children in April.
 - b. **ICW for Guardianships and Private Adoptions:** There were 5 placements made in April. This last month we had 3 new homes open up as well as 5 homes close and 9 get recertified. There were a total of 35 children unable to be placed in April.
 - c. **ICW Family Protection Services:** We have 58 children receiving services and 25 adults. This is a new program offering prevention and parenting services to families in the court system to assist in reunification with the children.
 - d. **John Ketcher Youth Shelter:** 20 youth spent time at the John Ketcher Youth Shelter this last month.
 - i. **Juvenile first time offender program:** There were a total of 4 participants, 7 referrals, and 2 successful completions. We had 12 community service hours this month and 2 volunteers.
 - e. **ICW Family & Employee Development:** We had 5 trainings with 31 attendees and 0 staff trainings during the month.
2. **Child Support Services:** The distribution for April was \$221,300. Child Supports Year-to-Date economic impact on our community is \$1,468,961. This is a \$29,846 increase from April 2012. There are a total of 2,704 child support cases and there are an additional 1440 that are either in transfer, new application status or are inactive status that our office must review on a daily basis. There were over 1400 contacts made with citizens needing assistance on their child support cases. As of this month we are planning our annual Clothing Voucher Programs details and will be sending out an all employee email of the destinations and dates in July.
3. **Family Assistance (Food Distribution):** There were 8,652 individuals served in April. Year-to-Date Individuals Served: 64,292 throughout the 14 county jurisdictional boundaries.
 - a. **Family Assistance (Elderly Nutrition):** There were 4,726 hot meals served at Elderly Nutrition Sites and 1,249 Elder Nutrition Home Deliveries in April. Year-to-Date: Hot Meals Served 4,726; Year-to-Date: Home Deliveries: 1,249. ***This programs year begins in April.

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- b. **Family Assistance (LIHEAP):** There were 3 households served for Heating Assistance, and 172 households served for Winter/Summer Crisis during the month of April. LIHEAP YTD Served of all types; 2,627.
 - c. **Family Assistance (NAHASDA):** There were a total of 184 Transitional, 48 Residential, and 14 Elderly households served this month within the NAHASDA Program and we have served 1,666 YTD households served.
 - d. **Family Assistance (General & Burial Assistance):** 263 individuals were helped within General Assistance and YTD 1,795 has been served through this program. There were 40 Families helped within Burial Assistance in April and Year-to-Date we have assisted 266 families.
 - e. **Elders in Need Program:** This program has been designed for our elders age 60 and older on fixed incomes who are in need of assistance. In the month of April we served a total of 33 Elders in our 14 county jurisdictions and YTD we have served 1,255 households which is 100% of our annual projection.
 - f. **Elder Advocacy Program:** In the month of April we were able to serve 28 of our Elders with this program. Our YTD Elders In Need served is 137.
4. **Child Care & Development (Child Care Centers):** The Child Care Development Center is rated three stars, the highest possible in Oklahoma. There are a total of 133 children attending our Child Care Development Centers and there are 6 vacancies.
- a. **CC&D (Subsidy):** 1869 Children received subsidy in April 2013 for the entire Cherokee Nation jurisdiction and over \$295,681.95 was distributed last month alone.
 - b. **CC&D (Resource & Referral):** There were 2191 information calls received, 29 parent calls for referrals, 13 community events, 35 home visits for technical assistance, and 83 children receiving home visits. There were 3 trainings held in April.
 - c. **CC&D (Licensing & Monitoring):** Visits Made in April: 28 with a relative provider, 17 with child care centers, and 17 in child care homes.
5. **Special Programs –**
- a. **Office of Veterans Affairs:** The Tribal Veteran's Representative received 25 calls for information and made 100 in person visits with Veterans in April. To insure we have a representative to assist the Veterans, the Veteran Affairs Office has increased their visits to our office until we can fill the vacancy of our Tribal Veterans Advocate. In May, Trina Fisher and John Cloud will be here every Tuesday (7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th) to assist with the Veterans Office. Matt Tiger is here various times throughout the week and is reachable by phone (822-2563), if needed.
 - b. **Healing to Wellness Court Program:** There were 16 youth participating in the voluntary Reclaiming Futures and Healing to Wellness Court Programs. There were 62 home visits with or about clients and 8 home visits concerning referrals in April. There were 20 drug tests administered, 10 calls for resource information and 40 contacts regarding participant treatments this month.

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- c. **Bright Futures (Truancy Prevention):** The Bright Futures program had 19 new cases worked in the month of April. We had 0 referrals to the program last month and there were 15 additional families agree to services.

Group: Community Services

Month/Year of Report:

May 2013

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Water & Sanitation

- FY12 IHS Scattered Housing Funds Approx 79% expended
- FY 12 Individual Tribal Funds Approx 72% expended
- FY 12 Tribal Community Water and Sewer Funds Approx 58% expended.
- IHS FY13 Projects and Funding Amounts:
 - a. OK13-E20 FY13 Housing Support Funds \$745,750
 - b. OK13-T23 Salina Connection \$1,150,000
 - c. OK13-T27 Mayes RWD # 9 Connections \$176,000
 - d. OK13-T36 Ramona Lift Station Rehab(EPA) \$25,000
 - e. OK13-T48 Muskogee RWD # 7 2 Mile Rd WL \$93,500
 - f. OK13-T51 Ochelata WWTP (EPA) \$395,000
 - g. OK13-T52 Oaks Connection Engineering \$49,500
 - h. OK13-X55 Housing Needs Identification \$50,000
- Trained 197 food handlers
- Repaired sewer and/or water facilities for 34 homes
- Installed sewer and/or water facilities for 13 homes
- Met with Vinita and Ottawa Co RWD's # 2, 4, 6 & 7 concerning SDS projects and need.
- Attended FACT (funding agency coordinating team) meeting in OKC to discuss Ochelata WWTP.
- Finalizing plans for Kenwood WTP.
- Oaks Wastewater Project is underway..

Youth Development

Youth Activities: Total attendance at April youth activities was 244 youth, 21 parents/community members/B&G Club staff & 4 CYD staff.

- Cherokee Heights had 5 youth activities in April the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th ; where they made baskets, key chains, played Cherokee Marbles, made recycled bracelets and had a drug free Movie day and the teenage youth worked on peyote stitch beaded key chains. There were from 9-17 youth at each meeting for a total of 76 youth, 3 parents, & 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Greasy had a youth activity scheduled for Thursday, April 11th, we went to Greasy but no youth showed up. There were 4 CYD staff who showed up.
- Lost City had one youth activity on Thursday, April 18th, where they made clay pinch pots and had 15 youth, 5 parents/community members and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Tailholt had one youth activity on Monday, April 22nd, where they made melted pony bead sun catchers and had 15 youth, 3 parents/community members and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Keys Boys & Girls club hosted a youth activity on Monday, April 1st where kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade made key chains, there were 17 youth, 2 club staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Marryetta Boys & Girls club hosted a community youth event on Monday, April 8th, where the youth made leather pouches. There were 27 youth, 1 B&G club staff members and 4 CYD staff members in attendance.
- Cave Springs Boys & Girls club hosted a community youth event on April 15th, where the youth made leather pouches. There were 9 youth, 1 B&G club staff member and 3 CYD staff members in attendance.

- Community Youth Development partnered with Cherokee Nation Environmental programs for the Environmental Festival on Friday, April 12th, where the schools brought in youth and they made key chains. There were 85 youth, 21 parents/teachers and 4 CYD staff who came to our station.

Mailed & handed out 210 copies of flyers about May youth activities to residents, community organizations & participants in Cherokee Heights, Greasy, Lost City & Tailholt; also e-mailed flyers about May youth activities to the B&G clubs in Keys, Marryetta and Cave Springs for them to post.

Cherokee First/Community Youth

- Assisted approximately 2282 clients through walk in and phone calls
- Processed YTD 33 sports teams, 9 live stock

1577 Community Youth Fund Applications Funded FY2013

179 Adult Applications Funded 2013

Adair County—471	Nowata County—22	Adair County—48	Nowata County—6
Cherokee County—586	Ottawa County -27	Cherokee County—88	Ottawa County-0
Craig County—25	Rogers County-16	Craig County—0	Rogers County-3
Delaware County—156	Sequoyah County-133	Delaware County—10	Sequoyah County-10
Mayes County—77	Tulsa County-14	Mayes County—6	Tulsa County-0
Muskogee County—37	Wagoner County-8	Muskogee County—1	Wagoner County-1
McIntosh County—2	Washington County-3	McIntosh County—0	Washington County-6

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COTTA Technical Assistance Program

COTTA hosted its Annual Community Leaders Conference on April 12-13, 2013. The Conference is planned, staffed and funded by the COTTA program. The objective of the conference is to introduce or further the knowledge of the leaders of Cherokee communities in various aspects of community organizational functions. There were 375 Cherokee citizens in attendance at the conference, representing 73 community organizations. Of the 73 organizations represented, 49 were from within the 14 county jurisdiction, 22 were At-Large organizations and the CNCA Board. The training consisted of 33 different workshops focused on organizational functions and tribal culture. Booths were provided for 13 Cherokee Nation Programs, 1 Native Non-Profit and 1 Federal Agency to disseminate information regarding their programs. Surveys indicate that participants not only received valuable information at the conference but learned from sharing of experiences through networking with other organizations in attendance.

Volunteer Program

Volunteer staff worked with two volunteer groups Avon Lake UCC and Mission Methodist scheduled to be in the jurisdiction during the months of June and July. These two groups consist of approximately 490 individuals with varying ranges of skills and expertise. Arrangements have been made for housing and travel for volunteers in locations near the identified projects. Projects identified target the elderly, disabled and handicapped with a need. To date, 15 projects have been identified within a 30 mile radius of Brushy School for the June volunteers.

Volunteer Program staff provided tools and equipment and worked with volunteers to clean-up the Barber Cemetery.

Community Work/Building Program

The 2013 Community Work grant awards were made to organizations in February. The following is a status on those projects:

- (1) Vian Peace Center, Food Pantry – Electrical & plumbing complete; sheetrock in progress
- (2) Cherokee Elders, Community Building – Has begun dirt work and excavation
- (3) Watts, Community Building – Completing flooring & base trim
- (4) Orchard Road Community Organization, Outreach Center Parking lot – Sidewalks & parking lot completed with savings, working on budget modification to remodel kitchen.
- (5) Fairfield, Pavilion – Construction is in progress target completion date May 31.
- (6) Marble City, Walk-in freezer & Dock – Budget modification approved last week
- (7) Oaks Sr. Citizen, Parking lot lights – Awaiting permit from Oaks City Council. Council meeting scheduled for week of May 13.
- (8) South Coffeyville, Classroom/Office – At a standstill until Water and Sanitation complete their portion of running the waterline.

Staff made contact with 29 community organizations regarding insurance on their buildings. As a result, 17 organizations have provided the required information to Risk Management and effective April 1 have insurance on their buildings. Two of the organizations contacted are self insured. Staff continues to make contact with community leaders and assist Risk Management with obtaining the required information for the remaining 10 organizations.

Cemetery Fund

Staff processed 20 Cemetery Restoration Assistance applications during the month of April.

Roads:

Future Plans/New Initiatives – Stimulus Projects are in progress:

1. Cedar Crest Bridge – Mayes – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Due to severe flooding this project sustained damages that are being addressed with Paradigm Construction.

Status on Other Projects:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Chewey Road – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. Revised 60% drawings received 3/22/13. RP working on 90% completion.
2. Dahlongegah South – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen HUB submitted 90% plans on 5/10/13. R/W is currently checking exhibits and easements.
3. Bell North – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. 30% Review and Plan in Hand was complete on 9/19/11. Contract modifications were done to include low water crossings, and changes to the BOP and EOP. Preliminary Community Meeting was held on July 23, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Bell Community Building. Red Plains submitted 60% plans for check on 10/5/2012.
4. CNI Industrial Access – Designer: D. Moore Designer resubmitted 60% plans for check on 1/29/2013. Public notice was published in the Stilwell Democrat on January 23, 2013.
5. Dahlongegah West- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. R/W is complete with research of ownership. Met on site to discuss design concerns with the Engineer on July 26, 2012. Awaiting 30% set of plans.
6. Lyon Switch – Designer: J. Shehi. Project was turned in for a 30% review on 8/20/12. Sent back to designer for revisions on 4/26/13.

7. Malloy Hollow– Designer: D. Moore. 30% check complete. Designer is making revisions. Getting clearance from ODWC for design on their land.
8. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Designer: Red Plains. It was decided to stay with the original alignment. Red Plains submitted 60% plans for check on 10/05/2012.
9. Smith Hollow – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. Red Plains submitted revised 60% on August 22, 2012. R/W is currently checking exhibits and easements. The Categorical Exclusion was approved 11/27/12.
10. Bell School South – (Designer: A. Harris) - Survey is complete. Preliminary Design began 04/2013.
11. Rocky Mountain School Loop-(Designer: A. Harris) -Survey is complete. Preliminary Design began 04/2013.
12. Honey Hill Phase I – (HUB Engineering) – Currently in final check. The condemnation monies of \$16,310.00 has been found and is being deposited in the proper court escrow account. Once the monies have been deposited in its proper account, CN Roads Department can proceed with the bid process for construction.
13. The following projects are still pending design –
 - Bunch Road
 - Chance Road
 - Greasy Rehab – repair to damaged areas due to the heavy trucks hauling building material to the Greasy School during its construction
 - Oak Ridge Road – survey is complete. R/W finished research 7/29/11
 - Oak Ridge East Extension
 - Sally Bull Hollow – Pending design. Right of Way research is complete

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Barber Road- Designer: A. Harris. - -s. - -. - -
2. Cedar Hollow I & II – Designer: Native American Consulting Engineers (NACE). R/W is waiting 30% set of plans be checked to schedule a Preliminary Design meeting with the community. Petition to stop the road was submitted by landowners on November 14, 2011. Meeting with NACE on January 12, 2012 to discuss design options and landowner’s petition against the project. 30% Preliminary plans have been resubmitted for review on December 26, 2012.
3. Dreadfulwater Road – Designer: A. Harris. 30% Plans were submitted for review on 02/14/2013.
4. Hulbert-Lost City – Designer: A. Harris. Hydrology Report was completed and the project has been imported into new software to allow the design to progress. Coordination with utility companies are underway. Project submitted for 60% check on 9/19/2012. HUB Engineering check was received on 3/18/2013. Designer is making revisions.
5. Lost City Road – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Right of way research is complete. Preliminary survey complete. 30% set of plans received 12/27/2011 for review. 30% plan review was completed and submitted to HUB on October 16, 2012.
6. Tenkiller School –Designer: Red Plains. Plans are complete. Acquisition has started and R/W has 39 property owners signed out of 40 property owners at this time. R/W is acquiring R/W on the North and West side of the road project to help expedite the new waterline for that area. The last landowner to acquire was turned over to the county commissioner Mike Ballard 5/2/13. R/W is waiting for Mr. Ballards report to see how to proceed. Received Archeological Report. Received clearance of Utility Easement for

Electric to remain on South side of Road. No underground utilities will be allowed in the area of the gravesites. Archeologies to be on site during excavation.

7. Ross Street- Designer: D. Moore - Survey is complete. Preliminary design is started.
8. The following projects are still pending design:
 - Job Corps Access Road

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. D0525 Road – the engineering and design of this project has been awarded to Scott & Associates, TERO certified.
2. Jay-Kenwood Bridges – The new water system is complete and operational with the exception of the future water treatment expansion. Final design plans are complete. Received NEPA clearance on January 16, 2013. Michael Lynn, John and Regina Compelube had a meeting with County Commissioner Danny Duncan, Councilman Curtis Snell, and the Engineer, Tim McCrary to discuss utility relocations on February 7, 2013. R/W is in the process of preparing, getting signatures and submitting them to CN Real Estate Services.
3. Kansas-Bull Hollow – Designer: Scott & Associates. 60% review was completed on 8/17/2012.
4. Kansas Dry Creek Project- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Right of Way exhibits and easements are being worked on by Holloway Updike & Bellen. 90% plans were submitted for review on 5/10/2013.
5. Leach/Kenwood Road – Designer: D. Moore. Proposed realignment for structure replacement was approved. 60% review was completed August 1, 2012. Waiting for revisions. Public notice was published in the Delaware County Journal on January 20, 2013. HUB Engineering sent back review on 4/12/2013. Designer is making revisions.R/W is currently working on a R/W parcel.
6. Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow Road- Designer: D. Moore. Construction started August 1, 2012. Construction is 50% complete

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Cedar Crest Road – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Rossco Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project. Contract for this project is \$2,244,835.46. Contractor early start began clearing on 7/9/2012 Construction is 90% complete --Asphalt complete
2. Wickliffe Bridge (Salina/Kenwood)- Designer: Guy Engineering (Contracted through the county). Final Plans are complete. NEPA was approved 7/26/12. It was decided that the County Commissioner Mr. Ryan Ball will be acquiring the R/W. CN R/W has found in their research that Nancy Soldier's property is individual Restricted land. Guy Engineering has completed easements and exhibits using the research provided and returned documents to CN R/W for approval. CN R/W has completed the Restricted package and sent it to Real Estate Services to process to the BIA for their approval. Utility relocation has been approved to begin. Relocation will be coordinated by the County and reimbursed by the Nation.
3. The following project is still pending design –
 - Chimney Rock Hollow I&II

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. ABB's were found on the project. The project is on hold until informed otherwise. There is no mitigation for this issue at this time. Plans were submitted for 90% review on 5/10/2013.

2. Ross Road Rehab – Designer: D. Moore . Preliminary survey complete. Began preliminary design. . Borings for pavement design were completed on Friday, February 8, 2013.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Moonshine Road – Designer: J. Shehi. Preliminary survey complete. Began preliminary design
2. Nicut South Rehab- Adair – Designer: D. Moore. Final Review was completed January 10, 2013. Awaiting necessary changes. Sent project to Red Plains for check and sign off by Engineer. Final changes were sent to CN on 03/28/2013. Designer is making changes.

c) CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

The grant application to receive the \$350,000 for continuing transit services for FY 2013 has been executed by Lacey Horn.

Ridership on all five current routes for the month of April are:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 245 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 862 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah - 465 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 177 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 155 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 272 rides
7. Jay to Tahlequah – 170 rides
8. Individual Demand Response Trips: 1724
 - i. Ki Bois Area Transit System: 1,011
 - ii. No report from Grand Gateway,
 - iii. Muskogee County Transit - 0
 - iv. Cimarron Transit – no qualified rides

FUTURE PLANS/NEW INITIATIVES

WATER & SANITATION:

- Working on IHS/EPA Funding Request for FY14.
- Working on 5 year spending/project plan for IHS/Tribal funds for water/wastewater projects
- Preparing to bid the following projects in the next few weeks:
 - Titanic WL- Adair Co.
 - Hungry Mtn WL – Cherokee Co.
 - Kenwood RWD WTP – Delaware Co.
 - Phillips WL – Nowata Co.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

We will have activities on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoons in Cherokee Heights on May 7th, & 14th, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Greasy will have a youth activity on Thursday, May 9th, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.; Lost City will have a youth activity on Thursday, May 16th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the community building; Tailholt will have a youth activity on Thursday, May 30th; Keys Boys and Girls Club will host a community youth activity on Monday, May 6th, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Marryetta Boys and Girls Club will host a community youth activity on Monday, May 13th; from 4

p.m. – 6 p.m.; and Cave Springs Boys and Girls Club will not be open in the summer and school is out on May 10th so we will resume their youth activities in August.

We will also be working with Kansas Middle and High School for their Heritage Days on Friday, May 10th, 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. and will be making corn husk dolls and seed bead necklaces and with Cherokee Children's Mission on Saturday, May 25th, 12 Noon – 3 p.m. and will be making baskets.

I was contacted by Rodney Sapp from Kenwood to see if we would still come out to have youth activities and he is supposed to get back with me on when they would like to have them.

I was also contacted by Nicki Boydston with Chewey community organization and they would like to have youth activities, I gave her the dates we have open and she is supposed to call me after their organization meeting and let me know when they would like to have youth activities.

CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY SERVICES SELF HELP HOUSING AND BUILDING PACKAGES

BUILDING PACKAGES

CHEROKEE COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

ADAIR COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED BUT ONE

200-4 – applicant has not provided proper documentation to proceed.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

MUSKOGEE COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

DELAWARE COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

MAYES COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

ROGERS COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

WASHINGTON COUNTY:

800-1(WASHINGTON)– (start date 06/09) NO CHANGE, this month still waiting on homeowner to get water meter. House is ready to start punch list items. House is at 98 % complete. Home is on hold.

09 HOUSING

- Project 1 - Bid awarded, utilities on site. Footing is dug and poured. 99% complete
- Project 3 - Home 100% complete.
- Project 4 – Out for bid

Repairing all aerobic systems at Redbird and addressing the drainage problems.

Rehab/Emergency/Handicap Accessibility/LBP				
Month/Year of Report: October 2012 thru April 18, 2013				
County	Projected FY 2013	Completed since October 1, 2012	Completed this Month	Total Completed FY 2013
Adair	32	60	7	60
Cherokee	54	77	3	77
Craig	1	9	1	9
Delaware	5	31	2	31
Mayes	25	24	4	24
McIntosh	2	0	0	0
Muskogee	16	22	1	22
Nowata	6	5	0	5
Ottawa	2	3	0	3
Rogers	34	7	0	7
Sequoyah	34	69	10	69
Tulsa	37	4	1	4
Wagoner	5	8	1	8
Washington	21	13	1	13
Total	274	332	31	332

Public Disclosures:

As required by 24 CFR Part 1000.30, services provided to Cherokee Nation Housing Services Employees and Employee relatives from funds received pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), shall be publicly disclosed.

The following applicants have been determined eligible for participation.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE:

The following employee and/or relatives were approved as eligible to receive services for Mortgage Assistance pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

None to report

LOW RENT APARTMENT:

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Low Rent Apartment pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Cynthia Garner; sister to Tracy Peterson at HACN

HOMEOWNERSHIP:

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Homeownership program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

None to report

RENTAL ASSISTANCE/TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE/COLLEGE HOUSING:

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Rental Assistance program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Wanda Jones; mother of Nena Jones at HACN

NEW CONSTRUCTION HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM: (Non-NAHASDA Program)

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for the New Construction Homeownership program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Sydney Elkins; an employee of HACN

Group: Commerce

Month/Year of Report: May 2013

Group Leader: Anna Knight

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Budget Highlights

None

Program Highlights

a. Balanced Scorecard Measures

Objective	Metric	2013 Goal	Year to Date Achievement Notes/Comments
Families Housed	# of Families Obtaining Homeownership with MAP	255 families	62
Homeownership Training	a. # of Families Attending Homeownership Training	a. 800	a. 359
	b. % satisfaction	b. 100%	b. 100%
Families Increasing Financial Management Skills	a. # of Families Increasing Skills	a. 2,500	a. 1,155
	b. % satisfaction	b. 100%	b. 100%
Self Sufficiency Counseling – Household Budgeting, Debt Reduction, & Credit Coaching	# of Families Actively Pursuing Goals or Achieved Goals	750 Families	434 Families
		a. Actively Pursuing	a. 407 families actively pursuing goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7% mortgage ready • 19% short-term • 61% long-term • 2% AMP • 12% credit counseling
		b. Achieved Goals	b. 27 families have completed self sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage
Debt to Income Ratio Reduction	% of Families Reducing non-housing debt to income ratio	> 10%	13.21%
Attrition Rate	% of Families Abandoning Counseling	< 20% Attrition Rate	25.37% Attrition Rate
Families Housed	MAP Foreclosure Rate in Relation to CN Jurisdiction Foreclosure Rate	Within 3% of the low range based on Federal Reserve data	CN jurisdiction foreclosure rate range 4% – 8% (Q3 2012) MAP foreclosure rate 3.2% Foreclosure rate is based on the % of active foreclosure filings/proceedings for MAP distributions made after 05/01/08.
Match Savings Program	# active participants	240	143

b. Notable events

1. The Oklahoma Attorney General’s Office has begun disbursing financial settlements from the **Oklahoma Mortgage Relief Settlement** reached with the five big banks. The AG’s Office received approximately **700 applications from Oklahomans** who believed they were harmed by their lender; as of April 19th, **335 of those applications had been approved and financial settlements were being made. Financial settlements range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 with an average settlement of \$11,173.** The remaining applications are still under review and updates will be provided as additional information is released.

2. Program to date, **424 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.
3. YTD, Self Sufficiency staff members have worked with 25 families facing foreclosure. **Staff helped 4 families save their home from foreclosure.** 11 families are still in the process of trying to save their homes; 0 families have been referred to outside sources for assistance; 10 families have dropped out of the program.

c. Future plans/new initiatives

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
June 3 – June 5	O-Si-Yo Training Room	4 pm to 8 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 10 – June 12	Claremore Housing Office	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 18 – June 19	Sallisaw Housing Office	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 20	Hard Rock Casino	All Day	Credit Counseling

1. A bank fair will be held in the Community Room behind the Restaurant of the Cherokees May 31st from 10 am to 2 pm.
2. A foreclosure intervention workshop will be held at the end of July in conjunction with HUD and mortgage loan servicers. The workshop is targeted at families in the midst of foreclosure; Self Sufficiency Counselors and HUD representatives will be available to help homeowners communicate with the loan servicers and attempt to find some resolution to their housing situation.

d. Foreclosure information

1. The Federal Reserve periodically updates mortgage delinquency data by state and county; below is the most recent Serious Delinquency data, all mortgage types, available from the Federal Reserve. *A request for more recent data has been submitted to the Kansas City Federal Reserve as the data below is almost a year old.*

Serious Delinquency (120 + days) rate by county Q3 2012			
County	Percentage Range	County	Percentage Range
Adair	>8%	Nowata	6% - 8%
Cherokee	6% - 8%	Ottawa	>8%
Craig	6% - 8%	Rogers	6% - 8%
Delaware	6% - 8%	Sequoyah	6% - 8%
Mayes	6% - 8%	Tulsa	4% - 6%
McIntosh	4% - 6%	Wagoner	4% - 6%
Muskogee	6% - 8%	Washington	6% - 8%