

Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Community Services Committee Report

Department: **Human Services**
(368 Employees)

Report For: **April 2012 for May 2012 Meeting**

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Program Highlights for April 2012

1. **ICW Child Protective Services (CPS):** There were 97 referrals of Cherokee child maltreatment from 18 Oklahoma Counties. Ninety-four referrals were sent to OKDHS for investigation. Eight were co-investigated by OKDHS and ICW-CPS (Delaware County). Three were investigated by ICW-CPS on Indian Country. One referral alleged casino involvement. In April there were a total of: 31 referrals alleged physical abuse, 21 alleging neglect, 17 alleged sexual abuse, and 28 alleged parenting issues.
2. **ICW Court Advocacy and Permanency (CAPS) Units:** There are 1348 Cherokee children with assigned ICW workers. ICW workers were involved in 303 hearings regarding these children in April. In April, ICW staff worked on cases in 30 different states of which these children and cases are from the Tribal, State, and Out-Of-District Units.
3. **ICW for Guardianships and Private Adoptions:** ICW currently has a case load of 550 New-Notices from 32 states including the District of Columbia, 987 total children in April. The longest Response-to-Notice was 12 days. There were 25 placements requested in April. There were 5 placements made, and there were 16 placements for children that were not available.
4. **ICW Mayes County Prevention Program:** The MCPP provided services to 69 children and 49 adults in April. There were 2071 school children who attended presentations and there were 114 people who attended community presentations during the month of April.
5. **John Ketcher Youth Shelter:** Twenty youth spent time at the John Ketcher Youth Shelter in April, Four were new admissions and thirteen were carried over from March.
 - a. **Juvenile first time offender program:** There were a total of ten participants and eight successful completions. There were eleven total referrals.
6. **Child Support Services:** The distribution for April was \$191,454. Child Supports Year-to-Date economic impact on our community is \$1,400,070. There are a total of 2,800 child support cases and there are about 900 client contacts per month. The majority of these cases are located only in Sequoyah, Adair, Cherokee, Wagoner, Muskogee, Rogers as we currently only go into those counties for court dockets as well as our Tribal Court system. There were 18 new applications taken in April. Child Support Staff has mailed out Save-the-Date Flyers to schools in the jurisdiction for the School Clothing Voucher Program. We are excited for the outreach events planned in July for eligible Cherokee Children. There will be 12 different dates in July in which applications will be taken and vouchers given out.
7. **Family Assistance (Food Distribution):** There were 8,531 individuals served in April. Year-to-Date Individuals Served: 64,744. In April, the Food Distribution Program was able to staff 38 day workers.
8. **Family Assistance (Elderly Nutrition):** There were 3,515 hot meals served at Elderly Nutrition Sites and 1,284 Elder Nutrition Home Deliveries in April.

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a. Year-to-Date: Hot Meals Served 20,187; Year-to-Date: Home Deliveries 9,882

9. **Family Assistance (LIHEAP):** There were 181 households served for Winter/Summer Crisis in April. We have experienced a delay in the production process for the LIHEAP blanket. The company sent a “strike-off” of the proposed blanket design and the color did not meet the standards we were looking for. New color recommendations were made to the company and we are currently waiting for their next “strike-off”, and we expect that any time. If we get their final art work this week and can get it approved, the company projects that they will have our order shipped before the end of June. Due to the delays in production, we will not be issuing the new blankets until the LIHEAP application process comes around this fall.
10. **Family Assistance (NAHASDA):** There were 24 households served for the month of April within the NAHASDA Program.
11. **Family Assistance (General & Burial Assistance):** 244 individuals were helped within General Assistance and there were 37 Families helped within Burial Assistance in April.
12. **Child Care & Development:** The Child Care Development Center is rated three stars, the highest possible in Oklahoma. There are a total of 126 children attending our Child Care Development Centers; 78.8% of Tahlequah’s attendance is made up of Cherokee Nation Employees. Number of Children Receiving Subsidy in April 1639 for the entire Cherokee Nation jurisdiction and over \$418,000 has been distributed last month alone. There were 188 information calls received, 21 parent calls for referrals, and 31 home visits for technical assistance. There were nine trainings held in five counties in April. Licensing and Monitoring: 40 with a relative provider, 26 with child care centers, and 24 in child care homes.
13. **Office of Veterans Affairs:** We are being told by CN Construction Management that we only have enough funds to put the roof on and the doors and windows in. This portion of the project will be completed around the first of July. Construction Management tells us that they have projections of 1.3 to 1.5 million dollars to complete the Center. At this point, the funding to complete the project has not been identified.
 - a. The Tribal Veteran’s Representative received 49 calls for services in April. He also met with 95 veterans in person. T.V.R. met with Veterans in Stilwell, Jay, Grove, Muskogee, Colcord, and The TVR made four visits to the Veteran’s Administration Medical Centers and Clinics in April. The Color Guard was involved in the NSU Symposium Powwow, the Sequoyah Recognition Dinner and one funeral in April.
14. **Healing to Wellness Court Program:** There were 10 youth participating in the voluntary Reclaiming futures. Four outpatients and three inpatient adolescents were treated at Jack Brown Treatment Center; we have three participating in the drug/alcohol counseling group in Jay, Ok. There were 67 home visits.
15. **Bright Futures (Truancy Prevention):** The Bright Futures program has had 7 new referrals in the month of April. Seventeen families have agreed to service. Thirteen youth have shown improvement in attendance and actively working on the program. There were 11 referrals that are showing improvement in attendance, who did not agree to services. We have 2 new court referrals for the month of April.
 - a. **Adair County Prevention Program:** There weren’t any new case in April. There are 5 adults and 22 children receiving services. We have had nine total cases in April.

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- 16. Challenge Area for the Month:** Child Care Center Teachers (not lead teachers) are hard to find. The qualifications include Child Development Associate Credentials or several college hours in child development. This position is hard work, high stress and lower-paying. People tend to move on to easier, less stressful jobs that pay similarly.
- 17. Success stories: Child Care Center:** Week of the Young Child Activities included reading to children by Tribal dignitaries, visits by firemen and Cherokee Marshals, a parent breakfast, Healthy Snack Giveaway, and other activities. Representative Will Fourkiller and Deputy Chief Joe Crittenden came to visit and read to the children at our Child Care Center in April.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Nowata Food Distribution: We are about to celebrate the grand opening of the Nowata Food Distribution Center and Elderly Nutrition Site on Thursday, June 7th in Nowata. Please come join us!

Group: Community Services **Month/Year of Report:** May 2012
Group Leader: David Southerland **Phone:** 453-5248 **E-mail:** david-southerland@cherokee.org

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Water & Sanitation

- Individual Tribal Water & Sewer funds approximately 83% expended.
- Still awaiting award letter for IHS Regular project funding.
- Kenwood Water project underway. Foundation for new water tower poured and fence going up.
- Installing septic systems and water service lines for the Sparrowhawk Project.
- Met with Cherry Tree Water District. Working to identify projects to improve their system.

Youth Development

- Cherokee Heights had 4 youth activities in April; the 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th; where they made Easter Egg center pieces, did Easter puzzle pages, made elastic band and seed bead bracelets, leather pouches and hand drum rattles, there were from 9 - 22 youth at each meeting for a total of 50 youth, 3 parents, & 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Instead of having youth activities at Kenwood in April, we participated in the Kenwood School's heritage day on April 27th. All students in the Kenwood School are low income and all receive free lunches. We had 110 students who each made a corn bead necklace and a pinch pot. We also handed out flyers for the May Kenwood Community Youth activity and talked to the youth and invited them to attend.
- Greasy had one youth activity on Thursday, April 12th where they made baskets; there were 6 youth, 2 parents/community members & 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Cave Springs Boys & Girls club hosted a community youth activity on Monday, April 23rd, where they made hand drum rattles, there were 14 youth, 2 parent, 1 Cave Springs B&G club staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.

Mailed & handed out 341 copies of flyers about May youth activities to residents, community organizations & participants in Cherokee Heights, Cave Springs, Greasy & Kenwood.

Cherokee First/Community Youth

- Assisted approximately 1350 clients through walk in or phone calls
- Processed 13 sports teams, 4 live stock and 0 youth applications and zero adult applications

1866 Community Youth Fund Applications Funded FY2012

263 Adult Applications Funded 2012

Adair County—564	Nowata County—27	Adair County—73	Nowata County—12
Cherokee County—594	Rogers County—20	Cherokee County—136	Rogers County—1
Craig County—23	Sequoyah County—114	Craig County—0	Sequoyah County—26
Delaware County—116	Tulsa County—18	Delaware County—11	Tulsa County—0
Mayes County—62	Wagoner County—11	Mayes County—6	Wagoner County—0
Muskogee County—43	Washington County—3	Muskogee County—4	Washington County—0
McIntosh County—0	Ottawa County—2	McIntosh County—0	Ottawa County—0

273 Adult applications on hold due to lack of funding

Adair County—145	Nowata County—2
Cherokee County—82	Rogers County—5
Craig County—1	Sequoyah County—25
Delaware County—2	Tulsa County—1
Mayes County—0	Wagoner County—0
Muskogee County—3	Washington County—7
McIntosh County—0	Ottawa County—0

Cotta:

- COTTA Staff provided Cherokee Community leaders 833 hours of training
- 30 unique Cherokee Community Organizations requested technical assistance from COTTA. Of these 4 are new organizations working with COTTA.

Adair Co Boys & Girls	Kenwood EDU Org.
Belfonte Cherokee Community Org	Lyons Community Org
Briggs Community	Marble City Longhouse
CC Camp	Matthew 25 House
Cherokee Basket Weavers Assoc	Oakhill Piney
Cherokee Elders Council	Oaks Family Care Min
Coowescoowee Cherokees	Salina Pow Wow Club*
Fairfield Community Organization	Star of Bethlehem
Family Care Ministries	Stilwell Public Library Friends
Friends of Catoosa Library	Stilwell Senior Citizens
Family Support Center of Oaks	Three Rivers Area Comm Enrichment
Golden Mind Learning Foundation*	Vian Peace Center
Greasy Community Fellowship	Vian Reserve
Inola Voluntary Animal Rescue*	Washington County Cherokee
Jeremiah 29 Foundation	Watts Community Organization*

*New organization requesting COTTA assistance

- **At-Large Cherokee Communities** hosted two community meetings at either end of California's central valley as well as meetings in Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Oklahoma.

At-Large	# Pres
Cherokee Community of Central California, Bakersfield	130
Cherokees of Northern Central Valley, Sacramento, CA	200
Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area, San Francisco, CA	
Greater Wichita Area Cherokee Community, Wichita, KS	30
Kansas City Cherokee Community, KC, MO	73
Colorado Cherokee Circle, Denver, CO	
Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance, OKC	27

- A total of 21 At-large community organizations representing 9 states were contacted during the month to assist them in planning future programs. COTTA staff provided 1764 hours of training and service to 481 of our at-large citizens.
- **Volunteer Program** prepared for the coming summer season.
- **Community Building/Works** worked with 13 communities this month:

Brushy Community Action Org	Native American Fellowship
Cherokee Arts & Humanities Council	Oakhill Piney
Fairfield Community Organization	Oaks Senior Citizens Center
Flute Springs Community Org	Orchard Road Comm Outreach
Kenwood Community Assoc	Rocky Mountain Cherokee Comm Org
Lyons Switch	Star of Bethlehem Youth Center
Marble City Food Pantry	

- **Community Building/Works** signed 10 contracts for 2012 totaling \$258,801.40

Roads:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

- Chewey Road – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. Red Plains is working on the 60% Review Plan revisions.
- Dahlongegah South – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen 60% plans are ready to be checked. R/W is checking the Exhibits and Easements at this time Hydrology Reports was received and soil reports were received 2/1/12.
- The following projects are currently under design –
 - 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.
 - CNI Industrial Access – Designer: J. Shehi. Preliminary design alignment has been submitted for check. Met with Bud Squirrel and Tim Kidd with Food Distribution at 10:00am and Doyle Czapansky with Faset at 1:30pm on March 2 to discuss their scheduling and operation procedures so we can determine how to phase construction.
 - Dahlongegah West- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. R/W is complete with research of ownership. Ownership was mailed out 12/12/11 to HUB. HUB has emailed some comments and questions on 2/9/12 that they would like addressed before they submit a 30% Review.
 - Lyon Switch – Designer: J. Shehi. Preliminary design has started.
 - Malloy Hollow– Designer: D. Moore. Preliminary Design has started.
 - North Salem (Bethel Road) – Designer: Red Plains. 30% Review and Plan in Hand was completed on 9/22/11. It was decided to stay with the original alignment.
 - Smith Hollow – Red Plains submitted revised 60% Construction Drawings, revised hydrology and hydraulic report, and geotechnical report on 12/13/11 for review.
- The following projects are still pending design –
 - Bell School South – Survey is complete.
 - Oak Ridge – survey is complete. R/W finished research 7/29/11.
 - Rocky Mountain School Loop
 - Sally Bull Hollow – Pending design. Right of Way research is complete

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

- Barber Road- Designer: Andy Harris. Project is awarded to Glover & Associates. Construction is 55 % complete. contractor installing drainage pipes and constructing subgrade
- The following projects are still under design –
 - Cedar Hollow I & II – Designer: Native American Consulting Engineers (NACE). 30% Preliminary plans have been submitted for review. 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.
 - Dreadfulwater Road – Designer: Andy Harris. No change
 - Hulbert-Lost City – Designer: Andy Harris. Hydrology Report was completed and the project has been imported into new software to allow the design to progress.

- **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.
Tenkiller School –Designer: Red Plains. Plans are complete. Appraiser has started appraisals, R/W can finish R/W packages for acquisition and schedule a acquisition meeting once the appraiser has completed all of the appraisals.
- **Shady Grove Loop Rehab – Designer: Travis Small Circuit Engineering District (CED).** Cooperative project between Cherokee Nation and Cherokee County. Country provided the engineering, right of way acquisition, and utility relocation and the Nation will be responsible for the construction portion such as bidding, contractor selection, contract award, and construction monitoring. Project received 7 bids with Glover & Associates being the lowest bidder. 1 TERO bid was submitted but was \$301,078.60 higher than Glover & Associates. No construction start date has been established at this time.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

- **Jay-Kenwood Road – no change R/W** has been working with Rose/McCrary on the Bridges and the bridges are in the 95% stage of completion. Once the exhibits are completed CN R/W will prepare the Tribal packages for each bridge and present to Real Estate Services. Final design plans are complete.
- **Kansas-Bull Hollow – Designer: Scott & Associates.** Preliminary design has started. Regina Compelube and John Compelube completed an in-field Plan Review 10/12/11. 60% plans were received 08/18/11 but waiting on correction to hydrology. Contract Engineer did not submit plans for 30% check so we believe the plans are less than 60% complete. Once the 30-60% plans are reviewed R/W will schedule a community meeting.
- **Kansas Dry Creek Project- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen.** Right of Way exhibits and easements are being worked on by Holloway Updike & Bellen. R/W received exhibits and easements 10/12/11. 60% Plans were submitted for review on 10/25/11. Hydrology and Soil reports were submitted 2/1/2012.
- **Leach/Kenwood Road – Designer: D. Moore.** Proposed realignment for structure replacement was approved and project is ready for 60% review.
- **Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow Road- Designer: D. Moore.** Bid advertisement began on 04/23/12. Bid opening scheduled 05/24/12.
- **The following projects are still pending design –**
 - D0525 Road

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

- **Cedar Crest Road – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen.** Ross Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project. Contract for this project is \$2,244,835.46. The contractor is scheduled to start construction on July 16, 2012. Wickliffe Bridge (Salina/Kenwood)- Designer: Guy Engineering (Contracted through the county). Final Plans are complete. Waiting on NEPA, Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocations.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

- **Northeast Fort Gibson- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen.** Soil report was submitted 2/1/12. HUB sent a set of Construction and R/W plans to CN R/W 1/26/12. These were not 60% complete a lot of missing info. John C. talked with Regina C. and she stated that the plans were not 60% complete. Until HUB sends in a complete 60% set of plans for Design to Check a acquisition meeting will be on HOLD until R/W is notified that we can proceed.

- The following project(s) are still pending design –
 - Ross Road Rehab

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

- Moonshine Road – Preliminary survey complete. design pending
- Nicut South Rehab- Adair – Designer: Don Moore. Final plans submitted on 11/22/11.

Cherokee Transit System:

The FY 2011 FTA Grant has been awarded to the Cherokee Nation in the amount of \$450,000. This funding will go toward continuing services and the CNG conversion of two current buses.

Due to computer difficulties, Pelivan was unable to provide numbers in time for this month's report.

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

- Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 220 rides
- Pryor to Catoosa – rides
- Salina to Tahlequah - rides
- Stilwell to Tahlequah – 335 rides
- Muskogee to Tahlequah – 333 rides
- Tahlequah to Claremore – 354 rides
- Jay to Tahlequah – rides
- Individual Demand Response Trips – 90 rides KATS only

FUTURE PLANS/NEW INITIATIVES

Roads:

- Cedar Crest Bridge – Mayes – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Plans are complete. Paradigm Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project. Contract for this project is \$1,965,518.30. The contractor is scheduled to start construction on May 14, 2012.
- Little Lee Creek Bridge (located on Nicut South Road)– Designer: Circuit Engineering District (CED) through Sequoyah County. Paradigm Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project by the Roads Department. Contract for this project is \$830,354.55. The contractor is scheduled to start construction on May 21, 2012.

Youth Development:

We will have activities on Tuesday afternoons in Cherokee Heights in May, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Kenwood has one youth activity scheduled on May 24th, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Greasy has a youth activity meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 10th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.; Maryetta Boys and Girls Club will be closed on their scheduled day in May but will be open again for Community Youth Activities again in June; Cave Springs Boys and Girls Club will be closed for the summer, we passed out flyer to the youth there inviting them to join us at Greasy for Youth Activities.; we are still talking to youth and community members about having youth activities in other Cherokee communities.

We are working on learning to put together new projects, language lessons and leadership exercises to use at future youth activities and teaching each other skills we have and making sure everyone is teaching the same way so we will not confuse the youth and working on getting together images, phrases, and lesson plans so we can start recording Cherokee speakers and completing lessons for the DSi cartridges so we can program the cartridges.

COTTA

- Continue working through the 28 Sub-Award organization's technical assistance plans.
- Finalize plans for the community leaders' summit in June.
- Coordinate with community groups on their Community Building/Community Works grants projects
- Assist community groups in planning for summer volunteer group projects.

Water & Sanitation

- Final preparations for submittal of projects for next years funding. Projects due June 15th.

CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY SERVICES SELF HELP HOUSING AND BUILDING PACKAGES

District 1—CHEROKEE

- Project 100-5 (start date 07/2010) House is complete
- Project 100-8 (start date 07/2011) House is complete.

District 2—ADAIR

- Project 200-2 Applicant selected site at Fairfield. Ready to bid.
- Project 200-4 Still waiting on documentation from applicant
- Project 200-6 Home is complete.

District 5—DELAWARE

- Project 500-5 Well has been drilled, well is usable; ready for bid

District 7—ROGERS

- 700-1(ROGERS) – (start date 03/07) Applicant is being removed from the program for failure to meet program objectives. House is at 53% ready for bid. Waiting on environmental to contract.
- 700-2(ROGERS) – (start date 03/07) Applicant is being removed from the program for failure to meet program objectives. House is at 55% ready for bid. Waiting on environmental to contract.
- Project 700-3 House is at complete

District 8—WASHINGTON

- Project 800-1 (start date 06/09) No change, still awaiting water meter set so rural water can be installed. House is ready to start punch list items. House is at 98% complete

District 9—CRAIG

- Project 900-1 (start date 08/2011) House is complete.

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Group: Housing Services **Month/Year of Report:** June 11, 2012

Group Leader: David Southerland **Phone:** (918) 453-5248

I. Budget Highlights

Housing Services Employees:

	9	Administrative
	60	Housing Management
	46	Low Rent
	3	New Dev
	86	Rehab
Total	204	

Housing Authority Board meeting for April is scheduled for June 19, 2012, at the Alyene Hogner Conference Room starting at noon.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Foreclosure Report

	COUNTY	FORECLOSURE NOTICE RECEIVED	DATE ASSISTANCE RECEIVED	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	AMOUNT DUE CHEROKEE NATION
	Adair	10/14/11	07/08/09	MAP	\$ 11,638.00
	Cherokee	10/18/2011	4/20/2009	MAP	\$ 11,263.00
	Cherokee	3/29/2012	10/1/2008	MAP	\$ 9,638.00
	Cherokee	4/10/2012	2/1/2007	MAP	\$ 7,138.00
New	Cherokee	5/18/2012	12/26/2007	MAP	\$ 8,375.00
	Delaware	10/19/2011	9/8/2006	MAP	\$ 7,263.00
	Mayes	3/14/2012	10/13/2009	MAP	\$ 11,263.00
	Mayes	4/10/2012	12/1/2004	MAP	\$ 2,596.33
	Mayes	4/19/2012	12/5/2008	MAP	\$ 10,000.00
	Rogers	10/12/2011	6/6/2007	MAP	\$ 8,388.00
	Rogers	12/21/2011	4/1/2003	MAP	\$ 1,263.00
	Rogers	12/30/2011	2/1/2008	MAP	\$ 9,013.00
	Rogers	3/16/2012	9/1/2008	MAP	\$ 9,763.00
New	Rogers	5/2/2012	8/30/2007	MAP	\$ 7,875.00
	Sequoyah	10/18/2011	6/19/2007	MAP	\$ 8,513.00
	Sequoyah	10/20/2011	7/27/2009	MAP	\$ 11,638.00
	Sequoyah	10/3/2011	1/25/2007	MAP	\$ 7,888.00
	Sequoyah	11/1/2011	7/14/2006	MAP	\$ 4,679.67
	Sequoyah	2/9/2012	1/31/2008	MAP	\$ 8,888.00
	Washington	3/2/2012	9/4/2009	MAP	\$ 11,263.00
	Washington	3/10/2012	10/2/2007	MAP	\$ 8,263.00
	Washington	3/12/2012	5/30/2007	MAP	\$ 7,763.00

b.) Accomplishments/Current Events

**CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
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<i>Program</i>	<i>Families</i>			
	<i>Participating at October 1, 2011</i>	<i>New Participants in FY 2012</i>	<i>New Participants this Month</i>	<i>Total Families Served in FY 2012</i>
Community Shield	2,300	135	49	2,484
Mutual Help	1,317	16	6	1,339
Low Rent	805	129	4	938
Title VI	270	-		270
Total	4,692	280	59	5,031

Rehab/Emergency/Handicap Assessibility/LBP

<i>County</i>	<i>Completed</i>			
	<i>Projected FY 2012</i>	<i>Since October 1, 2011</i>	<i>Completed this Month</i>	<i>Total Completed FY 2012</i>
Adair	32	61	18	79
Cherokee	54	37	12	49
Craig	11	8	0	8
Delaware	32	23	8	31
Mayes	25	15	1	16
McIntosh	2	1	0	1
Muskogee	16	13	3	16
Nowata	6	7	0	7
Ottawa	2	2	0	2
Rogers	34	10	2	12
Sequoyah	34	49	14	63
Tulsa	37	6	0	6
Wagoner	5	2	0	2
Washington	21	8	0	8
Total	311	242	58	300

III. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

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, shall be publicly disclosed.

HOME REHABILITATION:

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

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Karen and Billy
Sellers Sister to Housing Services Employee Buffalo Sellers
Shawn Rolston Cousin to Housing Services Employee Steve Rolston

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE/HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY:

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

Stanley Shell Brother to Housing Services Employee Joyce Green

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

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

Adam James Son of Housing Services Employee Mary James

LOW RENT APARTMENT

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

Tyler Mathis Son of Housing Services Employee Kim Real

HOMEOWNERSHIP

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

Ryan Callahan Cousin to Housing Services employee Kim Real
Lanae Mike Grandmother is Housing Services employee Sandra Bendabout

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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

Group: Commerce

Month/Year of Report: June 2012

Group Leader: Anna Knight

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Budget Highlights

None

Program Highlights

a. Balanced Scorecard Measures

Objective	Metric	2011 Goal	Year to Date Achievement Notes/Comments
Families Housed	# of Families Obtaining Homeownership	300 Housed	69 families have been housed
Homeownership Training	a. # of Families Attending Homeownership Training	a. 800	a. 311
	b. % satisfaction	b. 95%	b. 100%
Families Increasing Financial Management Skills	a. # of Families Increasing Skills	a. 450	a. 1,267
	b. % satisfaction	b. 95%	b. 99.95%
Self Sufficiency Counseling – Household Budgeting, Debt Reduction, & Credit Coaching	# of Families Actively Pursuing Goals or Achieved Goals	750 Families	491 Families
		a. Actively Pursuing	a. 462 families actively pursuing goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% mortgage ready • 111% short-term • 62% long-term • 3% AMP • 11% credit counseling
		b. Achieved Goals	b. 29 families have completed self sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage
Attrition Rate	% of Families Abandoning Counseling	< 20% Attrition Rate	25.30% Attrition Rate
Market Rate Qualifiers	% of Families Qualifying for Market Rate Loans	75% Market Rate	95.24% Market Rate Qualifiers – does not include mobile home purchases
Families Housed	MAP Foreclosure Rate in Relation to CN Jurisdiction Foreclosure Rate	Within 3%	CN jurisdiction foreclosure rate 3.5% (Q2 2011) MAP foreclosure rate 2.3% Foreclosure rate is based on the % of active foreclosure filings/proceedings for MAP distributions made after 05/01/08.
Match Savings Program	# active participants	200	127

b. Notable accomplishments

1. Program to date, **365 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.
2. YTD, Self Sufficiency staff members have worked with 39 families facing foreclosure. **Staff helped 7 families save their home from foreclosure.** 19 families are still in the process of trying to save their homes; 9 families have been referred to outside sources for assistance; 4 families have dropped out of the program.
3. The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** kicked off January 23rd. Cherokee Nation staff offered free tax preparation and filing services in twelve communities throughout tax season.

1,553 taxpayers took advantage of this service and received over \$1.7 million in refunds with over \$779,220 in Earned Income Tax Credit.

Tax Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 to date
Returns Filed	2,311	1,785	2,118	2,681	1,553
Total Refunds	\$1,541,835	\$1,946,918	\$2,650,028	\$3,574,658	\$2,215,918

The average Adjusted Gross Income of families who utilized the VITA site was \$23,504.

Families received on average \$1,745 in tax refunds.

Families who utilized the VITA sites received a total of \$1,289,056 in tax credits alone!

Tax preparation fees vary widely and are dependent on a number of factors including the preparer and the fee structure utilized (some preparers charge based on the number of credits claimed, the number of tax forms completed, etc.) however the low end average tax preparation fee is \$175.

VITA preparers saved low to moderate income families in the Cherokee Nation's jurisdiction at a minimum \$271,775 in tax preparation and filing fees.

c. Future plans/new initiatives

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
May 12	Tahlequah	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 12	Sallisaw	5 pm to 9 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 14-15	Claremore	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 22-23	Sallisaw	5 pm to 9 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 5 -6	Tahlequah	3 pm to 10 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 12-14	Claremore	5 pm to 9 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 19-20	Sallisaw	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 26-27	Jay	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 10-12	Claremore	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 16-18	Sallisaw	5 pm to 9 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 30-31	Tahlequah	9 am to 4 pm	Homebuyers Training

Commerce has requested funding to provide **MAP to 255 families in FY12**. Commerce has only operated the Mortgage Assistance Program for 2 ½ years, and two of those years have likely been skewed because of the tax incentives in FY10 and then the reduced number of buyers in the market during FY11. We believe that FY12 should put us back on track with Mortgage Assistance Program performance since its inception; program to date, on average 240 families utilize MAP annually.

d. Foreclosure information

1. Cumulative MAP foreclosure rate is 3.5%; this figure is based on the active foreclosure filings for MAP all MAP distributions (FY05 – FY12).

2. Housing analysts predict the **nationwide foreclosure crisis will continue for the next two to three years** as a result of lenders slowing down their foreclosure process. Lenders are holding approximately 850,000 foreclosed homes on their books and another 1.1 million homes are in earlier stages of foreclosure. Experts estimate another three million homes will be foreclosed before the housing market stabilizes.
3. Mortgage delinquencies actually fell in Q2 2011 but Housing Analysts warn against getting too excited because they believe delinquency rates are improving as a result of the sudden tightened lending standards in 2008 after 10 years of frenzied mortgage lending. Those mortgages made after 2008 under the more stringent lending standards are performing much better than loans written during the early 2000s.
4. The Federal Reserve periodically updates mortgage delinquency data by state and county. As information is updated, we will provide statistics in the monthly report. **Serious Delinquency (120 + days) rate by county Q4 2011**, all mortgage types (*source: Federal Reserve*):

County	Seriously Delinquent (%)	County	Foreclosure Rate (%)
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	6% - 8%	Wagoner	4% - 6%
Muskogee	4% - 6%	Washington	6% - 8%

5. **Oklahoma was the only state that did not agree to the recently announced \$25 billion mortgage relief settlement** that was reached between 49 states and the five big banks (Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, Citigroup, Ally Financial and Wells Fargo). OK Attorney General Scott Pruitt negotiated a separate agreement with the five big banks because he believed the national settlement had gone beyond the scope of the Attorneys General. As a result, **AG Pruitt turned down \$10.2 million** that would go to victims of unlawful or unfair foreclosure practices; **Oklahoma will still receive the \$18.6 million that can be used for any purpose the state desires** – AG Pruitt has stated the full \$18.6 million will go directly to victims of abusive foreclosure practices.

Who is eligible? People are eligible if they experienced wrongful conduct during the foreclosure process (documents being signed electronically that require verification by a person, or dual tracking where the mortgage company continued the foreclosure process despite ongoing loan modification discussions). **The mortgage loan must have also been held by one of the five banks.** A restitution claim form is currently posted on the Oklahoma Attorney General’s website however exact eligibility guidelines have not been established yet. We will continue monitoring the Oklahoma Attorney General’s Office for updates and will pass on the information as soon as it becomes available.

The \$25 billion settlement is not an all cash settlement; a portion will be cash settlements that go directly to states to be used in two ways: 1) a portion of funds will go directly to foreclosure abuse

victims and to establish and 2) the remaining portion will go to states to use however they see fit for any purpose. The non-cash portion of the settlement comes in the form of credits. The banks will earn "credits" for each loan that is modified, restructured or re-written mortgages to 5.25% for owners who cannot qualify for refinancing. The banks have three years to earn all their credits and if in that time, there is still a balance due, that amount will be paid as a cash settlement to the states. Even though Oklahoma refused the national settlement, **Oklahomans will likely still benefit from loan modifications, blight remedies, short sales and principal reductions required as part of the agreement** because of the credits the five big banks will be earning.