

Marijuana Laws in Indian Country
Breakout Session at NCAI Executive Council Winter Session
Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street, NW, Washington DC
February 23, 2015
(Agenda as of 2-11-15)

1:30 – 2:15pm Pre-Session on Research and Policy

Moderated by John Dossett and Malia Villegas, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

An informal pre-session discussing research and policy related to marijuana, focusing on Native youth usage data, concerns about cognitive development in youth, and policy options considered in other jurisdictions. We will preview the DOJ Policy.

2:30-5:30pm Main Session - -Understanding the Department of Justice Policy Memorandum on Marijuana in Indian Country

In October 2014 the Department of Justice issued a Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in Indian Country, as a result of legalization in several Western states. The memorandum raises legal, political and policy issues that are unique to each reservation and state, and urges each tribe to consult with their U.S. Attorney. Many tribes are opposed to legalization, and others are considering a range of options. This breakout session will focus on the information and discussion to assist tribal leaders considering marijuana policy in Indian Country.

Welcome and Opening -- Brian Cladoosby – NCAI President

Federal Panel

John Walsh, U.S. Attorney for Colorado

Tim Purdon, U.S. Attorney for North Dakota

Charles Addington, Deputy Associate BIA Director, Justice Services

Tribal Leader Panel - To Be Announced

Tribal Attorneys Panel

Lael Echo-Hawk, Garvey Schubert Barer

Charles Galbraith, Kilpatrick Townsend

John Peebles, Fredericks, Peebles & Morgan