



## Veteran Training Summit – Western & Central Regions

Wednesday April 9, 2014 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

7:30am-5:00pm	Registration open
8:15am – 8:45am	Opening Ceremonies Welcome Address/Moderator: Peter Vicaire & Terry Bentley Post Colors – Nez Perce & Coeur d’Alene Color Guards Invocation – Bessie Scott Greetings From Host Tribes: Silas Whitman, Chairman, Nez Perce Tribe
8:45am – 9:15am	OTGR Updates & Goals for Meeting – Jerry Gidner, Acting Director
9:15am – 10:15am	Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Programs – VHA – Ron Opsal VA for VETS – Bob Mortenson Wyakin Warrior Foundation – Roy Ledesma & Todd Monroe
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am – 11:00am	Update from the Administrator Idaho State DVA – David Brasuell
11:00am – 11:30am	Update from the Director VBA Idaho Regional Office – Kathryn Malin
11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch – On Your Own
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Fully Developed Claims – Rocky Davis, Idaho State VSO
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Veteran Treatment Courts / Veterans Justice Outreach – Kristi Woodward
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Social Security Administration (SSA) – Overview of Benefits – Kristen Biddiscombe
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Tricare Benefits Briefing – Patty Staats
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Break
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Listening Session with Senior VA Leaders – Q&A Session Dr. Tommy Sowers, Assistant Secretary for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs Mr. Jerry Gidner, Acting Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations Mr. Larry Carroll, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 20 Director Mr. Brian Westfield, Director, VA Walla Walla Ms. Linda Reynolds, Director, VA Spokane Ms. Kathryn Malin, Director, VBA Boise Regional Office Mr. David Brasuell, Administrator, Idaho State Department of Veterans Affairs
4:30pm-4:45pm	Changes in Beneficiary Travel – Tray Bennett
4:45pm-5:00pm	Update from Spokane American Indian Veteran Advisory Council Steve Moffitt & Tammy Maple
5:00 – 5:05pm	Wrap Up for Day
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Nez Perce Ant & the Yellowjacket – Lapwai Nimipuutimt Club – Light Refreshments

Thursday April 10, 2014 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

7:30am	Registration open
8:15am	Introduction of Guest Speakers/Moderator: Peter Vicaire & Terry Bentley
8:15am – 9:15am	Reimbursement Agreements with VA and Tribal Health Programs – Majed Ibrahim, Chief Business Office & Julian Matthews, Nez Perce THP on panel
9:15am – 9:45am	Native American Direct Home Loan (NADL) / BIA / HUD – VACO - Ivonne Perez BIA – Michele Hensel / Gina Eastman HUD – Iris Friday
9:45am – 10:15am	Break
10:15am-10:45am	Suicide Prevention – Dr. Quinn Bastian / Kurt Rossbach
10:45am – 11:15am	VHA Services for Housing / Homelessness / Treatment / Preventions – Ron Opsal, LICSW
11:15am – 11:45am	VISN20 Camp Chaparral Program – Cedric Decory
11:45am – 12:00pm	Retire Colors / Closing Prayer
12:00pm	Adjourn



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Spokane Vet Center Mobile Unit will also be on site both days for PTSD counseling.

