


SOBER SQUAD

“To Empower and Support Individuals in Recovery to Build Healthier Communities”



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COLIN CASH ___ AN IDEA BORN FROM A NARRATIVE

GARY BRANCHAUD ___ NURTURED WITH THE HELP OF THE COMMUNITY

RANDELL SAM ___ SHARED ACTION WITH AN IDEA POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DENT THE WORLD



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A COMMUNITY IN NEED

- 25 year Joint Powers Agreement ending July 2016 – 32 officers
- 24 overdose deaths in 24 months in a population of 1400
- 1 fatal police shooting
- 2 homicides
- <https://opioidmisusetool.norc.org/> Opioids/Native American/County
- Social Norms/Culture



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BREAKING POINT

Termination
Joint Powers
agreement

Fatal police
shooting/
2 homicides

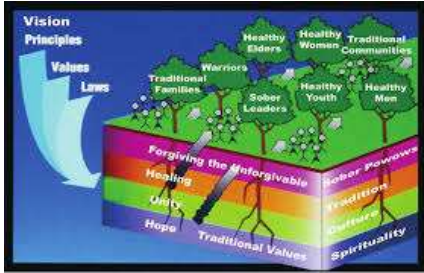
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A VISION FOR THE FUTURE.....

- What does your vision for a safe healthy happy community look like?



"THE PESSIMIST COMPLAINS ABOUT THE WIND
THE OPTIMIST EXPECTS IT TO CHANGE
THE REALIST ADJUSTS THE SAILS."
WILLIAM A. WARD

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THERE IS HOPE!

- American Indian Movement (A.I.M) 1968
- A Honour of All: The story of Alkali Lake 1940-1985
- Standing Rock 2016
- Natives Against Heroin 2016
- **Alcoholics Anonymous 1939**



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EITHER YOU HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE OR YOUR ON SOMEONE'S MENU

- Brining community members into discussions
- Exposure is key
- Talking with professionals
- Education and Support/Learning about the many pathways to recovery
- It takes a village to raise a child



All advocacy is, at its core, an exercise in empathy.

Samantha Power



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SOCIAL MEDIA

- Started documenting journey in recovery – Not Anonymous
- Showing access points to healthier lifestyle
- Access to Culture
- Access to Support groups
- Push back against stigma/Celebrate successes
- Paving a path for others to follow and not be ashamed-reach out
- Show that recovery doesn't just happen in the church basement



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ADVOCACY

- Healthier Lifestyle
- Public Presence
 - Social Media
 - Smudge walks
 - Percap Patrol
 - Education-MRC
 - Support Groups
 - Transportation
 - Culture
- Changing Social Norms

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ADVOCACY CONT..

- Showing HOPE and speaking out
- #ThisIsWhatRecoveryLooksLike

Colin Cash

Randell Sam

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YOU CANNOT SOLVE A PROBLEM TRIMMING AROUND THE EDGES

Sober Squad

Harm Reduction

Outreach/Advocacy

Detox/Assesment

Inpatient Treatment

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Individual with Substance Use Disorder

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WHY DO WE DO IT?

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RECOVERY WORKS

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GARY BRANCHAUD



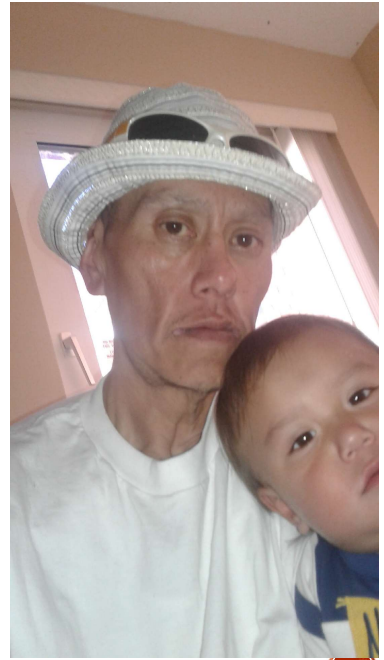
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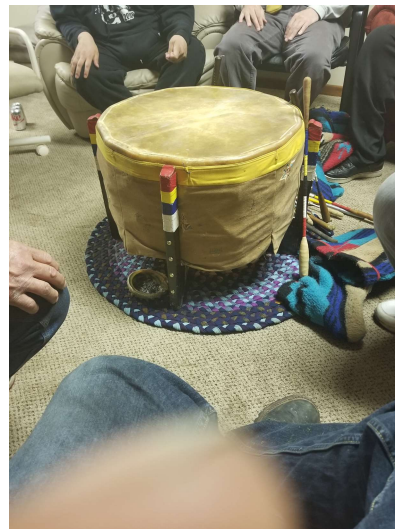
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RANDELL SAM



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FINDING MYSELF



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IMPACT



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS HOW PEOPLE CHOOSE TO MANAGE THEIR ADDICTION!!



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A DREAM SUPPORTED



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