SOBER SQUAD

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

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
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/](https://opioidmisusetool.norc.org/) Opioids/Native American/County
- Social Norms/Culture

BREAKING POINT

Termination Joint Powers agreement
Fatal police shooting/2 homicides
25 overdose deaths in 24 months
A VISION FOR THE FUTURE......

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

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

- Bringing 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

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
ADVOCACY

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

ADVOCACY CONT..

- Showing HOPE and speaking out
- #ThisIsWhatRecoveryLooksLike
YOU CANNOT SOLVE A PROBLEM TRIMMING AROUND THE EDGES

MAT?  
Harm Reduction  
Individual with Substance Use Disorder  
Outreach/Advocacy  
Detox/Assessment  
Inpatient Treatment  
Sober Squad

WHY DO WE DO IT?
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FINDING MYSELF
IMPACT

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

A DREAM SUPPORTED