

Operation Honoring and Supporting Our Modern Day Protectors

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**TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
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Behavioral Health and Public Safety

A PARTNERSHIP MODEL TO SUPPORT OUR PROTECTORS

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Overview

Behavioral Health and Public Safety Long-Term Goals

- Support the mental health needs of tribal police and security personnel
- Reduce stigma surrounding mental health by promoting resilience, respect and collaboration
- Provide educational support/training
- Relieve some of the burden on law enforcement to “be all things to all people”



How It Happened

SAMHSA COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant

- Some grant activities are not related to Public Safety
- For Public Safety
 - One Public Safety Liaison—a Licensed Professional Counselor in Behavioral Health—to provide support to law enforcement
 - Project Director—a Licensed Professional Counselor with experience in integrated therapy, crisis prevention and intervention



Public Safety Liaison Roles and Responsibilities

PROFESSIONAL

Support for officer job duties

- ▶ Assessment/recommendation for potential crisis situations or further evaluation of situations encountered while performing job duties
- ▶ Immediate contact through iPad

Education/Training

PERSONAL

Support for the officer

- ▶ Debriefing, processing
- ▶ Brief therapy, solution-focused therapy
- ▶ Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- ▶ Referral/recommendation for further treatment



Policy and Procedure

Procedure includes three screening and assessment tools

One tool for measuring effects of COVID-19

- Stoddard-Kaufman Coronavirus Impact Scale

Two evidenced-based tools for screening potential depressive disorders and assessing suicide risk

- Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)
- Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS)



*Official Policy and Procedure is currently in draft form and awaiting approval by Choctaw Nation Leadership and Governing Board

Challenges



- Documentation—Where/How to Document
 - Electronic Health Records template in Employee Health
- Support versus Assessment
 - Separating officer support from officer assessment or “fit for duty” evaluation
- CDIB and Non-CDIB Officers
 - Ensuring support for all officers working for Choctaw Nation, regardless of personal tribal enrollment
- Staff Availability
 - 24/7 is too much for one person