

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Community/Team Name:** Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

**Geographic Area:** Leech Lake

**HCP Round/Years:** Round 15, October 2004 – September 2006

### **Project Focus:**

To improve the lives of all community members on the Leech Lake Reservation by establishing task forces who will focus on concerns, complete action plans and organize for success.

### **Vision/Purpose Statement:**

Reclaiming our traditional values through intergenerational unity and healing.

### **Follow Up Grants and Loans:**

- \$2,300,000 – Bena Community Center (Various Grant Agencies) (2006)
- \$20,000 – Bremer Bank LaCrosse Project (2006)
- \$75,000 – Bremer Bank “Get Out to Vote” non-profit organization (2006)
- \$185,000 – State of Minnesota Housing Project (2006)
- \$43,000 – Department of Justice (Training conservation officers) (2006)
- \$7,500 – I.F. Meth Initiative (2006)

### **Priorities:**

- Substance abuse prevention
- Law Enforcement - safer communities
- Housing - more houses
- Parents - taking control of their children
- Communities - more unified
- Communication - communities informing other communities on what is going on in each other communities
- Drugs/violence - alcohol and drug free reservation
- Tribal government - leadership
- Education - quality schools and training
- Traditions/culture - language and cultural programs for all ages

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Establishment of the Native Partners Community Group (a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe volunteer community action group). Task force key Focus:
  1. Youth Activities
  2. Unity in the Communities
  3. Wellness Center
  4. Elimination of Drugs and Alcohol, 2006
- Memorandum of Agreement between the Leech Lake Area Boys and Girls, Housing and Leech Lake Reservation, authorizing the establishment of Boys and Girls Club throughout the LLR (2006)
- Forum at the Palace Casino (Nov. 2005)
- Task force has met monthly to develop a wellness center (2006)
- Tribal Council and Division Directors acknowledge the drug and violence on the LLR and recognize something needs to be done (2006)

- Group is doing Meth Coalition (2006)
- Community Substance Abuse visioning session held (over 100 in attendance) (2006)
- Dealing with substance abuse was HCP groups #1 priority (2006)
- Coalition formed to address substance abuse issues (2006)
- Band decided to hire Meth program coordinator (Summer 2008)

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