

OSEU Review Team Work

Days 1 & 2

Day one of the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings Review Team's work began with a blessing from Elder Duane Hollow Horn Bear. The team spent the rest of the morning reviewing the History and Introduction sections from the 2012 OSEU document to get a sense of the ongoing vision within which their work is situated. The team generated a guiding list of key ideas from the document itself and from the Elders present for their work over the next day and a half. That afternoon, the team broke into 4 smaller groups to begin reviewing and processing the 7 Understandings, their Extended Descriptions and the Songs and Song Introductions. Each team collaboratively generated notes, recommendations, and in some cases, early rewrites of identified segments of these sections. Each small group shared their findings with the whole Team.

On day two, after Mr. Hollow Horn Bear's prayer, new teams were formed and to begin the work of fully reviewing all of the day one notes and making changes. In some cases, new issues were discussed and rewrites were made. Though in all cases, the changes were minor in nature, the new teams worked all morning to generate close-to-final drafts of each of the Understandings, Extended Descriptions and Song Introductions. Just after a lunch break, each team shared an overview of the changes that were made to their assigned OSEUs. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in a survey-based analysis of the OSEU Indicators and Standards. The team as a whole generated a great deal of data (from the surveys) and notes (from the discussions) to send with the facilitators to compile.

The plan for the next work meeting is to begin by reviewing drafts, data and notes from the first two days, and then launch into discussions around resource lists, photos and images, and formatting for the final document.