

Minnesota State Tribal Relations

- **Federally-Recognized Tribes:** Eleven
- **State Tribal Consultation Policy:** Minnesota's state-wide consultation policy was originally approved in October 2002 in an Executive Order signed by then-Governor Jesse Ventura (<http://www.perm.org/articles/a173.html>). Each successive governor, Governor Tim Pawlenty and current Governor Mark Dayton, have issued an Executive Order requiring Government to Government consultation.
- **Gubernatorial Tribal Liaison:** Following is the staff person in the Governor's Office who has been delegated the responsibility to work directly with Tribes: Dan Pollack, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, 651-201-3425, dan.pollack@state.mn.us.
- **State Agency Tribal Liaisons:** A number of state agencies have individuals assigned as tribal liaisons. A list is attached.
- **State Advisory Committee on Tribal Issues:** The State Advisory Committee, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC), is composed of the chairs of the 11 Minnesota tribes. Following is a link to the MIAC's website, which includes a list of the current members: <http://www.indianaffairs.state.mn.us/index.html>.

In addition to the MIAC, Minnesota has several topic-specific advisory councils. Those that advise the Department of Human Services (Medicaid Agency) include:

- Health and Human Services Advisory Committee (comprising tribal health and human services directors)
- Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council (Comprising tribal appointees -- predominantly Child Welfare directors -- and urban Indian representatives)
- American Indian Chemical Health Advisory Council (Comprising tribal appointees -- predominantly chemical dependency treatment directors -- and urban Indian representatives)
- American Indian Mental Health Advisory Committee (Comprising tribal appointees -- predominantly mental health directors -- and urban Indian representatives)

Other state agencies that have Tribal advisory committees are:

- Minnesota Department of Health
- Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Minnesota Department of Education
- Minnesota Historical Society
- **Tribal Member State Legislators:** Currently one legislator, Representative Susan Allen, is a Tribal member, representing a district within the city of Minneapolis: Representative Susan Allen, 389 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155, 651-296-7152, rep.susan.allen@house.mn.