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Subject: FCC to Host Tribal Webinar on 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and Annual 988 Fee Questionnaire (April 27, 2023)

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Native Affairs and Policy,

We invite you to attend an FCC Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) 30-minute webinar on April 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. ET providing an overview of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and information about an opportunity to submit 988 fees data. The webinar will cover background on the 988 Lifeline and 988 fees, results from the FCC's first annual 988 fees report, and instructions about how to assist the FCC by submitting a 988 fees questionnaire. The webinar can be accessed by this link, with more details below:

<https://fcc-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1612543626?pwd=R3ZqaWw4Sm15MHdtdmpoU2tPdkgydz09>. No prior registration is required.

In 2020, Congress enacted the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act (Suicide Hotline Act) designating 988 as the universal telephone number within the United States for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides "24/7," free, and confidential support to individuals in suicidal crisis or emotional distress, and consists of a network of approximately 200 local crisis centers with trained counselors.

The Suicide Hotline Act also provided that States, political subdivisions, Indian Tribes, or villages or regional corporations established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, may impose and collect a fee for 988-related services, including (1) efficient and effective routing of calls made to 988 to an appropriate crisis center; and (2) personnel and acute mental health, crisis outreach, and stabilization services to respond to 988 calls. The FCC is required to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the collection and distribution of these permitted 988 fees and charges. Attached please find a copy of a letter to Tribal Leaders from the FCC's WCB Bureau Chief on this effort.

In its April 12th Public Notice, available at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/wcb-announces-988-fee-accountability-report-information-collection>, WCB explains that it is seeking information on a jurisdiction's authority to collect 988 fees or charges, the amount of revenue collected from the 988 fee or charge, and how the revenue collected from the 988 fee or charge was used, covering the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The Public Notice also provides a link to the questionnaire the FCC is using to collect this information.

Tribes are asked to download and complete the questionnaire, even if they are not collecting or distributing 988 fees, and submit via email to the FCC. In some states, information required to complete the questionnaire may be obtained from your state or jurisdiction's agency tasked with overseeing mental health administration. Completed questionnaires should be sent to the FCC no later than July 17, 2023.

Any questions about the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 988 fees, the questionnaire, or the webinar can be emailed to native@fcc.gov or directed to Jaime McCoy and Merry Wulff at 988feereport@fcc.gov.

Thank you,

Denise Bambi Kraus

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Topic: 988 Fee Report Webinar

Time: April 27, 2023

Time: 02:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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