

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REPORT

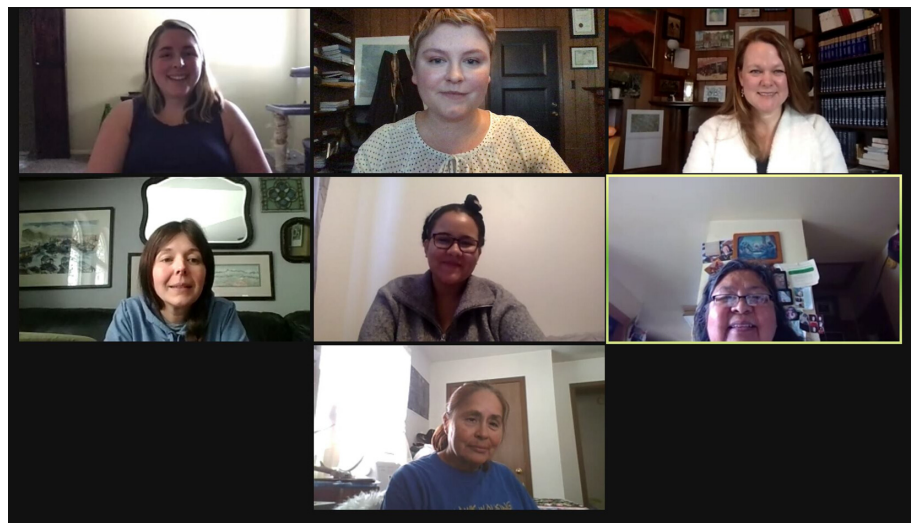
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THE MISSION: CREATE TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE ON UNDER ADDRESSED ISSUES BY CONDUCTING RESEARCH, INITIATING REFORMS, AND PROVIDING LEGAL ADVOCACY.

THE VISION: A JUST AND EQUITABLE MONTANA.

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EXECUTIVE TEAM

PICTURED ABOVE: PPIR BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING ONLINE

The Public Policy Institute of the Rockies (PPIR) Board members voted to elect Fort Belknap Indian Community Chief Prosecutor Lillian Alvernaz as Board Chair, who stated "I joined PPIR to serve Indian Country and all of Montana. By doing this, I hope to provide opportunities and accessibility and help guide this organization towards making a real and meaningful impact. I am honored to work alongside outstanding individuals as fellow board members. Our board of directors is a special group, highlighting the very best of our state in experience, knowledge, passion, and commitment."

State Representative Rae Peppers also joined the PPIR Executive Team, elected as Board Treasurer.



LOCAL IMPACT PROGRAM

PPIR's Local Impact Program was designed for anyone who wants to make change in their community. It provides free templates of resolutions and ordinances for use at the local level.

"The unique and innovative Local Impact Program is the type of fresh approach we need to create positive policy change, starting at the local level," said PPIR co-founder and CEO Rep. Kimberly Dudik. "We hope to provide people with concrete steps they can take to address issues they are concerned about and strengthen Montana communities."

The Local Impact Program is designed to provide everyone with the tools they need to take local action. The first round of template resolutions and ordinances is currently available on our website, with more templates on their way.

Topics include condemning White supremacy, dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, protecting reproductive health care, and fighting for economic justice.

Go to publicpolicyinstituteoftherockies.com to learn more, view templates, and download tools for free.

MMIP LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

PPIR is currently in the foundational stages of developing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Legal Advocacy Program.

The MMIP Legal Advocacy Program will provide an integrated, statewide system of legal assistance enabling Indigenous families impacted by the MMIP epidemic to address critical legal issues at no cost.

For more information on the MMIP Legal Advocacy Program, contact us at info@ppir.org.

PROGRAM UPDATE

SAFE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

PPIR officially released the Safe Community Challenge on December 15th.

The Challenge is a comprehensive analysis of existing state laws and is designed to equip advocates, stakeholders, and lawmakers with the tools they need to make their communities safer.

In the Challenge, every state receives a grade through a Report Card that assesses the state on 6 key legal areas that impact the safety of citizens. States are provided a detailed analysis of the 6 areas and can improve their laws by following recognized best practices.

The Safe Community Challenge focuses on the following areas:

- child marriage
- consent to sexual contact
- discrimination and hate crimes
- sexual assault kit processing
- spousal rape
- statutes of limitation for sexual crimes

The first state analyzed is Montana with analysis for other states to follow.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2021

PPIR knows transformational change starts upstream. Working in tandem with PPIR Partners, our 501(c)(4) arm, PPIR is committed to making real change on under addressed issues through advocacy at the 2021 Montana Legislative Session.

Here is a special, sneak preview of PPIR's 2021 legislative agenda.

- Champion legislation supporting PPIR's strategic priorities of economic justice and criminal justice
- Lead the charge to pass bills that make Montana's communities safer
- Engage legislators with the Safe Community Challenge to bring light to issues impacting community safety
- Elevate under addressed issues of economic justice and community safety through advocacy and education
- Keep PPIR members up to date on legislative news
- Invite PPIR members to virtual lobbying and advocacy opportunities

PPIR knows that its members make up a powerful community that can catalyze change for Montana in 2021 and lay the groundwork for fundamental change in the future. The Montana Legislature is one governmental body of many across the state where PPIR, with you, can make real change for Montanans. PPIR invites you to join in these endeavors!

THE TEAM

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