

2014 BOARD RETREAT REPORT

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TRIBAL VENTURES



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Executive Summary

When working in the realm of community development and growth, organizations collect extensive amounts of data and information to evaluate their success and target future projects. However, a focus on just the facts of an organization can lead to overlooking many of the personal stories that people on the ground and in their communities experience. Cheyenne River Tribal Ventures (CRTV) has sought to overcome this by organizing retreats with their Board member. The Board members are members of the communities that CRTV strives to empower and grow. By orchestrating these meetings, CRTV has created a venue in which to capture the powerful narratives of their communities. The following report sheds light on specific stories shared by the Board members of CRTV during the 2014 Board Member Retreat.

Introduction

The overall purpose of the 2014 CRTV Board and Staff Members Retreat was uncovering the hidden steps CRTV and their partners have taken; highlighting what themes have emerged, what has been working well for CRTV and what has not, and to document implementation stories that have yet to be shared. The day was structured based upon the Collective Story Harvesting process. The attendees were comprised of Cheyenne River Tribal Ventures Partnership Board and supporting staff. Colorado State University (CSU) students facilitated the event.

CRTV



The Cheyenne River Tribal Ventures mission is clearly presented on the CRTV website and presents a call to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal members to actively engage in the poverty reduction efforts. The call to action states:

“A Path for Our People- the Tribal Ventures Poverty Reduction Plan developed by the people of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation is turning our hopes and dreams into opportunities for our families and children to experience a better life. With twelve different programs, it touches all aspects of our Lakota life: culture, economics, and social, mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. These opportunities are leading our people and our community on a path to prosperity. We are calling the people of Cheyenne River to action – to find their place within this plan. Everyone has their own individual plan and a path they are traveling. We encourage each individual to see how Tribal Ventures can be part of their journey. The Tribal Ventures plan is your plan. Find the point where your path intersects with the Tribal Ventures path and become part of the vision for prosperity.” -CRTV