

Greetings! My name is Tara Tremblay (Lothrop). It is with great pleasure that I announce to our community, my candidacy for Bay Mills Indian Community Executive Council Treasurer.



I am the oldest child of Edward and Joyce Lothrop Jr. and Carol (Passmore) and Ray Brown, the granddaughter of Bernadette and Edward Lothrop Sr. and Harold and Marion Passmore, and the first great grandchild of Amelia and Albert “Big Abe” LeBlanc. I am the proud mother of four children Chendra, Michael, Calie, and Owen Tremblay.

My educational advances have focused on macro public administration studies which include: financial planning, management, and leadership. I have an Associate’s in Social Science and Criminal Justice from Bay Mills Community College (2010), Bachelor’s in Criminal Justice from Lake Superior State University (2011), Master’s in Social Work from Grand Valley State University (2016), and Public Administration Specialization in Non-profit Leadership and Management from Grand Valley State University (2019).

During my professional career, I have devoted much of my time toward human services departments that include: Bay Mills Behavioral Health, Community Action Agency (Intern), 50<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court and Sault Tribe Court Services, Medilodge, Bay Mills Social Services, and Bay Mills Health Center. In November of 2017, I returned to the Bay Mills Health Center as the Grants Coordinator. My current position allows me to create proposals for funding opportunities, review budgeting and financial data, and review the aspects of compliance in contracts, policies, and procedures. My professional portfolio has a variety of key aspects that have given me the unique perspective in the resources and future changes necessary for our community.

Growing up in our small community, I have always been fascinated in the strength and determination of our community as we have historically stood together in the battles to protect the rights of our people. It is also not uncommon for our community to gather in the hardships of life to ensure the thriving environment of another but we have shown weakness throughout the years. The voice of our people is limiting in numbers, as shown in General Council meetings attendance, but the need for united decisions of our future continues to be ever growing.

If selected as your Treasurer, I will not only ensure the communication of our financial assets and liabilities is provided to our members but promote the advancement of our resources that benefit all tribal members. I will be your listening ear and your voice in the right direction for our future generations. I will work with the council members and internal departments in strategic and succession planning throughout all agencies. I will devote my time to the people of our community by focusing on financial stability and security of our resources as well as addresses the hardships of: our children, our elders, employment, health care, education, and cultural identity.

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