

Audrey Breakie M.A.
Candidate for Tribal Treasurer
Bay Mills Indian Community

My grandparents were Lucy and William Leblanc both of Bay Mills. My parents are the late Lawrence Leblanc (Auch) of Bay Mills and Sharon Baggett currently of Marquette, Michigan.

I have 24 years of working for the Bay Mills Indian Community. Including Substance Abuse Counselor/ / Director, Prevention/Guidance Counselor, Physician Recruiter, Quality Improvement Coordinator, HRSA Coordinator, Assistant Health Director, finally nine years as the Health and Human Service Director. I believe the position of the Health and Human Service Director has prepared me to serve on the Executive Council. I have reported to at least 4.5 varying councils. I have served on professional boards such as the Michigan Primary Care Association, Health Directors Board for Indian Country and as an appointee on the Bay Mills Community College Board.

I have sat at table with Congressmen, State Representatives, Directors of Indian Health Services and leaders of the State of Michigan all the while advocating for funding and health improvement for Indian People. As a Director I worked with Human Resources, Accounting and Grants Management. I am familiar with the enterprises and other Departments as we had monthly meetings to improve positive outcomes for all departments.

Under my leadership we took the Health Center from breaking even to an estimated fifteen million annual revenue, with a net income of seven million thus leaving the health Center in an incredibly advantageous position for continued growth. (Retired in May 2024) We went from 45 employees to over 105 employees. Our team was instrumental in building a new state of the art Health Center and started the first tribal business in the Sault Ste Marie Area. There had been a few more advancements in the Health Center that started under my leadership. noted had a great staff and all the work involved and mentioned took a team of motivated employees. We did the Brimley Area School clinic and provider housing on the reservation. The latter accomplishments were completed by the current staff at the Health Center.

I will use the gained experience to support tribal growth with the best interest of the Bay Mills Indian Community citizens in mind.

I ask for your support in the upcoming election and ask for your vote as your next Bay Mills Indian Community Council Treasurer.