

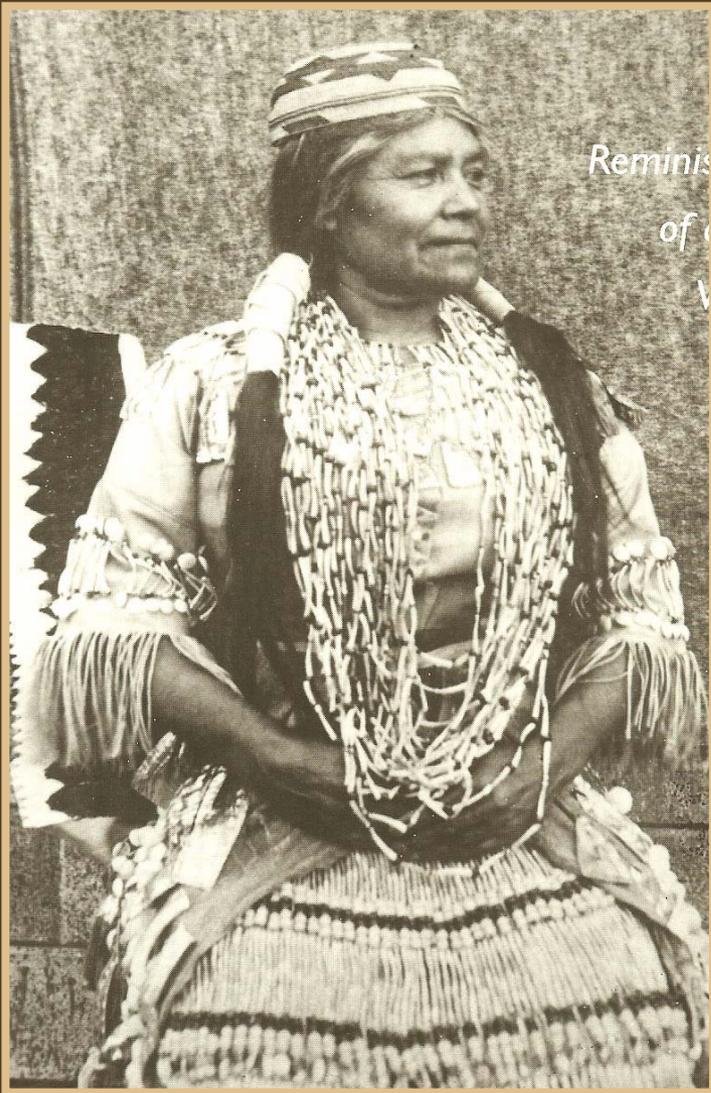
The California Area
Annual Tribal Leaders' Meeting

March 20 – 22, 2007

Power of Prevention

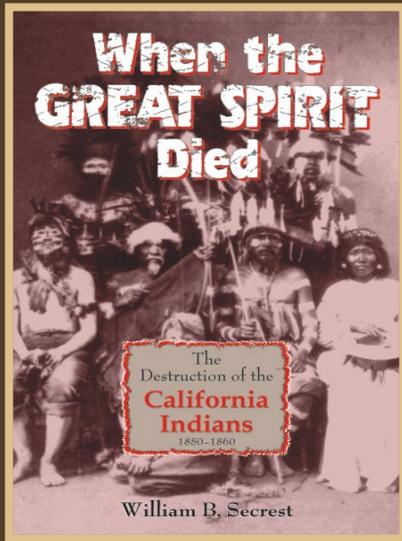


Margo Kerrigan, M.P.H.
Director



“We assumed responsibility to fix the earth each year; to make the world over through ceremonial re-enactment of the Spirit Being’s first successful World Renewal; to set the world back on its axis...For us the vision of the future is grounded in the responsibility of annually fixing the world.”

-Lucy Thompson, Yurok
1916



When The Great Spirit Died: The Destruction of California Indians

1850-1860

by William B Secrest, 2003

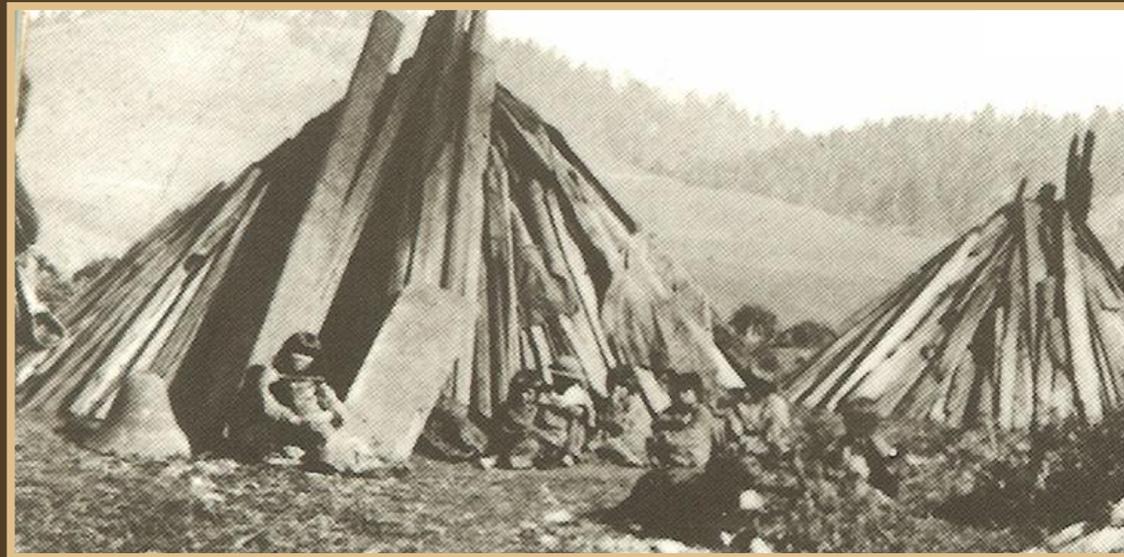
- The term “Indian Wars” does not apply to California: Spanish conquistadores, Franciscan fathers and the Catholic church, the Mexican government, the gold miners, the railroads, the militias, the bounties, the settlers
- 18 unratified treaties
- By the 1870’s many native groups were extinct
- In 1848 there were approximately 100,000 Indians in California. With the advent of the Gold Rush by 1870 there were half as many Indians.
- **Manifest Destiny:** the white man’s perception that their raw entitlement to the west was ordained and no “inferior races” could halt it.



■ Kidnapped Indian children as depicted in the *Overland Monthly*. When a white kidnapper insisted in court he was just finding homes for orphans, the judge asked how he knew they were orphans. "I killed their parents myself," responded the defendant. *Author's collection.*



- California Indians lacked immunities to virulent Old World diseases brought by early explorers and settlers.





Pre – Columbian Economy

- Ancient village shell mounds reveal that they were used for money and jewelry
- Volcanic obsidian for arrow and spear points, cutting edges and scraping tools to tan
- Granite for grinding mortars
- Dug out and tule canoes for water transport
- **Balanced environment based on hunting, fishing, gathering. Herbalists.**





California IHS Profile

2007

- Tribal Active User Population 75,506
- Urban Active User Population 7,949
- FY 2007 Area Office appropriation 129,598,274
- Per Capita Personal Health Care expenditure comparisons
 - IHS User Population in CA \$1,912
 - Outside CA \$2,158
 - Total U.S. user population \$5,980

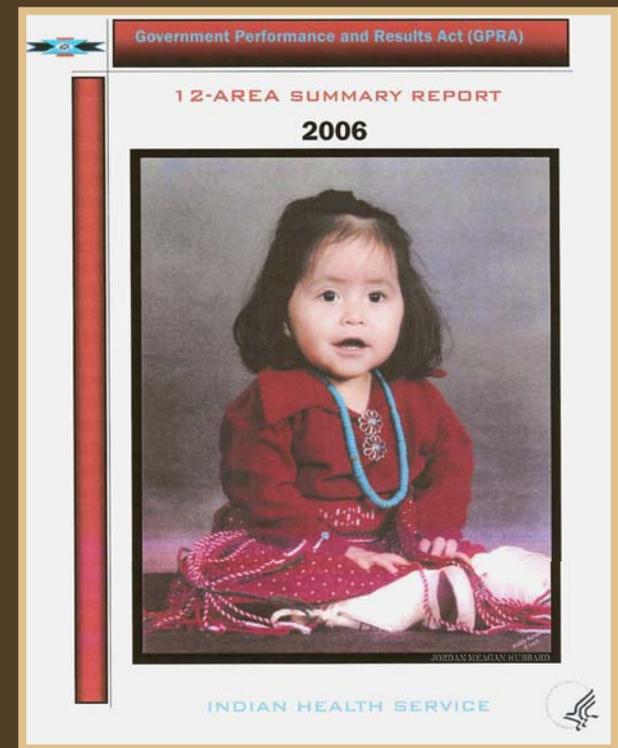
Government Performance & Results Act (GPRA)

- GPRA requires each federal agency to develop a performance based budget, including **performance measures** to demonstrate its effectiveness in meeting its mission.
- IHS GPRA measures assess the Agency's progress towards improving **quality and access** to health care and **reducing health disparities** for those eligible to receive care through the IHS network.
- In FY 2006, IHS had a total of 34 annual GPRA clinical and non-clinical measures. Of the 33 measures reported, IHS met 82% of these.

The Challenge

Rapidly increasing costs of health care combined with the growing Indian population and the increasing prevalence of diabetes and obesity

Preventing these chronic conditions from occurring in the Indian population



President's OMB PART Score

Six IHS Programs were reviewed:

Effective	Sanitation Facilities Construction Program	80%
Effective	RPMS	88%
Effective	Health Care Facilities Construction Program	92%
Moderately Effective	Federally Administered IHS Health Program	77%
Adequate	Tribally Operated Health Programs	69%
Adequate	Urban Indian Health Programs	69%



IHS Performance Achievement Team



- Ensures that accountability and reporting requirements are achieved or exceeded for various budget/ performance directed laws and initiatives (Director's Performance Contract).
- Makes recommendations to the Director on Agency performance and budget integration issues, measures, and responsibilities (PART).
- Recommends the direction of resources to achieve and/or exceed Agency goals and objectives (IHS Strategic Plan).

IHS Performance Achievement Team cont.



- Leads change so that performance management is integrated into the organization culture throughout the Indian health system (Evaluate PART performance).
- Ensures that Agency leaders and managers have performance instruments and information available to monitor the successful attainment of goals and objectives (HHS “Quick Reference”).
- Recommended to Dr. Grim to create a Performance Achievement Fund in FY 2007 and distribute these funds to IHS and tribal health programs based on GPRA performance.
- GPRA is about measuring how preventive interventions and monitoring selected health indicators and improving health outcomes.

Commonwealth Fund's 2006 Annual Report of the Commission on a High Performance Health System

- U.S. mortality rates from conditions “amenable to health care” – deaths that have been prevented with timely and effective care – are 30% higher than three best performing countries.
- Barely half of adults receive preventative and screening tests according to guidelines for their age and sex.
- If national average rates for control of diabetes and blood pressure were achieved by the top 10% of U.S. health plans, an estimated \$1 billion to \$2 billion in medical costs could be avoided.
- Only 17% of U.S. doctors have an electronic medical record system. In the top three countries, 80% of doctors have one.
- It would require a 20% decrease in American Indian risk rates for such problems as being uninsured, lacking a regular source of primary care and not receiving preventative care to reach the rates experienced by whites.

Laying the Groundwork for Change

In its first report released in August 2006, the Commission traced critical health system failures and outlined a vision of a uniquely American high performing system. The Commission has identified concrete steps to make health care more effective, efficient and equitable:

- Extend health insurance to all.
- Pursue excellence in the provision of safe, effective, and efficient care.
- Organize the care system to ensure accessible care for all.
- Increase transparency and reward quality and efficiency.
- Expand the use of information technology and exchange.
- Develop the workforce to foster patient-centered and primary care.

Special Invited Guests



- Thomas Lorentzen Director, Region IV,
DHHS San Francisco
- Robert McSwain Deputy Director, IHS
- Vince Berkley, MD Chief Medical Officer
Phoenix Area, IHS
- Dennis Embry, PhD President/CEO
PAXIS Institute



A symbol of endurance. Born in 1810 and close to 100 years old when this photo was taken, Mrs. Childs still works at making a traditional open-weave storage basket. Photo by A.W. Ericson.