

**IHS/VA Steering Committee
Committee Charge**

In February of 2003, the Departments of Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) intended to enhance, promote and strengthen collaborative activities between the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The IHS/VA Steering Committee (Committee) reports to the Under Secretary for Health at VA and the Director of IHS and oversees initiatives created under this MOU. Specifically, the Committee is charged to:

- Review progress on ongoing national initiatives and provide guidance on them to IHS and VA leadership, headquarters staff and program representatives;
- Identify new areas and set priorities for collaboration between VA and IHS;
- Receive reports on existing local and regional collaborations and encourage or catalyze additional collaborative projects through such actions as identifying successful collaborative models and sharing the findings across the country; and
- Advise and assist in outreach and communication to constituent groups.

This charge will remain in effect as reflected in the MOU between VA/VHA and HHS/IHS.

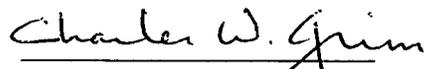
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