



## **Robert G. McSwain, M.P.A.** **Deputy Director for Management** **Operations** **Indian Health Service**

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Robert G. McSwain, a member of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, is the Deputy Director for Management Operations for the Indian Health Service (IHS). He served as the Acting Director of the IHS from September 2007 until he was sworn in as the Director of the IHS in May 2008 and served until May 2009. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As Deputy Director for Management Operations, Mr. McSwain serves as the principal advisor to the IHS Director for the management of IHS operations. He is responsible for providing management direction to the IHS program offices, including implementing IHS agency goals and mission; providing overall organization management to improve agency performance; developing strategic plans; and planning, directing, and evaluating the operations of the Headquarters functions, authorities, and responsibilities in support of the Director.

Prior to beginning his federal service, Mr. McSwain served as Program Director of Central Valley Indian Health, Inc., a tribal health program in Clovis, California. From 1974 to 1976 he served as the Executive Director of the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. Mr. McSwain began his federal career with the Indian Health Service in 1976 as Director for the IHS California Area Office. In 1984 he was named Special Assistant to the Director, IHS, and assigned to long-term training at the University of Southern California. In 1986, he was transferred to the IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, where he held positions of increasing responsibility and diversity, including Director of the Division of Health Manpower and Training for the Office of Health Programs, Deputy Associate Director for the Office of Administration and Management, and Management Analysis Officer for the Office of the Director. From 1992 to 1997 he served as the Acting Associate Director for the Office of Human Resources. Mr. McSwain was selected as the Director of the Office of Management Support in March 1997. From August 2004 until February 2005, he served as the Acting Deputy Director for Management Operations and from February 2005 until September 2007 as the Deputy Director of the IHS.

After receiving an associate of science degree in accounting from Fresno City College in Fresno, California, Mr. McSwain obtained a bachelor of science degree in business administration (economics minor) from California State University - Fresno in 1969. In 1986 he earned a master's degree in public administration (health services administration concentration) and pursued doctoral studies in public administration from the University of Southern California.

Mr. McSwain has received numerous honors, including the President's Rank Award for Meritorious Service in 2002 and the President's Rank Award for Distinguished Service in 2006.