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What Can the IHS Clinical Support Center Do for You?

In this issue of *The Provider* we would like to present an overview of a few of the services offered by the Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinical Support Center, to be sure that all IHS personnel, facilities, and programs have every opportunity to take advantage of them. We will also describe some new products and services we have recently introduced or will soon make available.

The IHS Clinical Support Center (CSC) is organizationally affiliated with the Phoenix Area Office, but provides services throughout the IHS. The mission of the Clinical Support Center is to serve Indian health program providers through education, communication, and special initiatives. The CSC 1) directs the planning, implementation, and evaluation of accredited continuing education activities for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, pharmacist practitioners, and physician assistants for Indian health programs throughout the United States; 2) enhances communication and information sharing for primary care providers and continuing education planners; and 3) coordinates and facilitates special initiatives and activities for IHS clinical programs.

All IHS, tribal, or urban programs (I/T/U) that have not taken their tribal share of the CSC budget through the compacting or contracting processes are entitled to unlimited use of our services. Compacting and contracting tribes may still use our services, although they may need to reimburse CSC for some of its expenses.

The continuing education staff of the CSC includes a physician educator, a nurse educator (see accompanying box), a pharmacist educator, two dental educators, and the Executive Leadership Development Program staff, as well as clerical and administrative staff to serve your needs.

Sponsorship of Continuing Education

The CSC is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the American Nurses

Credentialing Center (ANCC), and the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE). The CSC is thus available to serve as the accredited sponsor for continuing education (CE) for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. Advanced practice nurses, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants can also generally utilize such credit, as can many other health professionals.

This sponsorship relationship is intended to allow the CSC to work in partnership with a service unit or tribal health program to produce quality continuing education activities. The key to assuring sponsorship by the CSC is involvement of CSC at the very beginning of the planning stages for a CE activity. CSC nurse, physician, and pharmacist educators, involved as members of the planning committee for all CSC-sponsored activities, are able to offer assistance with the design, planning, implementation, and evaluation of activities. As the accredited sponsor, the CSC can help guide local planners through the necessary steps to implementing a quality activity that will meet the criteria of the above professional accrediting bodies.

CSC staff maintains on-going contact with each local CE coordinator throughout the planning process of an activity. This

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close contact allows CSC to offer a variety of services including help in developing measurable learning objectives, development of flyers or announcements, or creation of meeting documents (e.g., evaluation tools).

CSC is available to sponsor a wide variety of continuing education activities, such as conferences ranging in duration from one hour to multiple days, ongoing series of one hour presentations offered on a weekly or monthly basis, or conventional Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Life Support (PALS), or other similar “off-the-shelf” courses.

The sponsorship process should be initiated as soon as there is any thought of offering a continuing education (CE) activity. The completion of the one page “Proposal” form starts the process, and it and a collection of supporting materials can be obtained by calling the CSC to request the *Manual for the Sponsorship of Continuing Education*. Alternatively, the Manual can be obtained by going to the IHS homepage at www.ihs.gov on the Internet, choosing “medical programs” on the drop down menu, and choosing “Clinical Support Center” on the next drop down menu. Select “Sponsorship of Continuing Education,” and you will be able to read and/or print the *Manual* that contains the one-page Proposal form and many other useful tools and instructions. At this point, the “Proposal” form can be faxed or mailed to us, but before long, we hope to create the ability to complete the process “on line.”

After the course is over, CSC will distribute continuing education credit certificates to all who participate. Records of participation in CSC-sponsored activities are kept indefinitely, and individuals who have attended such activities may request a transcript of all credits earned for the year or any other time period.

Meeting Management Services

When more intensive services are requested, CSC can assist with facility selection, on site meeting support for registration, syllabus production, and evaluation design and tabulation, among other things. Itinerary planning and travel order processing can be arranged on a case-by-case basis. These services are fee-based, and availability is subject to the demands of existing CSC workload.

On-line registration for selected meetings is now available using the Internet by going to www.ihs.gov; we hope to be able to offer this service to more meeting planners in the future, so that the registration process can take place on-line to reduce the workload for conference coordinators.

Evaluation tabulation software has recently been installed at CSC, and it is conceivable that we will soon be able to offer assistance with this aspect of conference management.

The IHS Primary Care Provider

This monthly clinical publication publishes unique, peer reviewed articles about health and health care of American Indians and Alaska Natives. With a distribution of 7500, it is an

Welcome to the New Nurse Educator at CSC

The Clinical Support Center staff welcomes LCDR Theodora (Dora) Roanhorse Bradley as the new Nurse Educator/Consultant. As a Nurse Educator, LCDR Bradley is responsible for the overall nursing continuing education activities sponsored by CSC, including maintaining national accreditation through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Her work involves planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating quality continuing education programs for nurses at all levels in all I/T/U settings across the country.

LCDR Bradley, originally from Chinle, Arizona, is a member of the Navajo Nation. She is a 1982 graduate of Van Nuys High School in California. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Arizona State University and a Masters of Public Health degree in Health Administration and Policy from the University of Arizona. Her previous experience with quality improvement at HuHuKam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton, Arizona lead to her certification as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality.

Since 1987, Dora has worked for the Indian Health Service at various locations throughout Arizona: Chinle, Whiteriver, Sacaton, and Phoenix. She is an IHS 437 Scholarship recipient, beginning her career with the COSTEP program, and later as a Pediatric and Clinical Staff Nurse serving various tribes and communities. Her many honors and awards include several Exemplary Group Performance Awards; the Director’s Award for Excellence, Phoenix Area IHS, for sustained superior work performance and accomplishments as a Nurse Abstractor for the Gila River Indian Health Care Corporation; and the PHS Achievement Medal for exemplary performance of duty.

Dora is an active member of several professional associations including the Commissioned Officers Association, the National Association of Healthcare Quality, American Public Health Association, the National Nursing Staff Development Organization, the Native American Nurses Association, and the Arizona State University Native American Alumni Association. Representing the American Indian tribes is not new to Dora, as she is a former National Miss Indian USA and currently serves as that scholarship program’s Regional Representative.

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excellent way to reach most of the clinicians and others serving Indian country. Articles discuss epidemiologic data, program activities, new initiatives, IHS priorities, legislative issues, disease management, and many other topics. Regular features describe upcoming clinical meetings and how to register for them, position vacancies, Network for Continuing Medical Education (NCME) continuing education tapes available for borrowing, and a cumulative index of the health literature pertaining to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Facilities may take advantage of the ability to advertise their vacancies, and meeting planners are welcome to submit notices of upcoming meetings for the *Meetings of Interest* section. More elaborate, full page meeting announcements and/or call for papers notices may be placed as well.

Would-be authors are welcome to submit manuscripts that would be of interest to the readers. CSC will provide as much assistance as is necessary to get a paper ready for publication, and this experience may pave the way for future efforts to publish in the medical literature.

Subscription to THE IHS PROVIDER is free to those in IHS or in tribal or urban programs that have not compacted or contracted. Subscriptions for others are available for a small fee. Back issues of THE IHS PROVIDER are available on the Internet.

How to Reach Us

In October 1999 CSC relocated from the Aztec Building at 1616 East Indian School near the campus of the Phoenix Indian Medical Center to the same building as the IHS Phoenix Area Office in downtown Phoenix. As a result our address and phone and fax numbers have all changed. Our address is

The IHS Clinical Support Center
Two Renaissance Square, Suite 780
40 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

The phone number is (602) 364-7777. The fax number is (602) 364-7788. All of the continuing education educators and clerical staff may be reached by e-mail at the addresses listed above, and this is an excellent way to submit items, ask questions, or obtain information.

What the future may bring

In addition to the proposed new services mentioned above (on-line registration, and evaluation tabulation), we would like to be able to offer the capability to submit proposals for sponsorship of continuing education activities on-line; we would also accept any supporting documentation or information in the same fashion.

There are facilities that come to us from time to time having just recently found out about our services. We would like to be sure that all facilities are familiar with our products and services and have the opportunity to take advantage of them. To spread the word, we will be trying some new strategies in the future.

Other CSC Services

In addition to offering continuing education services, the CSC serves as home to the Executive Leadership Development Program, national recruitment efforts for pharmacy, the Pharmacy Practice Training Program, and dental education services for IHS. We hope to share more information about these programs in future issues.

On-Line Graduate Course: “The Health of American Indians and Alaska Natives”

This is a four credit graduate course designed to survey the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives, including their special genetic, cultural, social, and biomedical characteristics. It is currently available in a dynamic, interactive distance education format. It is being offered for the second year in a row at this time, and will be available again 2001. IHS and tribal employees who are pursuing graduate education in public health have participated, as well as those who are simply interested and/

or who work with American Indians and Alaska Natives.

For more information, visit the website at <http://distance.jhsph.edu/haian>, or contact Maha Asham, MD, MPH, Research Associate and Director, Community Health Training, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian and Alaskan Native Health, 621 North Washington Street, Baltimore, MD 21205; phone (410) 955-6931; fax (410) 955-2010; e-mail masham@jhsph.edu. □



NIH Summer Hire Program for AI/AN Students

The National Institute for General Medical Science (NIGMS) is the institute that includes the Division of Minority Opportunities in Research. That division, under the leadership of Dr. Clifton Poodry, is partnering with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to establish American Indian and Alaska Native research centers and to increase the involvement of Indian people in the decision-making process of research and in conducting research. Dr. Poodry is committed to finding summer employment opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students, in his division and

elsewhere in the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The 2001 NIH Summer Program will be open to applications through March 2, 2001. If you know of any students that may be interested in working at NIH this coming summer, please pass this information on to them. Information regarding the program, how to apply, eligibility, etc. is available at <http://www.jobs.nih.gov>. Click on “Summer Internships,” which is one of the teal blocks located at the top right corner of the first screen. Students must apply on-line using “Career Here.” □

INDIAN AGING CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting May 9-13, 2001; Chicago, Illinois

This is a gathering of over 2000 Geriatrics professionals, representing the leaders in the field. In addition to special presentations on a variety of topics, there is a core curriculum review in geriatrics, which is excellent. This would be an valuable update for physicians, nurses, advance practice nurses, and physician assistants. For more information, go to www.americangeriatrics.org.

Summer 2001 Geriatric Institute June 7-9, 2001; Albuquerque, New Mexico

The New Mexico Geriatric Education Center (NMGEC) is pleased to announce the next Geriatric Institute June 7-9, 2001. Mark your calendar! Topics will include a comprehensive "best practices" view from onset to final stages of the four major killers of elders: End Organ Disease/Diabetes, Cardiovascular/Coronary

Artery Disease, Stroke/Hypertension, and Malignancies. This year's event will be cosponsored with the IHS through the Elder Care Initiative, Bruce Finke, MD, National Coordinator. As last year, the NMGEC will be offering scholarships for IHS and tribal health care providers who work with American Indian elders.

If you are not on our mailing list, please contact Darlene A. Franklin, Program Manager, New Mexico Geriatric Education Center, 1836 Lomas Blvd., NE, 2nd Fl., Albuquerque, NM 87131; e-mail dfranklin@salud.unm.edu; telephone (505) 277-0911; fax (505) 277-9897.

Arizona Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting November 8-10, 2001; Tempe (Phoenix), Arizona

The 2001 conference will focus on pain management/palliative care and Alzheimer's disease. The specific agenda, topics, and speakers are currently being developed. For more information, go to www.arizonageriatrics.org.



MEETINGS OF INTEREST

2001 Midwinter Conference on Women's and Children's Health

January 26-28, 2001; Telluride, Colorado

The sixteenth annual Navajo Area Midwinter OB-Peds continuing education conference will be held January 26-28, 2001 in Telluride, Colorado. Expert speakers from within IHS and from academic centers in the southwest will address a variety of topics of interest to physicians and advanced practice nurses who provide care for American Indian women and children. The conference format is designed to promote networking and permit winter recreational activities, as well as provide excellent learning opportunities. The IHS Clinical Support Center is the accredited sponsor for continuing education.

For further information, contact Martha Morgan, MD at the Gallup Indian Medical Center, P.O. Box 1337, Gallup, New Mexico 87305; telephone (505) 722-1000; or Diana Hu, MD at the Tuba City Indian Medical Center, P.O. Box 600, Tuba City, Arizona 86045; telephone (520) 283-2501.

The 2001 Meeting of the National Councils of the IHS **January 29 - February 1, 2001; San Diego, California**

The National Councils (Clinical Directors, Service Unit Directors, Chief Medical Officers, and Nurse Consultants) of the Indian Health Service will hold their 2001 annual meeting January 29 - February 1, 2001 in San Diego, California. An exciting and informative program is planned to address Indian Health Service/tribal/urban program issues and offer solutions to common concerns throughout Indian country. Indian Health

Program Chief Executive Officers and Clinico-administrators are invited to attend. The meeting site is the Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 W. Mission Beach Drive, San Diego, California. The Clinical Support Center (CSC) is the accredited sponsor for this meeting. Please contact Gigi Holmes at the Clinical Support Center (602) 364-7777, or e-mail gigi.holmes@mail.ihs.gov. Meeting and hotel registration are available on-line at www2.ihs.gov/nccd.

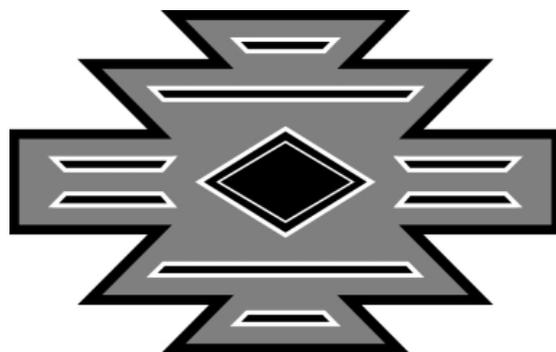
AAIP Annual Midyear Conference **February 16-18, 2001; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) will be holding its 4th annual Special Issues Mid-Year conference February 16-18, 2001, entitled, "Health Promotion and Disease Prevention." This meeting will be held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Medicine and the Association of American Indian Physicians.

The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians and designates this activity for hours in category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

For more information go to www.aaip.com.





USPS: A Pediatric Odyssey. The 35th Annual Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar
March 3-7, 2001; Louisville, Kentucky

This meeting is sponsored by the Uniformed Services (which includes the US Public Health Service) Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and is intended for general pediatricians and primary care providers. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency, in Louisville, Kentucky. More information about the seminar can be obtained from by going to the website www.aap.org/profed.

13th Annual Southwest Regional Behavioral Health Conference
March 12-15, 2001; Albuquerque, New Mexico

The 13th Annual Southwest Regional Behavioral Health Conference (SWRBHC), entitled "Reinforcing Best Practice Principles," sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health, Behavioral Health Services Division, will be held March 12-15, 2001 at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel, Albuquerque, NM.

The conference offers general sessions and 32 workshops on educational and clinical approaches to prevention and treatment in mental health and substance abuse. Presentations will include Father Leo Booth on Spirituality, Guilt, and Shame; Phyllis Chelsea, In Honor of All, the inspiring story of the Alkali Lake Indian Band and how they changed a virtually 100% alcoholism rate to a 95% sobriety rate; Nadine Tafoya, Prevention Planning for Native American Tribes; Kathryn Stewart, Underage Drinking: Serious Problem-Effective Solutions; Christopher Armentano, Gambling: Is This Fun or What?; David Freeman, The Healing Potential of Family Therapy where family elders are encouraged to become mentors to the younger generation; David Powell on clinical supervision for treatment providers; Edith Springer on harm reduction; Robert DuPont and Kenneth Minkoff on dual diagnosis; Carlton Erickson and Darryl Inaba on the pharmacology of drugs; plus ethics for prevention specialists, ethics for treatment professionals, and much more. Twenty-two CEUs have been approved for counselors (NBCC

Provider #5462); additional professional credit applications are pending.

For more information please contact Marian Greher or Theo Johnson, telephone (505) 856-1717; fax (505) 856-1490; e-mail swrsac@att.net; website www.health.state.nm.us.

IHS Advanced Colposcopy and Refresher Workshop
March 19-21, 2001; Albuquerque, New Mexico

This workshop is targeted towards IHS, tribal and urban program primary care providers (physicians, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants). The course is designed for providers who have completed a basic colposcopy course or received colposcopy training during residency. The curriculum will enhance colposcopic skills and augment the understanding of management of lower genital tract disease for novice and experienced colposcopists alike. For more information or an application, contact Roberta Paisano, IHS Epidemiology Program, 5300 Homestead Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110; telephone (505) 248-4132; or e-mail roberta.paisano@mail.ihs.gov. The application deadline is February 21, 2001.

Executive Leadership Development Program
Session One E: March 25-29, 2001; Omaha, Nebraska

The purpose of the Executive Leadership Development Program is to provide a forum where participants learn new skills and encounter different approaches to reduce barriers, increase innovation, ensure a better flow of information and ideas, and lead change. The goal is to provide essential leadership training and support for Indian health care executives whether they work in Federal, tribal, or urban settings.

The Executive Leadership Development Program will be presented in three 4½-day sessions over 12 months. Each session builds on the previous session. Participants should anticipate an intense experience to develop and practice skills to be an effective leader. Independent time is used for reading assign-



ments or working with fellow team members on business simulations, cases, and presentations. At the end of each session, participants will receive a certificate of accomplishment from the sponsoring academic institutions. After all three sessions have been completed, participants will receive a certificate of completion from the Indian Health Service. For more information contact Danielle Steward, ELDP Program Assistant, Indian Health Service Clinical Support Center, Two Renaissance Square, Suite 780, 40 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4424; phone (602) 364-7777; fax (602) 364-7788; e-mail ELDP@phx.ihs.gov; Website www.ihs.gov/nonmedicalprograms/eldp.

National Conference on Pharmaceutical Care to Underserved Populations

April 3-7, 2001; Chapel Hill, North Carolina

The overall goals of this conference are to review pharmacy services within sites and systems serving underserved populations and to examine critical tasks needed to include pharmacy services into programs serving underserved populations.

The sponsors of the conference are the School of Pharmacy and Cecil Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; the Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health and Resources Services Administration (HRSA); and the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists.

For more information, contact Steven Moore, National Conference on Pharmaceutical Care to Underserved Populations, School of Pharmacy Continuing Education, CB# 7360, Beard Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7360; telephone (919) 966-8138; e-mail steve_moore@unc.edu. There is a fee of \$150; continuing education credits are available.

American Indian Nursing Education Conference

April 19-21, 2001; Polson, Montana

The American Indian Nursing Education Conference will be held at the KwaTaqNuk Resort, Polson, Montana. It will be

hosted by the Salish Kootenai College Nursing Department. The brochure will be available in January 2001. For more information, call Sandi Ovitt at (406) 675-4800, ext 343; or e-mail sandi_ovitt@skc.edu.

Advances in Indian Health

May 2-4, 2001 ; Albuquerque, New Mexico

Advances in Indian Health is offered for primary care physicians and physicians assistants who work with American Indian and Alaska Native populations at Federal, tribal, or urban sites. Medical students and residents who are interested in serving these populations are also welcome.

Both new and experienced attendees will learn about advances in clinical care specifically relevant to American Indian and Alaska Native populations with an emphasis on southwestern tribes. Opportunities to learn from experienced, career clinicians who are experts in Indian health will be emphasized. Indian Health Service Chief Clinical Consultants and disease control program directors will be available for consultation and program development.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Mountain View Hotel, 2020 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107; telephone (505) 884-2511; fax (505) 881-4806. The special conference room rates are \$60.00, single occupancy. The deadline for reservations is April 14, 2001. All room rates are subject to state and local taxes which are currently 10.8125%.

For registration information please contact Kathy Breckenridge, UNM Continuing Medical Education at (505) 272-3942 or Julie Lucero, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service at (505) 248-4016. The conference brochure will be available in January 2001. To be placed on our mailing list, please call the University of New Mexico Office of Continuing Medical Education at (505) 272-3942. The brochure will also be available in January on our website at <http://hsc.unm.edu/cme>.

**The National IHS Pediatrics Conference
May 10-12, 2001; Phoenix, Arizona**

The National IHS Pediatrics Conference will be held May 10-12, 2001 in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference is intended for pediatricians and primary care providers. Topics include type 2 diabetes in children, seizures/neurology, pneumonia/infectious diseases, obesity, dysmorphology/genetics, rheumatology, and evidence-based medicine. Confirmed speakers include Michael Radetsky, Carol Clericuzio, James Jarvis, Bill Dietz, Ann Bullock, Lydia Caros, Perri Klass, Leslie Morrison, Roy Teramoto, and Ervin Lewis. The selection of the site of the conference is pending. The IHS Clinical Support Center is the accredited sponsor. Please contact Bill Green at (505) 256-4000 or Dottie Meyer at (602) 364-5175 for more information.

**Physician Assistant and Advanced Practice Nurse Meeting
June 4-8, 2001; Phoenix, Arizona**

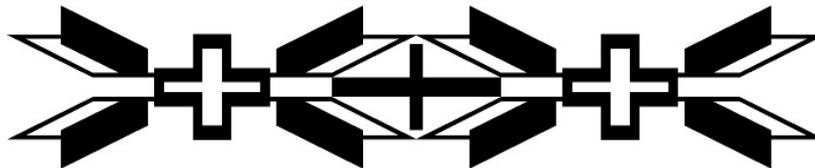
This conference for physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and pharmacist practitioners employed by the Indian Health Service or Indian health programs will offer 20 hours of discipline-specific continuing education designed to meet the needs of those providing primary care to American Indians and Alaska Natives. An agenda will be available in March. This year there will be a business meeting June 4-5 open to all advanced practice nurses, before the beginning of the continuing education portion of the meeting, which will start at 1 pm on Tuesday, June 5. There will be a registration fee of \$200 of those employed by compacting tribes or those in the private sector. For additional information, contact the IHS Clinical Support Center, Two Renaissance Square, Suite 780, 40 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004; phone (602) 364-7777; fax (602) 364-7788.

**IHS National Council of Nurse Administrators (NCONA)
Annual Meeting and Conference
“Embracing Change: From Policy to Practice”
June 12-15, 2001; Washington, DC**

IHS nurse administrators are encouraged to attend the annual NCONA Meeting and Conference, held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC, telephone (800) 843-6664. This program will take advantage of all that Washington, DC has to offer, including access to legislators and headquarters personnel, and a monument tour. Proposed topics include leadership styles, change theory, legislature affecting IHS, and Medicare funding. Make your reservations early, as rooms are limited. There will be a registration fee of \$35. Watch the National Council of Nursing (NCON) web page at <http://www2.ihs.gov/NCON/happenings.asp> for more information.

**American Indian Kidney Conference
July 11-13, 2001; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

The National Kidney Foundation of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma American Indian Kidney Council will sponsor this second annual conference to be held at the Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center in July 2001. Information on prevention of hypertension, diabetes, and kidney disease and coping with kidney disease will be provided over the three days. The target audience included patients and their families, community health providers, medical professionals, and tribal leaders. Continuing education will be available for healthcare providers. For more information, contact Jo Ann Holland, RD, CDE, at the Lawton Indian Hospital, Lawton, Oklahoma; phone (580) 353-0350, extension 560.



POSITION VACANCIES

Editor's note: As a service to our readers, THE IHS PROVIDER will publish notices of clinical positions available. Indian health program employers should send brief announcements on an organizational letterhead to: Editor, THE IHS PROVIDER, The IHS Clinical Support Center, Two Renaissance Square, Suite 780, 40 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Submissions will be run for two months, but may be renewed as many times as necessary. Tribal organizations that have taken their tribal "shares" of the CSC budget will need to reimburse CSC for the expense of this service. The Indian Health Service assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the information in such announcements.



Family Nurse Practitioner
Registered Nurse/Site Manager
Public Health Nurse
Pharmacist
Pharmacy Technician
Staff Dentist
Registered Dental Hygienist
Registered Dental Assistant
Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist
Community Health Representative
Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (RSBCIHI); Banning, California

The Family Nurse Practitioner position requires a minimum of three years of clinical nurse practitioner experience and a current California license along with a Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate.

The Registered Nurse/Site Manager will be located at our Thermal site and requires ambulatory care, urgent care, or emergency department experience.

The Public Health Nurse will be covering the Thermal/Palm Springs area and requires a public health nursing background.

The Pharmacist will be located at our Soboba Clinic in the city of San Jacinto and requires licensing in the state of California.

The Pharmacy Technician will be located at our Highland site and requires a California state license.

The Staff Dentist will be located at our Morongo (Banning) area and will require a California State license.

The Registered Dental Hygienist will be as located at our Morongo site and must be a graduate of an accredited Registered Dental Hygienist school.

The Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist will be located at our Soboba Clinic and must possess a Bachelor's degree in Foods and Nutrition.

For additional information about these and other positions that may become available, contact Michael Absher, Human Resources Director at (909) 849-4761. CVs can be mailed to the Human Resources Office, Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (RSBCIHI), 11555½ Potrero Road, Banning, California 92220.

Medical Officer (Administration)
Alaska Area Office; Anchorage, Alaska

The Alaska Area Native Health Service, Anchorage, Alaska, is recruiting for a Deputy Director, also titled Medical Officer (Administration). This position serves as the principal advisor to the Director, Alaska Area IHS. He or she serves as the Director's expert professional and clinical management advisor on current legislative, regulatory, and/or other requirements of the Indian Health Service, the United States Public Health Service, and the Department of Health and Human Services. This position is one of the approximately 50 Federal positions remaining in the Alaska Area. If you are interested in "Promoting

the health of Alaska Native/American Indian beneficiaries by providing assistance to tribes and tribal organizations,” then call Nieves Miljure at (907) 729-1305 or Rose Notti at (907) 729-1329, Human Resources Department, for further information. Job information and how to apply is also available at the Office of Personnel Management job information website at www.opm.gov, and the IHS website at www.ihs.gov.

**Registered Nurse
Social Worker
Administrative Assistant**

Shingle Springs Rancheria; Shingle Springs, California

The registered nurse is responsible for patient services management. Qualifications include current RN license, one year experience in an outpatient clinic setting, and driver’s license (must be insurable by the tribe’s automobile insurance company). Salary range: BS degree \$36,102 - 46,931/yr., DOE; AS degree \$29,392 - 35,568/yr., DOE.

The LCSW is responsible for the overall management of the mental health department. Qualifications include current State of California LCSW license and assurance of skills to provide evaluation and counseling of individuals and families. Salary range: \$43,270 - 56,250/yr.

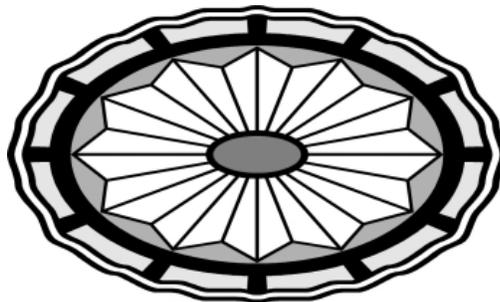
The administrative assistant performs general office duties and provides general administrative support to the Executive Director. Supervises administrative department clerical staff and volunteers. Minimum one year office experience required. Salary range: \$7.50 - \$10.50/hour.

For information about any of these positions, contact Shingle Springs Rancheria, P.O. Box 1340, Shingle Springs, California 95682-1340; attention: Personnel; telephone (530) 676-8010; fax (530) 676-8033

**Field Environmental Health Specialists
District Environmental Health Specialists
District Injury Prevention Specialist
Navajo Area; Window Rock, Arizona**

The Navajo Area Division Of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) is recruiting for Field Environmental Health Specialists in Crownpoint, New Mexico as well as in Winslow, Many Farms, and Tuba City, Arizona, and for District Environmental Health Specialists in Fort Defiance, Arizona, and Shiprock, New Mexico. The Field Specialists have duties and responsibilities in the areas of water quality, food service, institutional environmental health, vector borne diseases, epidemiology, and injury prevention. The District Specialists plan, organize, direct, and evaluate a comprehensive environmental health program. DEHS is also recruiting for a District Injury Prevention Specialist in Shiprock, New Mexico. The District Injury Prevention Specialist collects and analyzes data, coordinates injury control activities, plans demonstration projects, and coordinates trainings.

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