

Indian Health Service All Tribes and Urban Organizations Call

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Welcome



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HHS Updates

[SAMHSA report](#): The Way Forward: Federal Action for a System That Works for All People Living with serious mental illness and serious emotional disturbances

Meeting with Acting HHS Secretary Eric. D. Hargan



IHS Priorities

- People
- Partnerships
- Quality
- Resources

People



Nashville Area Director,
Martha Ketcher

Partnerships

- Albuquerque Area tribal consultation
- Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health
- Veterans Affairs Office of Tribal Government Relations.
View the [2016 Tribal Consultation Report](#).
- TribalNet Conference
- STAC January 17-18 and TSGAC January 24-25

Resources

- Continuing Resolution through 12/22
- Met with Arizona Congressman Andy Biggs



IHS Strategic Plan

- Comments received from 137 Tribes, Tribal Organizations, Urban Indian Organizations, and Federal employees.
- Visit the [IHS Strategic Planning web site](#) for more information.

2017 in Review



Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center, Hemet, CA

JANUARY 2017
CDC
Vitalsigns™

Native Americans with diabetes Better diabetes care can decrease kidney failure

Native Americans (American Indians and Alaska Natives) have a greater chance of having diabetes than any other US racial group. Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, a costly condition that requires dialysis or kidney transplant for survival. Kidney failure can be delayed or prevented by controlling blood pressure and blood sugar and by taking medicines that protect the kidneys. Good diabetes care includes regular kidney testing and education about kidney disease and treatment. Kidney failure from diabetes among Native Americans was the highest of any race. However, this has declined the fastest since the Indian Health Service (IHS) began using population health and team-based approaches to diabetes and kidney care, a potential model for other populations.

2X
Native Americans are twice as likely as whites to have diabetes.

2 in 3
In about 2 out of 3 Native Americans with kidney failure, diabetes is the cause.

54%
Kidney failure from diabetes dropped by 54% in Native Americans between 1996 and 2013.

Health care systems can:

- **Use population health approaches to diabetes care.** Assess long-term outcomes and address disparities. Promote wellness of the entire community and connect people to local resources, including healthy food, transportation, housing, and mental health care.
- **Develop a coordinated team approach to diabetes care.** Team-based care should include patient education, community outreach, care coordination, tracking of health outcomes, and access to healthcare providers, nutritionists, diabetes educators, pharmacists, community health workers, and behavioral health clinicians.
- **Integrate kidney disease prevention and education into routine diabetes care.** Screen people with diabetes for kidney disease and make sure that kidney disease is routinely addressed as part of diabetes care.

Want to learn more? www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/ai-an-diabetes

The poster features a silhouette of a Native American man on the right side. At the bottom, there are three logos: the Department of Health and Human Services, the CDC, and the Indian Health Service.

2017 in Review: Continued

- Quality accomplishments
 - Single accrediting organization for all IHS hospitals
 - New credentialing software system
 - National Quality Accountability Dashboard
 - Patient wait time standards

All Tribes and Urban Indian Organizations Conference Call

CAPT Francis Frazier
Director, OPHS
December 18, 2017

Workgroup

- Purpose
 - Draft final mission, vision, goals and objectives with appropriate strategies and measures.
 - The final workgroup documents and recommendations will be reviewed by senior staff.
- Composition
 - Tribal Representatives
 - Area and Service Unit Representatives
 - Headquarters Office staff
 - Senior staff

Workgroup Update: Timeline

- Five meetings starting in November and continuing through January.
- Based on feedback from the workgroup members, additional time/meetings have been added to the workgroup schedule.
- Anticipated workgroup completion in January 2018.
- There will be a 30-day public comment period on the draft Strategic Plan.
- The final IHS Strategic Plan is expected to be completed in April 2018.

Website Updates

The screenshot displays the Indian Health Service (IHS) website. The header includes the IHS logo, the text "Indian Health Service" and "The Federal Health Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives", a search bar, and navigation links for "A to Z Index", "Employee Resources", and "Feedback". A secondary navigation bar contains links for "About IHS", "Locations", "for Patients", "for Providers", "Community Health", "Career Opportunities", and "Newsroom". The breadcrumb trail reads: "IHS Home / The Division of Planning, Evaluation, and Research / Planning / Strategic Planning".

The main content area is titled "Strategic Planning" and "IHS Strategic Plan 2018-2022". It states: "IHS is seeking comments on the following question and initial framework: *Do the IHS Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives reflect the direction and priorities you feel the IHS should pursue over the next 5 years?*".

The "Initial Framework" section includes:

- Mission** - To raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.
- Vision** - A health system that promotes Tribal ownership and pride.
- Goal 1:** To ensure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Objectives:

A "Comments" sidebar on the right indicates that a summary of recent comments is available for review and lists four downloadable comment records:

- Download [StrategicPlanCommentsRecd-10-12-2017](#) (PDF - 100 KB)
- Download [StrategicPlanCommentsRecd-10-20-2017](#) (PDF - 129 KB)
- Download [StrategicPlanCommentsRecd-10-27-2017](#) (PDF - 129 KB)
- Download [StrategicPlanCommentsRecd-11-3-2017](#) (PDF - 132 KB)

[IHS Strategic Planning Website](#)

(draft framework and comments received to date available for download on the website)

[Email the IHS Strategic Planning team](#) for questions.

Website Updates - Workgroup

- **November 14:** Workgroup Meeting #1
 - [Meeting Summary](#) [PDF - 177 KB]
 - [Meeting Agenda](#) [PDF - 57 KB]
 - [Process to Date Presentation](#) [PDF - 236 KB]
 - [Workgroup Charge and Process Presentation](#) [PDF - 219 KB]
 - [IHS 2017 Strategic Planning Framework Presentation](#) [PDF - 340 KB]
 - [Workgroup Discussion Presentation](#) [PDF - 247 KB]
 - [Strategic Plan Comment List as of 11/06/2017](#) [PDF - 171 KB]
- **November 28:** IHS issues letters to [Tribal leaders](#) [PDF - 94 KB] and [Urban Indian Organization leaders](#) [PDF - 94 KB] to share progress to date on the IHS draft Strategic Plan 2018-2022.
- **November 29:** Workgroup Meeting #2
 - [Meeting Agenda](#) [PDF - 53 KB]
 - [Workgroup Charge Presentation](#) [PDF - 388 KB]
 - [Review Process Presentation](#) [PDF - 148 KB]
 - [Meeting 3 Preparation Presentation](#) [PDF - 155 KB]
 - [Suggested Strategies as of 11/28/2017](#) [PDF - 133 KB]