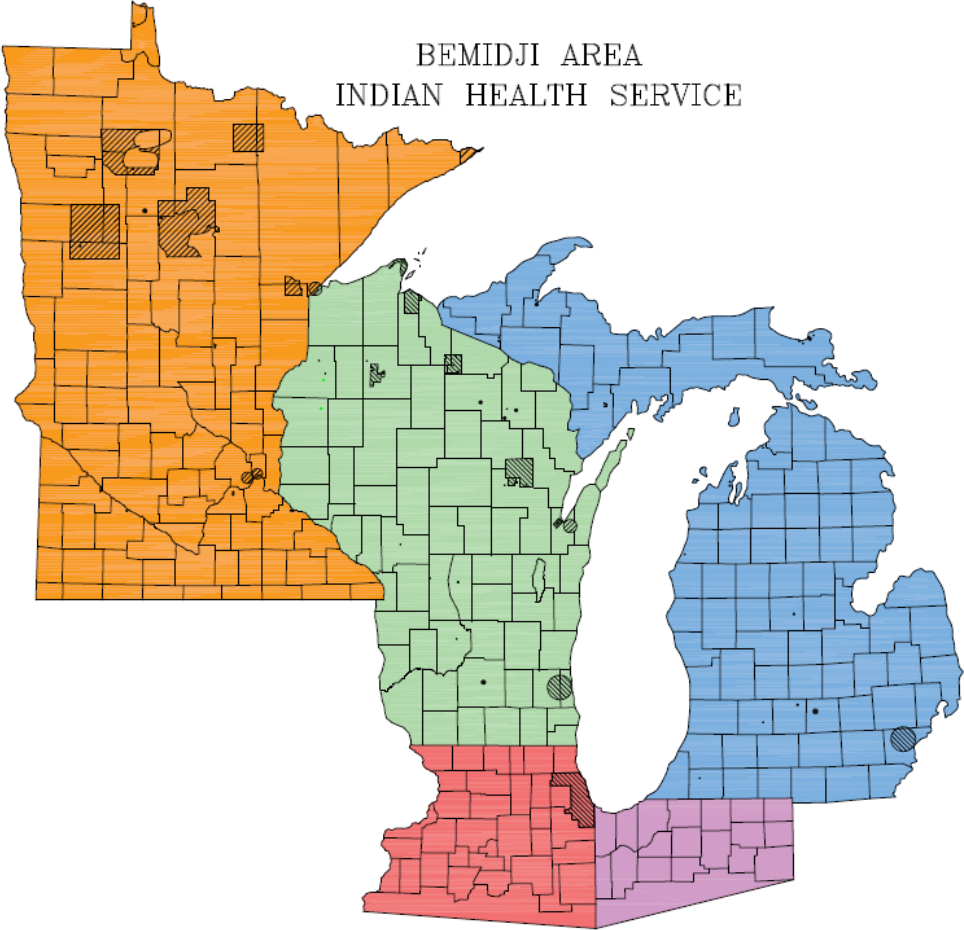


FY 2022 Area Tribal Budget Consultation *Bemidji* *Report*

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• **Bemidji Area**

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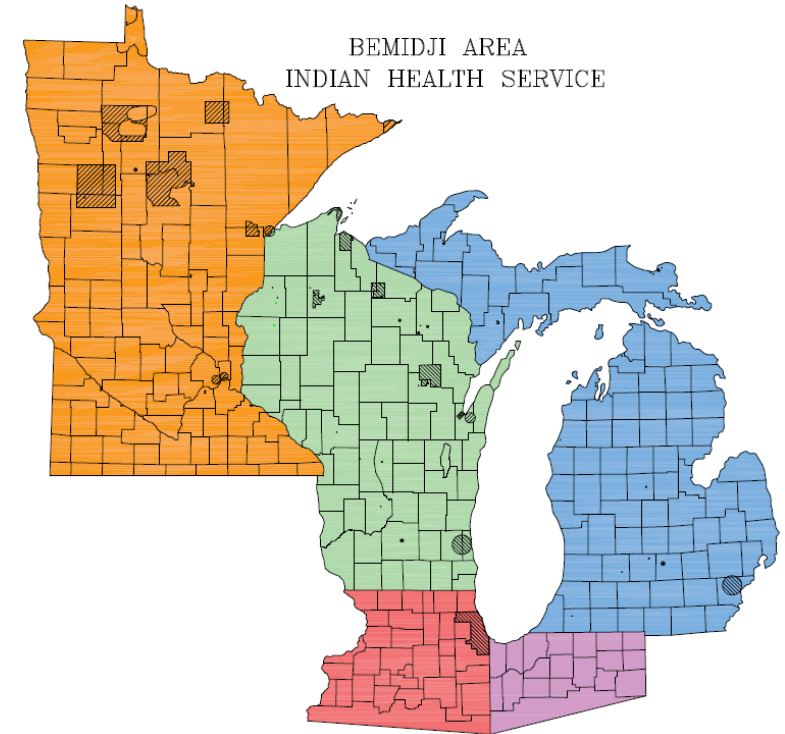
Tribes: 34 – 200-30,000 members

- 20 Title I
- 14 Title V
- 3 Federal Service Units: 2 Hospitals/1 Ambulatory Clinic

Urban facilities: 6

- Minneapolis, St Paul, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee (2)

Greater than 90% on average on GPRA Standards



Summary of Funding Priorities

Priority 1- PRC	\$612M	22.31%
◦ 2/3 Bemidji Area has small tribal population. Living in Rural Areas adds to the increase in need		
Priority 2- H H&C	\$464.2M	16.92%
◦ Assist in support of the direct care needs unique to each tribal community		
Priority 3- Alcohol and Substance Abuse	\$380 M	13.85%
◦ Assist in correcting the negative impact drug abuse has on native people		
Priority 4- Urban	\$316.6M	11.54%
◦ Increase critical funding for the large AI/AN populations in the urban settings		
Priority 5- Mental Health	\$295.5	10.77%
◦ To assist in addressing the root causes for community members' mental health issues		

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Priority 6- Traditional Healers	\$211 M	7.69%
◦ Applied to H H&C for traditional healers for culturally based healthcare alternative options		
Priority 7- Long Term Care	\$190M	6.92%
◦ Applied to H H&C to assist Elders to stay in their homes/communities throughout their lives		
Priority 8- Public Health Nurse	\$147.6M	5.38%
◦ Improve disease prevention and early detection of health disorders in AI/AN		
Priority 9- Dental	\$126.7M	4.62%
◦ Current level of funding is only covering \$20/individual		

Hot Issues

Hot Topic 1: Funding for Urban Healthcare Programs

- Under funded and reliant on Grants to remain viable. Grants are not reliable for stable budgets, operations or expanding services

Hot Topic 2: OMB Rate for Medicare Services

- Current discussion of Medicare-for-all could pave the way for the elimination of Medicaid program.

Hot Topic 3: Recruitment and Retention

- I.H.S. loan repayment is not keeping pace with current standards.
- Data sharing among other federal agencies so HPSA scores are accurate
- Recruits are no-shows at regional and tribal events
- Additional funding to offer competitive wages for providers

Hot Issues

Hot Topic 4: Access to Reliable Data

- Tribes are challenged with access to reliable data to improve quality healthcare in their facilities. Access to education, prevention, treatment and emergency funds are hindered by inadequate or undependable data.

Hot Topic 5: Construction Funding

- Many tribal healthcare facilities are dated and in need of replacement. One Bemidji Area tribe is reporting the healthcare center was built on wet lands over 26 years ago and are experiencing unstable foundations and flooding. This is just one story albeit many more.

Hot Topic 6: Long Term Care

- Tribal members are living longer. 51 yrs in 1940 to 76.9 yrs in 2001
- Tribal Elders are seen as keepers of tradition and instrumental in maintaining the tribe. Taking Elders out of the community due to lack of needed services is a major detriment to the soundness of the tribe.
- Dedicate funding for LTC would give tribes flexibility in designing programs meeting their population's unique needs

Hot Issues

Hot Topic 7: EHR Modernization

- Modernization of the RPMS HER package is needed to keep pace with EHR packages in the private sector.
- There is a big concern about where the funding will come from and how it will meld with tribes that have purchased private sector systems.

Success Stories

Tele-Behavioral Health has been demonstrated to increase access to mental healthcare and psychiatric medication management.

Bemidji launched a Tele-behavioral health program over a year ago. Resulting in 1069 patient visits. 40% of which were at Tribally owned clinics. Nearly half the patients seen had a history of suicidal ideation.

We now offer prescribing psychology and psychiatry services. Bemidji Area is holding a behavioral Health Conference for federal and tribal behavioral health staff. In addition, we are developing additional training in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Which has shown to help those with substance abuse and other mental health diagnoses.