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Terri Schmidt, R.N. is the Acting Director of the Office of Resource Access and Partnerships (ORAP) for the Indian Health Service (IHS). Ms. Schmidt is Arapaho and a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. 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 the Acting ORAP Director, Ms. Schmidt is responsible for providing direction and leadership in the areas of purchased/referred care, business office/third-party collections, and partnerships with other Agencies and organizations. The office deals with over \$1 billion in collections and purchased/referred care funds. The Office focus is on supplementing IHS' appropriated funds with other Federal, state, and private sector resources through revenue generation and to enhance Federal and Tribal access to those resources. The office consists of the Division of Contract Care and the Division of Business Office Enhancement.

Ms. Schmidt has a broad array of management experience, and her career progression includes both direct clinical care and service unit leadership experience. She began her IHS career as a staff nurse in 1989, and through the years she served as the Chief Nurse Executive, Acting Contract Health Services Supervisor, Public Health Nurse, and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Clinton Service Unit in the Oklahoma City Area IHS. In 2007, during her tenure as CEO, she partnered with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the design, building, and move from the Clinton Indian Hospital to the Clinton Indian Health Center.

In 2008, Ms. Schmidt became the Area Contract Health Service Officer for the Oklahoma City Area. In 2010, she moved to IHS Headquarters to work as a Management Analyst for ORAP. From October 2011 to December 2014, she served as the Director of the Division of Contract Care in ORAP.

She most recently served from December 2014 to January 2016 as Acting Director of the IHS Office of Management Services.

In September 2002, Ms. Schmidt completed an Executive Leadership Development Program. From 2007 to 2008 she served as the Secretary and Vice-Chair of the National Council of Chief Executive Officers and as faculty and a facilitator of the IHS National CEO Boot Camp. Ms. Schmidt has received numerous awards during her professional career, including an IHS Director's Award for personal dedication, commitment, and accomplishments toward the mission of the Indian Health Service in 1999 and in 2011 for outstanding support of the Contract Health Services Workgroup. In 2005 and 2008 she received the National Council of Chief Executive Officers Managerial Excellence Award. In 2007, Ms. Schmidt received the Oklahoma City Area Superior Support Service award for successfully coordinating the design and construction of a new facility.

Ms. Schmidt was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma.