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Dr. Rose Weahkee, a member of the Navajo Nation, is the Acting Director of the Office of Urban Indian Health Programs. The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider of health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Dr. Weahkee provides oversight of functions and operations related to Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and health care services provided to American Indian and Alaska Native beneficiaries who reside in urban areas across the nation. Dr. Weahkee makes recommendations and provides key advice as a subject matter expert on methods of improving health care access and delivery to urban Indians through collaborative efforts with tribes and tribal organizations; federal, state and local governments; public and private foundations; and other entities.

Dr. Weahkee joined the Office of Urban Indian Health Programs as deputy director in September 2017. She previously served as the Director of Field Operations for the Phoenix Area IHS helping to oversee the delivery of health care services to more than 170,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. Dr. Weahkee also previously served as the Director for the IHS Division of Behavioral Health, and as the IHS California Area Behavioral Health Consultant where she provided behavioral health leadership to tribal and urban Indian health programs in California.

Prior to joining the IHS, Dr. Weahkee served for 8 years as the Administrative Clinical Director for United American Indian Involvement, Inc. in Los Angeles. In this position, she was responsible for providing administrative and clinical leadership and direction for a range of community-based services. As a licensed psychologist, she also provided clinical supervision as well as mental health therapy, substance abuse counseling, psychological assessments and testing, individual, group, and family therapy, and parent education and training.

In 2006, Dr. Weahkee was the recipient of the American Psychological Association's Early Career Award in the Public Interest. In 2011 and 2012, she was recognized for her leadership in behavioral health with an IHS National Director's Award. In 2011, she was recognized for her leadership and community involvement with the prestigious Luana Reyes Leadership Award. Also in 2011, Dr. Weahkee was awarded a Presidential Citation by the American Psychological Association for her lifelong commitment to multicultural issues and her work in psychology.

Dr. Weahkee received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Loyola Marymount University and her masters and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology.