

Director's Workgroup on Behavioral Health

*Robert Marquez, Cold Springs Rancheria
Annual Tribal Leaders' Meeting
March 25, 2015*



California Representatives

Primary Tribal Representative (out-going)

Robert Marquez, Tribal Representative
Cold Springs Rancheria

Alternate Tribal Representative (out-going)

Michael Thom, Tribal Representative
Karuk Tribe

Primary Tribal Representative for FY 2015

Robert Super, Vice-Chairman
Karuk Tribe

IHS Consultant

Dawn Phillips, BH Consultant
California Area Indian Health Service

Behavioral Health Work Group

- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Workgroup met with the IHS Director and other key personnel at 2005 and 2006 IHS Behavioral Health Conferences
 - Reviewed recommendations to revise and expand the previous Alcohol and Substance Abuse National 5-year Strategic Plan to include co-existing conditions
- Behavioral Health Workgroup formed in 2007 which included Alcohol and Substance Abuse Workgroup members

National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health (NTAC)

NTAC is advisory body to the IHS Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) and the IHS Director

Purpose:

- Enhance the government-to-government relationship between IHS and Tribal governments
- Advise the DBH on improving programming and service delivery and setting national behavioral health priorities

Aim:

- Provide guidance and recommendations on programmatic issues that affect the delivery of behavioral health care

NTAC Project Oversight

NTAC is responsible for the oversight of two pilot initiatives:

- **Meth & Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI)**
- **Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative (DVPI)**

Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI)

- **The IHS began MSPI in September 2009**
 - Pilot demonstration project for IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health programs
 - Supports the use and development of evidence-based and practice-based models which are culturally appropriate and community driven

Current MSPI Projects

Total of 130 projects (5 in California):

- California Area Indian Health Service
- Hoopa Valley Tribe
- San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians
- Toiyabe Indian Health Project, Inc.
- United Indian Health Services

MSPI Accomplishments

- **From 2009-2014, the MSPI resulted in:**
 - Over 9,400 individuals entering treatment for methamphetamine abuse
 - More than 12,000 substance abuse and mental health encounters via telehealth
 - Over 13,150 professionals and community members trained in suicide crisis response
 - More than 528,000 encounters with youth provided as part of prevention activities

Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative (DVPI)

- The IHS began DVPI in 2010
 - Pilot demonstration project for IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health programs
 - Promotes the development and implementation of evidence-based and practice-based models of domestic violence prevention that are also culturally competent
 - Expands outreach and increases awareness by funding projects that provide:
 - Victim advocacy
 - Intervention
 - Case coordination
 - Policy development
 - Community response teams
 - Community and school education programs

Current DVPI Projects

Total of 65 Projects (4 In California):

- Indian Health Council North County Family Violence Prevention Center
- Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
- Northern Valley Indian Health DVPI Program
- United Indian Health Services DV Prevention

DVPI Accomplishments

- **From 2010-2014, the DVPI resulted in:**
 - Over 50,500 direct service encounters
 - More than 38,000 referrals for domestic violence services, culturally-based services, and clinical behavioral health services
 - 600 forensic evidence collection kits submitted to federal, state, and tribal law enforcement

NTAC Looking Ahead

- Revision of the BHWG Strategic Plan (5 Year)
- Review funding formula (annually)
- Review current pilot projects (ongoing)
- Program Allocations (request for funding increase)
- Request for a 5 year funding cycle
- Request that new Tribes and Tribal Organizations can submit proposals for starting of new MSPI and DVPI Programs

Voting Item 1

- Should new tribes and tribal organizations be able to submit new proposals every year for MSPI and DVPI?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More funding for tribes/tribal organizations in California	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff turnover due to uncertainty about program funding every year• If no more funding nationally, current programs could receive less funding

Note: All tribes that submitted applications for MSPI were approved

Questions?

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