



Overview of Voting Issues for Caucus

CATAC Representatives



Background

- Meets quarterly to complement input from other task forces and committees
- Promotes and protects the interest/values of the 104 federally recognized tribes in California
- Identifies issues that require deliberation and ratification from California tribes



Current CATAC Representatives

North Region

Primary Representative	Alternate Representative
John Green	Archie Super
Michael Thom	Marcellene Norton
Shirley Laos	Laura Borden

East Central Region

Primary Representative	Alternate Representative
John Glazier	Gerald Howard
Carol Bill	Elaine Fink
Shannon Romero	Tina Braithwaite



Current CATAC Representatives

West Central Region

Primary Representative	Alternate Representative
Silver Galleto	Lynn Silva
Debra Ramirez	Loretta Harjo
Crista Ray	Veronica Rael-Aparicio

South Region

Primary Representative	Alternate Representative
Teresa Sanchez	Dominica Valencia
Clara Galindo	Veronica Saul
Chris Devers	Robert Smith



Current CATAC Representatives

National Indian Health Board

Lisa Elgin

Urban

Scott Black

Indian Health Service

Beverly Miller



Vote

Elect:

- Northern Region – 1 representative
- East Central Region – 1 representative
- West Central Region – 2 representatives
- Southern Region – 2 representatives
- Urban – 1 representative

YRTC Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC)



Background

- The Youth Regional Treatment Center (YRTC) Bylaws indicate that there is to be a Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) to advise the Governing Body
- The YRTC TAC will serve in an advisory capacity and will not be involved in any functions that are considered inherently governmental
- It is not necessary for YRTC TAC members to be mental health providers
- YRTC TAC representatives must adhere to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)
- The CATAC has been acting as the YRTC TAC since November 2016



Role of the YRTC TAC

- The advisory role of the YRTC TAC is to:
 - provide culturally appropriate guidance for the Governing Body
 - review committee reports
 - Review program outcomes
 - Participate in strategic planning



Vote

- 1) Do you want to
 - a) continue utilizing the CATAC as the YRTC TAC
or
 - a) elect new representatives for the YRTC TAC?

If you choose to elect new representatives, each of the four California regions (North, East Central, West Central, South) must elect one representative and one alternate. Additionally, California urban Indian healthcare programs are to appoint one urban representative (ex-officio).

IHS/CAO Circulars



Background

- The IHS/CAO formally requested input from California Tribal Leaders regarding the Circulars in November 2015
- The Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Office of the General Counsel (OGC) reviewed the revised circulars in October 2015
- The IHS/CAO again reviewed the circulars with California Tribal Leaders during the March 2016 Annual Tribal Consultation
- The Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) provided input in August 2016



Overview of IHS/CAO Circular California Area Tribal Advisory Committee

- **Purpose/Background:** *Because there are over 100 federally recognized Tribal governments in California, it is necessary for the CAIHS Director to have an advisory committee to solicit Tribal advice and recommendations.*
- **Consultation Process:**
 - Tribal
 - *Consultation sessions will be held to provide the opportunity for meaningful dialogue and effective participation by the Indian Tribe(s)*
 - *An Indian Tribe may meet one-to-one with the CAIHS*
 - *The CAIHS will document and follow up on any unresolved issue(s)*
 - *All CAIHS policies are posted on the CAIHS Web site*



Overview of IHS/CAO Circular

California Area Tribal Advisory Committee

- **Consultation Process cont'd.:**

- HHS Divisions and Regional Offices*

- *Upon the request of an Indian Tribe(s), the CAIHS will advocate for and facilitate collaboration between HHS Divisions, Regional Offices, and the Indian Tribe(s) to assist with consultation.*
 - *The CAIHS will assist Indian Tribes in addressing any identified issue(s) such as access to HHS programs and services that could be provided directly to an Indian Tribe(s).*
 - *The CAIHS will work with the HHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to assist Indian Tribes in advocating for improved HHS Division-Tribal relations.*



Overview of IHS/CAO Circular California Area Tribal Advisory Committee

- **Charge:**

- *Contributions are advisory in nature*
- *Promote and protect the interests and values of all California Indians*
- *Serve as “sounding board” for the CAIHS Director*
- *Identify issues of major importance*
- *Serve as primary advisors in developing the Tribal consultation agenda*
- *Accountable to the Tribal leaders that elected them*



Overview of IHS/CAO Circular

California Area Tribal Advisory Committee

- **Election of Regional Representatives:**

- *Duly elected Tribal officials are designated by region at the Annual Tribal Consultation. Three representatives from each of the four regions are asked to serve staggered two-year terms.*
- *If a CATAC representatives loses their election during their term, they may complete their two-year term or identify an elected alternate.*
- *All CATAC members must be elected officers of Tribal governments or their designees*

- **Advisory Committee Member Responsibilities:**

- *Meet at least four times per year*
- *Expected to travel to Sacramento or other designated locations*



Overview of IHS/CAO Circular

California Area Tribal Advisory Committee

- **IHS Budget:**

- *The CAIHS Director will solicit the active participation of tribes and Tribal organizations in the formulation of the President's proposed budget for the IHS.*
- *The CATAC is the Area-wide budget formulation team*

- **Budget Execution:**

- *It is IHS policy to involve Tribal governments in decision-making processes concerning the allocation of new funding*
- *The CAIHS has a process for distributed budget-related information on an annual basis*



Overview of IHS/CAO Circular Tribal Consultation

- **Purpose/Background:** *Establish a schedule for CAIHS to conduct Tribal consultation.*

- **Philosophy:**

- Political/Legal Foundations*

- *Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638*
 - *Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437*

- Ethical Foundation*

- *AI/AN people have a right to self-governance, meaning decisions are to be made by and with the people who are most directly affected by the decisions.*



Overview of IHS/CAO Circular Tribal Consultation

- **Definitions:**

- Consultation

- *An enhance form of communication that emphasizes trust, respect, and shared responsibility*

- **Objectives:**

- *Formalize requirement for consultation*
 - *Identify critical events for which Tribal consultation is required*
 - *Develop innovative methods of involving Tribal governments in decision-making*
 - *Utilize CATAC as primary source of Tribal recommendations*
 - *Ensure consultation is focused on Tribal governments*



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Overview of IHS/CAO Circular Tribal Consultation

- **Schedule for Consultation**

- *The CAIHS will involve Tribal representatives at every practicable opportunity, with a minimum of:*
 - 4 Quarterly CATAC Meetings*
 - 1 Annual Tribal Consultation*



Vote

- 1) Do you approve of the amended Circular No. 2017-XX California Area Tribal Advisory Committee?

If no, what are your recommended changes to the circular?

- 2) Do you approve of the amended Circular No. 2017-XX Tribal Consultation?

If no, what are your recommended changes to the circular?