



May 21, 2019

Dear Tribal Leader,

On behalf of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, you should have recently received at Dear Tribal Leader Letter for the Region IX 2019 Nation-to-Nation Consultation session. The formal consultation will be held at the William Jessup University, located at 2121 University Ave, Rocklin, CA, on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We sincerely hope you will participate and look forward to a productive dialogue. We believe these discussions open the door to better communication between Tribal members and Federal partners. A physical presence provides an opportunity to share issues and work together to solve problems. This open discussion will allow you discuss current health and human service priorities, provide input on consultation policy, and directly interact with HHS regional policy staff and national officials.

In addition to the aforementioned letter, I wanted to announce that representatives of HHS, including myself, are also available for **pre-scheduled** one-on-one meetings on **Tuesday, June 18**.

These one-on-one meetings to allow Tribes time to discuss specific issues with Operating Divisions of HHS Region IX. We will schedule 30-minute blocks for these meetings starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Due to limited availability of the meeting space, one-on-one meetings will be assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. All requests should be submitted no later than June 5. **If you would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting for June 18** please fill out the request form at: <http://bit.ly/2019consultation>

Please send any questions or issues you have to my Policy & Outreach Specialist, Schuyler Hall at [Schuyler.Hall@hhs.gov](mailto:Schuyler.Hall@hhs.gov) or via phone at (415) 437-8518.

Sincerely,

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