

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
FY 2018 Area Budget Formulation Sessions

Personal Testimony Template (1-2 pages only)

Tribal testimony is presented during the HHS Annual National Tribal Budget and Policy Consultation Session (in February).

Consider the following format when submitting a personal testimony:

- Provide an opening statement (1 sentence in length)

Example: “We need to get Diabetes under control in our community; we have seen too many lives cut short unnecessarily as a result of this epidemic”

- Demonstrate a personal testimony that must be budget related, e.g.,
 - (a) Testimony demonstrating a service not being provided because of insufficient funds.

Example: “We have seen our Diabetes rates rise dramatically in recent years as a result of not receiving adequate funding to promote diabetes prevention and awareness in our communities.

- (b) Performance stories may also be submitted that demonstrate what can be achieved with a certain amount of funding, etc.

Example: “We have seen Diabetes rates in some communities drop by as much as 40% when those areas receive funding amounts that total at least \$1,000,000 to promote diabetes prevention and awareness.

- Insert a small chart, graph or article illustrating the evidence or facts that support your argument or testimony.
- Written consent must be obtained from the person and/or family to share the story.