

**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE/CALIFORNIA AREA OFFICE  
TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 11, 2013**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**CATAC Members:**

**Region Represented:**

Mr. John Green	Absent	Northern
Mr. Stacy Dixon	Present	Northern
Mr. Peter Masten Jr.	Present	Northern
Ms. Bonnie Hale	Absent	East Central
Mr. Robert Marquez	Absent	East Central
Mr. David Moose	Present	East Central
Mr. Silver Galleto	Present	West Central
Mr. Nelson Pinola	Absent	West Central
Ms. Crista Ray	Present	West Central
Mr. Chris Devers	Absent	Southern
Mr. Johnny Hernandez	Absent	Southern
Mr. Robert Smith (a)	Present	Southern
Ms. Teresa Sanchez (a)	Present	Southern

All are primary representatives unless noted; alternates denoted with an (a).

**IHS Staff In attendance:**

Ms. Margo Kerrigan	Director, California Area Office
Mr. Ed Fluette	Associate Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering
Mr. Travis Coleman	Acting Indian Self-Determination Program Manager

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began at 1:00 PM on March 11 on the Pala Indian Reservation in Pala, California.

**Executive Summary**

The Executive Summary from the February 27, 2013 meeting was distributed to the CATAC members.

**California Representatives to National IHS and HHS Workgroup List and Reports:**

CMS TTAG: Representatives: Mr. James Crouch and Mr. James Russ

No report during meeting. Mr. Crouch will give a report to the general session on Tuesday

Contract Support Cost (CSC) Workgroup: Representatives: Ms. Michelle Hayward and Ms. Mary Benedict

No report during meeting. Ms. Benedict will give a report to the general session on Tuesday.

IHS National Behavioral Health Workgroup (BHWG): Representatives: Chairman Robert Marquez and Mr. Michael Thom

No report during meeting. Chairman Marquez will give a report to the general session on Tuesday.

IHS Budget Formulation Workgroup (BFWG): Representatives: Chairman Stacy Dixon and Mr. Dennis Heffington

No report during meeting. Chairman Dixon will give a report to the general session on Tuesday.

IHS Contract Health Services Workgroup (CHS): Tribal Representatives: Mr. Johnny Hernandez and Mr. Chris Devers; Technical Representatives: Mr. Molin Malicay and Mr. Jim Crouch

No report during the meeting. Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Malicay will give a report to the general session on Tuesday.

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC): Representatives: Ms. Rosemary Nelson and Ms. Dominica Valencia

No report during meeting. Ms. Nelson will give a report to the general session on Tuesday.

IHS Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation (DAWTC): Representatives: Chairman Charlie Wright and Ms. Hayley Hutt (

No report during the meeting or during the general session.

Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC): Representatives: Chairman Leonard Masten and Chairman Robert Smith

No report during the meeting or during the general session.

IHS Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB): Representatives: Mr. Pete Masten

This committee has not met for a few years. Mr. Masten will make a statement to the general session.

HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC): Representatives: Chairman Stacy Dixon and Chairwoman Elaine Fink

No report during meeting. Chairman Dixon will give a report during the general session on Tuesday.

Audience is more appreciative of CATAC now and like the reports given. They communicate this to their tribes. Chairman Dixon's STAC term ends in December of this year. Sequestration must be considered, the committee should be meeting in May. Speakers will be seated up front in case there are questions from the audience.

### **Annual Tribal Leaders' Consultation Conference**

After welcome, there must be an introduction of Tribal Officials. They should all speak into the microphone before Dr. Roubideaux gets on the call. She will be available from 10:00-10:30am. From 10:30am-lunch, there will be a presentation on the Affordable Care Act. From 2:30-4:00pm, regions will break out to elect CATAC positions. From 4:00-5:00pm, there will be a fun run/walk starting in the lower level of the parking lot.

Wednesday's sessions will begin at 8:00am with a drum group and Chairman Smith's introductions. From 9:30am-12:00pm, the Innova group will present on the IHS feasibility study and provide an update on Portland's progress. At 1:30pm, Ms. Kerrigan will present on the YRTCs. From 3:00-3:30pm, there will be a presentation on veteran's benefits. At 3:30pm, attendees will be asked to evaluate the consultation.

The YRTC tour has been cancelled. There will be a ceremony in June for the Northern YRTC site (the ground is too wet to do it before then).

The moderator should hold the microphone no more than 1.5 inches away from their face.

### **Emerging Issues:**

Mr. Moose asked why they do not receive reports on urban clinics, especially since significant funding goes to urban clinics. Many tribal members live in urban areas, and the CATAC once had an urban representative. This representative has not attended the meetings because the majority of the issues are tribal-related. He also noted that they will need to collaborate for the IHCA.

Mr. Galleto asked if the Indian hospitals would be rural or remote. He is confused about the Affordable Care Act and access. There will be no vote about the hospitals at the Consultation, but they will continue with a 5 year plan.

Mr. Galleto asked if a resolution will be circulated for tribal leaders to sign.

Mr. Galleto asked if someone was going to speak to the CATAC about CHEF, especially since California receives less than 1% funding. Programs wait until there is more than \$25,000 in bills, but they need to start preparing before the money is gone in order to submit the request to IHS/HQ. He asked for data showing who is utilizing CHEF in California.

Clinics in rural areas can combine money and services to get some benefits.

Mr. Galleto asked if the tribes get to determine where the cuts are made if there is a sequestration. The cuts will be made evenly across the board. IHS/CAO has already assumed a 5% cut since October, to limit the effects when this happens. Each program should do this as well. Our cut is somewhere between 2%-8%. There is discussion with the State to restore optional benefits and third parties will increase and we will recoup the money again. Third party funds are the only thing that is going to help this year. We need to start utilizing CHEF funds, and the most likely to get funded are those that apply thoroughly and correctly. The IHS/CAO offers training twice a year, and Toni Johnson is the contact for that.

Ms. Kerrigan noted that there is limited information about the sequestration. There is a rumor that it will be a 5% cut, but it could be 9% next year. Only two agencies are exempt from this.

CATAC elections require a resolution or a letter from the Tribe, if not an elected member of the Tribe. Ms. Kerrigan reviewed the current list of CATAC members and those that are due for elections. She noted that if a CATAC meeting is missed twice by the primary representative, the alternate will be asked to attend.

Regarding CRIHB's presentation, no vote has been set up, but the tribes are welcome to do so. (85%)

Additional guests in attendance during the March 11, 2013 CATAC meeting:

**Name**

Rosemary Nelson

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee representative

**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE  
CALIFORNIA AREA TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MODERATOR MEETING  
Pala Casino Resort and Spa  
11154 Highway 76  
Pala, CA 92059  
March 11, 2013**

**Location: Board Room**

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| <b>1:00 PM</b> | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b> |
| <b>1:10 PM</b> | <b>Review Executive Summary-February 27, 2013<br/>Draft for May meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Mr. T. Coleman</b>  |
| <b>1:15 PM</b> | <b>California Representatives to National IHS and HHS<br/>Workgroup List and Reports</b><br><br><b>CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG)<br/>Contract Support Cost Workgroup (CSC)<br/>IHS National Behavioral Health Workgroup (BHWG)<br/>IHS Budget Formulation Workgroup (BFWG)<br/>IHS Contract Health Services Workgroup (CHS)<br/>Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC)<br/>IHS Director's Workgroup on Tribal Consultation (DAWTC)<br/>Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)<br/>IHS Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB)<br/>HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC)</b> |                        |
| <b>2:15 PM</b> | <b>Tribal Leaders' Conference Agenda<br/>Moderator Instructions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| <b>2:30 PM</b> | <b>Review Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)<br/>for Regional CATAC elections<br/>(Documents in packet)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                        |
| <b>2:45 PM</b> | <b>Discussion on the Sequestration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |
| <b>3:00 PM</b> | <b>Emerging Issues</b><br><br><b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |