



## **Capt. Brian K. Johnson, B.S., MPH**

### **Navajo Area Acting Director**

### **Indian Health Service**

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Capt. Brian K. Johnson, B.S., MPH, is Acting Area Director of the Navajo Area of the Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider of health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As Acting Navajo Area Director, Capt. Johnson is responsible for ensuring the provision of comprehensive health care services to Tribes in the Four Corners area, comprising portions of the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and southern Utah. The Navajo Area Indian health system provides health care services through federally-operated facilities as well as through tribally managed programs assumed under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Capt. Johnson began his career with the IHS in 1993, serving with the IHS Bemidji Area White Earth Service Unit as an Environmental Health Specialist with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. He also worked as a supervisory environmental health specialist at the Whiteriver Service Unit in the Phoenix Area.

In the Navajo Area, Capt. Johnson has served as Deputy Director and Director of the Division of Environmental Health Services, in the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE), Navajo Area. In 2010, he began serving as the Director of the Navajo Area OEHE, overseeing five professional divisions. He also served as Acting Area Director of the Navajo Area from 2016 to 2019 and the Acting Deputy Area Director from 2019 to 2022.

Capt. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Environmental Science degree from East Central University, in Ada, Oklahoma, and a Masters of Public Health degree with a focus on Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina.