



Hope Johnson

Acting Director

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Indian Health Service

Hope Johnson, an enrolled member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe, is the acting director of the Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes (ODSCT) for the Indian Health Service, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. The IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native people.

As acting director of ODSCT, Ms. Johnson provides leadership and oversight of tribal health activities authorized under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act for direct service tribes, and serves as the agency's principal liaison to the 573 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes in support of Indian self-determination, as authorized under Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA). Ms. Johnson oversees the policy coordination, technical assistance and support to tribal governments and the IHS director in the area of self-determination, advocacy for direct service tribes in the development of health policy program management, budget allocation, and government-to-government relationships between tribes and the IHS.

Ms. Johnson started her career with IHS in 2014 in the Bemidji Area as the Urban Indian Health Program coordinator and the contract proposal liaison officer for all Title I ISDEAA contracts. In 2016, she received designation as an agency lead negotiator to negotiate all Title V ISDEAA compacts for the area, while serving as the tribal liaison within the Office of the Area Director. Prior to federal service, Ms. Johnson was a partner with Spirit Rock Consulting in Alexandria, Virginia, representing tribes and tribal organizations on issues affecting their communities. She also served as operations director at American Indian Health & Family Services in Detroit, Michigan, and as executive director of the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, both serving the urban Indian populations in their respective areas.

Ms. Johnson received her Bachelor of Science in business from Upper Iowa University, and is a graduate of the 2010 IHS Executive Leadership Development Program.