



## **Capt. Brent Rohlfs, P.E.** **Acting Director** **Great Plains Area** **Indian Health Service**

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Capt. Brent Rohlfs, P.E., is the acting director of the Great Plains Area of the Indian Health Service. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As acting director, Capt. Rohlfs has administrative responsibility for 19 Great Plains service units, including five federally operated hospitals and 10 health centers. The Great Plains Area also supports two urban Indian health programs. The Indian health system in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota serves 17 tribes and more than 130,000 American Indian people eligible for IHS services.

Capt. Rohlfs oversees this system, which is composed of services provided through IHS federally operated facilities, as well as health care services provided by tribes that have assumed partial or full responsibility for their own health care programs under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Capt. Rohlfs has served as the director for the Great Plains Area Office of Environmental Health and Engineering since October 2018, where he has been a significant contributor to the area leadership team. Capt. Rohlfs began his career with the IHS in 1997 as a field engineer with the Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction in Mobridge, South Dakota. He relocated to Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 2002 to serve as an environmental engineer consultant, and has also served as director and deputy director of the Great Plains Area DSFC program.

Capt. Rohlfs graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1995, and received a Master's Degree in Engineering from the University of Idaho in 2009. He has been a professional engineer since 2000 and is also a highly decorated U.S. Public Health Service officer with prior military service in the South Dakota Army National Guard.