



Roselyn Tso

Director

Navajo Area

Indian Health Service

Roselyn Tso, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is the Director of the Navajo Area of 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 Navajo Area director, Tso will be responsible for providing leadership in the administration of a comprehensive federal, tribal, and urban Indian health care system. The IHS Navajo Area delivers health services to a user population of over 244,000 American Indians in five federal service units and six tribally operated health care facilities under authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act on and near the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation is one of the largest Indian reservations in the United States consisting of more than 25,000 contiguous square miles and three satellite communities, and extends into portions of the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. The IHS Navajo Area serves members of the Navajo Nation, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, and other American Indian beneficiaries in the area.

Tso began her career with the IHS in 1984. She previously served in various roles in the Portland Area, both at the service unit level as the Administrative Officer for the Yakama Service Unit and at the Area level as the Planning and Statistical Officer, Equal Employment Officer and Special Assistant to the Area Director.

In 2005, Tso assumed the role of Director, Office of Tribal and Service Unit Operations for the Portland Area. In this leadership position, she was responsible for the implementation of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act and worked directly with tribes. She also worked with the three urban programs in the Portland Area that provide services ranging from community health to comprehensive primary health care services. Before accepting the Navajo Area director position, Tso served as the Director of the ODSCT.

Tso holds a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies from Marylhurst University in Portland, Oregon and a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix, Portland, Oregon.