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FROM THE DESK OF THE BEMIDJI AREA DIRECTOR

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The Bemidji Area Director position is now advertised at USA jobs and on the IHS Jobs Board:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/346910700>

<http://www.ihs.gov/jobs/index.cfm?module=ViewPostDetail&option=ViewPostDetail&Announce=IHS-13-HQ-920031-SES>

I made a presentation to the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (M.A.S.T.) on July 10th regarding the qualifications and competencies required of Senior Executive Service (SES) as well as the process of determining qualified applications and selection of a candidate. The SES qualifications may be found on the OPM website at http://www.opm.gov/ses/references/GuidetoSESQuals_2012.pdf. The announcement closes on August 5, 2013 and applications must be submitted through the online process. Applications will be reviewed and a panel of those applicants meeting qualifications will be presented to the IHS Directors office for interview. Area Tribes may choose to have a representative involved in the interview process or have a selected panel of Tribal Leaders involved. Recommendations will be made to the Director following the interviews. The selection is made by the IHS Director. Questions should be directed to michele.bowseraguilar@ihs.gov.

PRE-NEGOTIATION MEETING

The Area held the 2014 Pre-Negotiation meeting with Area Tribes on May 21, 2013 in Acme, MI. Though we could not provide the Headquarters and Area tables nor the Tribes specific detail sheets, there were many items to discuss. For those who were unable to attend, meeting packets were mailed to the Health Director. On July 8th Deanna Dick sent out follow-up items from the meeting. These included: a table of specific follow-up items which have all been completed except the survey will close on July 19th; the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Concept diagram; the 2000 memo on IHS eligibility for direct service; the October 28, 1999 Federal Register notice on eligibility; List of OEH&E FY13 pool projects; Survey information on funding and distribution of fluoride funds. OEHE has prepared the final report showing the 10 year retrospective on SFC projects and individual reports will be sent to Health Directors. Materials for FY2014 negotiations will be available in the Tribal Consultation section of the Webpage.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATION WITH TRIBES

Attached you will find a one page document of accomplishments as a result of consultation within the Bemidji Area.

QUARTERLY TRIBAL LEADER/HEALTH DIRECTOR ORIENTATION

The quarterly orientation session was held July 17, 2013 with two new Health Directors, one in person and one by video conference. The invitation to participate in these sessions is not limited to Tribal Leaders and Health Directors as they are for any staff interested in learning more about the IHS. Please contact Deanna Dick at 218-444-0463 or via email at Deanna.Dick@ihs.gov for any questions and upcoming schedules.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

We continue to hold ACA trainings throughout the Area. In April we held a 1.5 day session in Walker, MN, in May a 1 day session in Acme, MI, and in June a 1.5 day session in Danbury, WI. I want to thank

our trainers Phil Norrgard and Jennifer DuPuis (Walker and Danbury sessions) and Derek and Tanya Bailey for the training in Acme. I also want to thank the College of St. Scholastica School of Social Work for partnering with us to do group activities, notes and follow-up with participants at the Walker and Danbury sessions. We plan to continue training throughout the rest of the summer and fall. New information is being received as rules and regulations are written or clarified and we have been mailing these out as we receive notices. Training announcements will be sent when scheduled. Please visit the IHS Director's blog for ACA national updates including the recent final rule that approved an exemption for all American Indians and Alaska Natives who are eligible for IHS services from the minimum responsibility payment. The IHS press release can be found here:
<http://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2013pressreleases/renewcommitment/>

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE WORKGROUP

A survey on interest and participation in this ongoing sharing of best practices, discussion of issues, questions and answers monthly teleconferences has been distributed and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PKGYB9S>. These calls have continued for the past year and the initial responses show calls are helpful with approximately 25% of respondents report implementation of different strategies or programs as a result of the monthly technical assistance teleconference calls. The next call will be Friday, July 26, 2013 at 11 AM CDT. Call in information is Conference 866-752-8524; participant 6897591. Presentations from Bemidji Area Tribes during our monthly calls have been posted at
<http://www.attcnetwork.org/regcenters/generalContent.asp?rcid=22&content=STCUSTOM3>

In addition, the document from the Tribal Summit on prescription drug abuse has been posted at <http://www.attcnetwork.org/regcenters/productDocs/22/Final%20Doc%202.pdf>.

BEMIDJI AREA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

The annual Area Information Technology Conference was held June 25-27, 2013 in Shakopee, MN. Topics addressed included updates on Vista, EHR, RPMS, Meaningful Use, Health information exchange, Information Security Agreements and an update from the IHS Chief Information Officer. Breakout sessions included using technology to tell stories and diabetes, Behavioral Health, HIPAA, ICD-10 and Release of Information, wide area networks (WAN), e-prescribing, registration/scheduling GUI, risk assessments, system management, and virtual environments. The 2014 meeting is tentatively planned for April or May as we prepare for Hi-Tech and ICD-10.

UPCOMING AREA MEETINGS

BEMIDJI AREA ANNUAL CHRONIC CARE/DIABETES MEETING

The annual Chronic Care/Diabetes meeting will be August 21-23, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel in Bloomington, MN. Target audience is primarily the ITU diabetes coordinators, dietitians, nurses and health educators. The agenda includes a historical review to emerging trends in diabetes care, as well as diabetes grants, health coaches collaborative, motivational interviewing, best practices, rapid cycle networking, specific diabetes topics and a visit to the International Diabetes Center. For more information, please contact the Bemidji Area Office of Clinical Services at 218-444-0489.

NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD CONSUMER CONFERENCE

The National Indian Health Board Consumer Conference will be at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Traverse City, MI August 26-29, 2013. Planned sessions include ACA training; Medicare and Medicaid, Tribal Consultation and Tribal Workshops; Electronic Health Records and Meaningful Use as well as a

Tribal Youth Summit featuring digital story-telling training and production with a focus on cancer and diabetes. The theme of the conference is "*The Dawn of a New Health Care System: Transforming Tribal Health with Tradition & Change.*" Registration and other information can be found on NIHB's website here: http://www.nihb.org/communications/acc_2013.php.

Have a wonderful summer.

Jenny Jenkins
(Acting) Area Director