

**BEMIDJI AREA TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL, DEPARTMENTAL, AND
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEES AND WORKGROUPS**

National Indian Health Board (NIHB) – Contact: Phyllis Davis at (616) 681 0360

Website: www.nihb.org

Purpose: They advocate on behalf of all federally-recognized tribes in the development of national Indian health policy at the federal level and, keeping tribal governments current on changes in mainstream health care management. They provide a variety of services to tribes, Area Health Boards, federal agencies, and private foundations.

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Term in Office No term limit as long as elected position held (MAST appointed)

HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC Members) – Contact: Stacy Ecoffey at (202) 290-7410.

Website: www.hhs.gov/intergovernmental/tribal

Purpose: To promote a government-to-government relationship between the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and Indian Tribal Governments. The Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) is to seek consensus, exchange views, share information, provide advice and/or recommendations, as well as facilitate other interaction related to intergovernmental responsibilities or administration of HHS programs.

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Term in Office Two calendar years. Terms will be staggered. When a vacancy occurs, IGA will

notify Indian tribes in the respective Area and ask them to nominate a replacement.

HHS Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC) – Contact: LCDR Tracy Branch at (240) 453-6157

Website: minorityhealth.hhs.gov/hrac

Purpose: The Federal delivery of health services and funding of programs to maintain and improve the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) are consonant with the Federal Government's historical and unique legal relationship with Indian Tribes. In recognition of this, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) supports research on improving the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

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Term in Office No term limit as long as elected official. Delegate and Alternate Selection: The OMH will send a letter to tribal leaders requesting nominations for HRAC delegates from Tribes.

HHS Center for Disease Control (CDC) Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee - Contact: Dr. Dawn Wyllie (218) 444-0491

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth/TribalSupport/TCAC/charter.html>

Purpose: The Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) to the Director shall advise the Director of CDC and Administrator of ATSDR on policy issues and broad strategies that may affect American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and people. TAC will assist CDC/ATSDR in fulfilling its mission to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability through established and ongoing relationships and consultation.

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Term in Office: No limit to the length of service. The Chairman of the TCAC will notify the respective Area when vacancies occur.

HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) - Contact: Deanna Dick at (218) 444-0463

Website: <http://cmsttag.org>

Purpose: The Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) was formed to provide advice and input to the CMS on policy and program issues affecting delivery of health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) served by CMS-funded programs. TTAG serves as an advisory group by holding monthly conference calls and three face-to-face meetings each year.

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Term in Office Two years

IHS Tribal Self-Governance Tribal Advisory Committee (TSGAC) – Contact Deanna Dick at (218) 444-0463

Website: http://www.ihs.gov/selfgovernance/index.cfm?module=advisory_committee

Purpose: The Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC) provides advice to the IHS Director and assistance on issues and concerns pertaining to Tribal Self-Governance and the implementation of the Self-Governance within the IHS. The TSGAC represents Self-Governance Tribes by acting on their behalf to clarify issues that affect all compacting tribes specific to issues affecting the delivery of health care of American Indian and Alaska Natives.

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Term in Office Three years

IHS Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee - Contact: Debra Smith at (218) 444-0454

Website: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Diabetes/index.cfm?module=peopleTLDC>

Purpose: The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) makes recommendations to the IHS Director on broad-based policy and advocacy priorities for diabetes and related chronic conditions. The TLDC also plays a key role in ensuring that the IHS consults with Tribes before making decisions on diabetes treatment and prevention efforts.

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Term in Office: No term limits, changes to the TLDC membership are to be submitted by the appropriate Area Director or Tribal Chairperson.

IHS Area Budget Formulation Team - Contact: Bryce Redgrave at (218) 444-0453

Website: http://www.ihs.gov/PublicAffairs/DirCorner/index.cfm?module=tc_workgroups

Purpose: In preparation for the IHS Area-wide Tribal consultation session, Area budget formulation teams provide ongoing support to the budget formulation activities at the Area level by solicitation of Area-wide input in establishing the health and budget priorities for the Area in consultation with tribes. The health priorities established at the Area work sessions provide the basis for developing the IHS Annual Performance Plan that is submitted as a part of the IHS budget request.

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Term in Office Annually: Two Reps are selected each year after their Area Budget Formulation session; after the national meeting a small group is selected annually from 24 representatives to develop and present recommendations to HHS. No By-Laws or charter.

IHS Direct Services Tribes - Contact: Bryce Redgrave at (218) 444-0453

Website: <http://www.directservicetribes.org>

Purpose: The Direct Services Tribe (DST) Advisory Committee was established to provide leadership, advocacy, and policy guidance that impact the delivery of health care for Indian Tribes. The DST Advisory Committee also provides verbal and written recommendations to the IHS director.

Representative:	Erma Vizenor Chairwoman White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians	26246 Crane Road White Earth, MN 56591 218-983-3285 Fax: 218-983-3285
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Tribal Alternate: Vacant

Federal Liaison:	Larry Patnaude Chief Executive Officer	White Earth Health Center 40520 County HWY 34 Ogema, MN 56569-9612 (218) 983-6214
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Term in Office No term limit as long as elected position held.

IHS National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health - Contact: Cleo Monette 218-444-0485

Website: http://www.nihb.org/behavioral_health/ntac_ihs.php

Purpose The NTACBH helps guide the development of, and support for, behavioral health throughout the IHS/Tribal/Urban (I/T/U) systems, and works to ensure that services are as broadly integrated, available and culturally appropriate as possible. It serves as an advisory body to the IHS Director and to the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). The NTAC provides guidance and recommendations regarding behavioral health programmatic issues which affect the delivery of behavioral health care for American Indian/ and Alaska Native (AI/AN) served by the IHS and the entire Indian Healthcare System.

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Term of Office Four years

IHS Facilities Appropriations Advisory Board (FAAB) - Contact: Louis Erdrich at (218) 444-0507

Website: http://www.ihs.gov/PublicAffairs/DirCorner/index.cfm?module=tc_boards

Purpose: The Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) is responsible for evaluating existing or new facilities policies, procedures, and guidelines and recommending changes as necessary. If any of the recommendations necessitates changes in law, this group will recommend desired legislative changes. The FAAB meets 2 times per year

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Term in Office Three years

IHS Information System Advisory Committee (ISAC) – Contact: Bryce Redgrave at (218) 444-0453

Website: <http://www.ihs.gov/cio/isac/>

Purpose: The Information Systems Advisory Committee (ISAC) is established to guide the development of a co-owned Indian health information infrastructure and information systems. The ISAC assists in ensuring that the information systems are available, accessible, useful, cost effective, user-friendly, and secure for local-level providers, and that these systems continue to create standardized aggregate data that supports advocacy for the Indian health programs at the national level

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Term in Office Two years

IHS National Nurse Leadership Council (NNLC) - Contact: CAPT. Amy Buckanaga at (218)335-3254

Website: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/nnlc>

Purpose: The National Nurse Leadership Council (NNLC) ensures the Nursing Program representatives serves as the advisory group to the Chief Nurse and other IHS leadership on all Indian Health Systems nursing issues. They are responsible to promote professional standards and professional competencies within the Indian Health System.

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Term in Office Two years

IHS National Oral Health Council - Contact: Dr. Dawn Wyllie 218-444-0491

Website: <http://www.ihs.gov/doh/nohc>

Purpose: The committee composition is made up of the entire Indian Health Services dental staff of commissioned corps, tribal and urban programs who are charged with the responsibility to improve oral health of the Native American/Alaskan Native Populations throughout the United States. To accomplish this task, the committee strives to communicate accurate assessments of the needs with all clinical IHS staff and the IHS leadership in the development to improve policies and resolutions.

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Term in Office: Two years

IHS National Council of Clinical Directors (NCCD)

Website: http://www.ihs.gov/ihs/index.cfm?module=dsp_ihs_circ_main&circ=ihs_circ_9706

Purpose: The National Council of Clinical Directors (NCCD) assists Clinical Directors at the IHS national level and tribal and urban health programs to effectively implement Indian Health Services in health care policies for American Indian and Alaska Natives throughout the United States. They are charged with the responsibility to assist IHS Clinical Directors in proper training and careers development, as well as a forum to initiate IHS strategic planning and development in health care issues to improve

patient care quality at the Service Units, Area Offices, and Headquarters levels.

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Term in Office: Permanent committee of IHS

IHS National Council of Chief Executive Officers

<http://www.ihs.gov/NCCEO/>

Purpose: The National Council of Chief Executive Officers (NCCEO) is a council for Chief Executive Officers, Tribal Health Program Directors, and Urban Indian Health Program Directors for all Hospitals and Clinics in the Indian Health System.

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IHS Behavioral Health Work Group (started 11/08) – Contact: CAPT Jon Perez, Ph.D. at (301) 281-1777

Website:
<http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Behavioral/documents/AIANNationalBHStrategicPlan.pdf>

Purpose: The IHS Behavioral Health Work Group (BHWG) was established as a technical group of subject matter experts charged with providing guidance to the IHS in the development of programs and services for behavioral health for AI/AN communities. The BHWG is composed of Tribal and Urban representatives who are providers and experts in the field of behavioral health and/or substance abuse.

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Term of Office: No limitation

IHS National Contract Health Services (CHS) Workgroup – Contact Carl Harper at (301) 443-1553

Website: http://www.ihs.gov/PublicAffairs/DirCorner/index.cfm?module=tc_workgroups

Purpose: The CHS Workgroup is charged with reviewing input received on how to improve the CHS Program. They are also responsible for looking at the Fiscal Year 2001 CHS distribution formula to determine if changes are needed for the new funding beginning in Fiscal Year 2011 and beyond.

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IT Investment Review Board – Contact Jenny Jenkins at (218) 444-0452

Website: http://www.ihs.gov/ihm/index.cfm?module=dsp_ihm_circ_main&circ=ihs_circ_0704

Purpose: The Information Technology Investment Review Board (ITIRB) is the official IHS reviewing body for information technology (IT) investments, including all major initiatives, funding, and expenditures. The ITIRB ensures IT resources support the IHS mission.

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