Alaska: Hugh Denny  
Albuquerque: Carrie Oyster  
Bemidji: Casey Crump  
Billings: Darcy Merchant  
California: Carolyn Garcia  
Great Plains: Not on call  
Nashville: Charles Woodlee  
Navajo: Donna Gilbert  
Oklahoma: Danny Walters  
Phoenix: Dave Cramer  
Portland: Chris Fish  
Tucson: Not on call  
Rockville: Molly Madson, Mike Reed

1. Acting Director’s Welcome and Update (Mike Reed)
   a. Congratulations Molly Madson – IHS HQ Employee of the Month (August 2022)
   b. CAPT Mike Reed, Director, DEHS, official report date 01 August 2022
   c. DEHS Director’s Priorities
      i. Improve relationships, communication, & customer service
      ii. Backfill DEHS HQ vacancies
      iii. Unify DEHS
         • Will solicit input from Areas
      iv. Better describe our work (WebEHRS, RRM, etc.)
      v. Conduct Area Reviews
   d. Dedicated to a team management approach

2. Area Highlights
   a. Alaska
      i. Alaska Area OEHE current vacancy rate 50%
      ii. From the Alaska Tribal EH quarterly meeting
         • Staffing “census” initiative: who is where; identify current vacancies & future needs
         • IIJA – determining how EH staff can support sanitation projects resulting from forthcoming funds
         • New Emergency Preparedness Manager
         • More water/Sewer trainings being planned
         • Avian flu work ramping-up
   b. Albuquerque
      i. Staffing
         • Michael Box, Area IEH Specialist, reported to duty
         • Working thru panels for current vacancy listings in field EHS positions
ii. Head Start Summit complete
   • Recommended other Areas consider using the EHSC online platform to assist with training/conference registration
   • Virtual & on-demand offerings very valuable & likely to continue
iii. Determining how to best support field staff when they are on-site by themselves

c. Bemidji
   i. Annual Head Start trainings offered virtually two consecutive years & works really well
   ii. Staffing
      • Achieved 100% staffing level 😊
      • Area Office will host an OSHA 30 Hour course

d. Billings
   i. Staffing
      • One sanitarian vacancy at Crow Service Unit; announcement closes 04 August
      • Blackfeet Service Unit sanitarian vacancy announcement forthcoming
   ii. General EH
      • Mass gatherings/powwow inspections being conducted
   iii. IEH
      • CAPT Murga will assist Bemidji Area w several mock surveys

e. California
   i. Staffing
      • Brian Lewelling selected & reported to Escondido District Office
   ii. Wildfires
      • Staff monitoring three fires
      • Tribal members homes lost in Oak Fire & McKinney Fire
      • McKinney Fire: one clinic evacuated; helped secure generator thru TRANSAM
      • Procuring 125 air purifiers
   iii. All Hazards Management Plan
      • Draft completed by DEHS
      • Tabletop exercise in August
   iv. Annual Head Start trainings being conducted
      • Included info on monkeypox
   v. Conducted plan review of new casino
   vi. Conducting pre-operational surveys of new casino

f. Great Plains – Not on call
g. Nashville
   i. Medication drop box project ongoing
   ii. Collaborating w NEHA to conduct special processes food training for casino food service managers
   iii. Mid-Atlantic Service Unit, Richmond, VA is new & DEHS providing consultation on serval issues & they initiate operations
   iv. IIJA & how to DEHS & SFC can better collaborate in the future to meet program needs

h. Navajo
   i. Staffing
      • Currently six vacancies
   ii. COVID-19
      • Providing consultation to schools which plan to conduct in-person instruction this year
      • Cases increasing
      • Navajo Nation mask mandate remains in place
   iii. Conducted PREPaRE training in Shiprock

i. Oklahoma City
   i. Staffing
      • One vacancy in Pawnee District
      • Clinton, OK vacancy announcement forthcoming
      • Bio-med Director vacancy announcement forthcoming
   ii. COVID-19
      • Cases increasing & response work continues

j. Phoenix
   i. Staffing
      • DEHS Director position vacancy announcement closes today
      • Cori Crocker reporting to San Carlos in a few days
      • LCDR Pink transferring to USCG
      • LCDR Isaac Ampadu transferring to CDC Center for Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
      • Still waiting on certificate for San Carlos, Colorado River and Elko Service Units using the Pathways Hiring Authority
   ii. EH
      • CDC awarded the San Carlos Apache Tribe $203K to conduct community education for RMSF; special thanks to CDR Sarah Snyder who wrote the grant
   iii. IEH
      • G200 Nitrous Oxide meter arrived; CDR Hansen will collaborate with LCDR Parker during Nitrous studies
      • LCDR Parker has been very helpful at PIMC managing response to monkeypox
      • CDR Hansen prepared a monkeypox guidance document for safety & DEHS staff
CDR Hansen & LCDR Wiggins continue to build a SharePoint library with IEH survey guidance for a variety of topics including casinos, healthcare, childcare, fire extinguishers, eyewash stations etc.; SharePoint will be open to DEHS staff for use with facility customers.

iv. IP

- Conducted [virtual] course 2 in June: 18 attendees from 5 Areas; thanks to Casey Crump for assisting
- Falls Prevention Tool kit: nearly ready for external SME review
- Working with Whiteriver Pharmacy to issue medication neutralization and disposal bags to patients with meds
- Pilot work being done on installation of firearm safes in homes to secure weapons from suicide and accidental discharge

v. COVID-19

- 28.4% positivity rate is currently highest in IHS
- Area IC continues to meet every other week; OEHE continues to fill key roles
- Procured 30 3M Versaflo PAPRs for SUs and Area Office

k. Portland

i. Staffing

- Two vacancy announcements forthcoming

ii. OEHE tribal consultation approaching on the Portland Area OEHE ESHA distribution methodology

iii. Wildfire season

- 15 occurring
- Supported Warm Springs Health Center

iv. Workplace Violence Prevention program & response to GAO

- HR/EEO & I-STAR challenges

l. Tucson – Not on call (email submitted stating no significant updates)

m. EHSC – Not on call

3. HQ Announcements

a. Injury prevention (Molly Madson)

i. TIPCAP

- Continuation applications will be due this fall

ii. IP course schedule

- 22-26 August 2022: Pilot 2 of online course 3
- November 2022: Pilot 1 of in-person course 1

iii. Fellowship 2023-2024

- Recorded informational webinar in late summer 2022
- Applications will be due Oct/Nov 2022
- Sessions begin Jan-Mar 2023

iv. IP Media Communications contract ongoing

- Site visits to OKC Area and SW locations complete
b. WebEHRS (Mike Reed)
   i. WebEHRS mobile² upgrade
      • User Acceptance Testing (i.e. pilot) in August/September 2022
      • Development ongoing w launch in fall 2022
      • Mobile² will replace current WebEHRS mobile
      • Mobile² will offer user interface folks expect when using an app on a mobile device
      • Mobile² will offer all the features found on the WebEHRS desktop
      • Initial release will include most frequently used features
      • Additional functionality released in phases
      • IHS Enterprise Mobile Services: See OIT Newsletter March 2022…Do you or one of your employees need a mobile device to support your job function? Do you already have an IHS mobile device but need to change something about it? Go to ServiceNow at https://ihsitsupport.servicenowservices.com/sp and submit a “Mobile Device Request” with the details.

c. DEHS Annual Meeting 2022 (Mike Reed)
   i. Rockville & Zoom
   ii. 01-03 November 2022
   iii. Please see Stephen’s 03 August email asking who will attend in person and who will attend virtually
   iv. Planning committee (Carrie, Danny, Stephen) in-progress

d. COSTEPs/Externs
   i. Instant Messaging during the call regarding the value of COSTEPs/Externs & CCHQ challenges
   ii. DEHS HQ plans to look into IHS Extern options

Next conference call 06 October 2022 1:00-2:00PM ET