16th Annual Indian Health Service (IHS) Direct Service Tribes National Meeting
Albuquerque Marriott
2101 Louisiana Boulevard, North East
Albuquerque, New Mexico
“Quality Care, Quality Life”
July 30-31, 2019

Monday, July 29, 2019
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Registration
Location: Registration Desk

Day 1 – Tuesday, July 30, 2019

6:30 AM  Morning Fitness Activity: Hotel Lobby

7:30 AM  Registration

8:30 – 8:45 AM  Call to Order/ Opening Ceremonies
Room: Grand Ballroom
Donnie Garcia, Vice-Chairman, Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC)
Posting of Colors
Invocation

8:45 – 9:15 AM  Welcome
Donnie Garcia, Vice-Chairman, DSTAC
Jonathan Nez, President, Navajo Nation, DSTAC
Leonard Thomas, M.D., Area Director, Albuquerque Area, IHS
CAPT Brian Johnson, Acting Area Director, Navajo Area, IHS

9:15 – 10:00 AM  Keynote Address
James Floyd, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

10:00 – 10:15 AM  Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Update
Donnie Garcia, Vice-Chairman, DSTAC

10:15 – 10:30 AM  Break

10:30 – 10:45 AM  Department of Health and Human Service Update (HHS)

10:45 – 11:15 AM  IHS Update
RADM Michael Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, IHS
Day 1 – Tuesday, July 30, 2019 Cont.

11:15 – 11:30 AM  Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes Update  
Roselyn Tso, Director, ODSCT, IHS

11:30 – 12:00 PM  IHS/HHS Health IT Modernization Project in Indian Country Update  
Office of Information Technology, IHS

12:00 – 1:30 PM  Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 2:00 PM  IHS Strategic Plan (Fiscal Years 2019-2023)/Credentialing & Privileging at IHS Direct Service Facilities  
Jonathan Merrell, Deputy Director for Quality Health Care, IHS

2:00 – 2:30 PM  Navajo Area IHS Quality Program  
Loretta Christensen, M.D. Chief Medical Officer, Navajo Area, IHS

2:30 – 3:00 PM  IHS & Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, IHS  
LoRae Homana Pawiki, Office of Tribal Government Relations Specialist, VA

3:00 – 3:30 PM  Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Division of Tribal Affairs  
CAPT Susan V. Karol, M.D., Division of Tribal Affairs, CMS

3:30 – 3:45 PM  Break/Transition

3:45 – 5:00 PM  Breakout Session 1: Customer Service and Accreditation  
Joseph Amiotte, Director of Field Operations, Great Plains Area, IHS  
Room: Salons A, B, C, D, E

Breakout Session 2: Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Supplier Enrollment Requirements & Diabetes Prevention Services  
CAPT Susan V. Karol, M.D., Division of Tribal Affairs, CMS  
Room: Salons F, G, H, I, J
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3:45 – 5:00 PM  Breakout Session 3: Implementation of the IHS Strategic Plan
Jonathan Merrell, Deputy Director for Quality Health Care, IHS
Leonard Thomas, M.D., Area Director, Albuquerque Area, IHS
Room: Cimarron/Las Cruces

6:00 – 8:00 PM  Cultural Presentations: Grand Ballroom

Day 2 – Wednesday, July 31, 2019

6:30 AM  Morning Fitness Activity: Hotel Lobby

8:30 AM  Opening Remarks
Room: Grand Ballroom
Donnie Garcia, Vice-Chairman, DSTAC

8:45 – 9:00 AM  IHS Tribal Consultation Update
Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, IHS

9:00 – 9:45 AM  Health and Human Services - Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) Panel Discussion
Stacey Ecoffey, Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs, HHS
Jonathan Nez, President, Navajo Nation
Devin Delrow, Director of Policy, National Indian Health Board

9:45 – 10:15 AM  Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) Update
CAPT Karen Hearod, Regional Administrator (Region 6), SAMHSA

10:15 – 10:30 AM  Break/Transition
Day 2 – Wednesday, July 31, 2019 Cont.

10:30 – 12:00 PM  Breakout Session 4: Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Expansion - Community Health Aides, Behavioral Health Aides, Dental Health Aide Therapists

Christina Peters, Director, Tribal Community Health Provider Project, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Tamara James, Acting Director, Division of Behavioral Health, IHS

Room: Salons A, B, C, D, E

Breakout Session 5: Maximize Revenue Collections
Sharon Brokeshoulder, CEO, Gallup Indian Medical Center, Navajo Area, IHS

Room: Salons F, G, H, I, J

Breakout Session 6: Purchased/Referred Care Priority Levels
CHEF Online Tool – Program Approaches
LCDR Tracy Sanchez, Acting CEO, Albuquerque Service Unit, Albuquerque Area, IHS
Kevin Rogers, IT Specialist, Oklahoma City Area Office, IHS

Room: Cimarron/Las Cruces

12:00 – 1:30 PM  Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 2:00 PM  National Indian Health Board

2:00 – 3:00 PM  Awards Ceremony

3:00 – 3:15 PM  Closing Remarks and Next Steps for 2019
Donnie Garcia, Vice-Chairman, DSTAC

3:30 PM  Closing Ceremonies & Adjourn

4:00 – 5:00 PM  IHS Listening Session – Developing an IHS Opioid Grant Program to Distribute the Fiscal Year 2019 Opioid Funding
Division of Behavioral Health, IHS