

# 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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  
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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**

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- 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 Brokesoulder, 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