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Dear Tribal Leader:

At the request of Tribal Leaders, the Indian Health Service (IHS) will host a joint meeting with our Tribal Advisory Committees – Direct Service & Contract Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC) and Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC). Please make your plans to join us for a Joint Tribal Advisory meeting on October 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., in Room 106A at the Phoenix Convention Center, located at 100 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, Arizona. We have also extended a special invitation to the members of the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC).

The purpose of the meeting is two-fold. First, this meeting seeks to generate concrete ideas to establish a framework for transformative change that can be implemented immediately. Our objective is to address both medical and non-medical leadership challenges within the IHS in the short-term, and in the longer term, create a plan of action. Secondly, this meeting will provide a forum to host a discussion among advisory committee members to share the goals, objectives, and strategic plans of the DSTAC and TSGAC.

The IHS will utilize a *World Café* model to address workforce ideas. The *World Café* model fosters conversations by focusing on exploring themes, rather than on problem-solving. To learn more about the *World Café* model, please visit the following links:
<http://www.theworldcafe.com/> or <http://www.artofhosting.org/>.

At the end of this meeting, we will have an action plan to address both short- and long-term workforce issues that can then be incorporated or adopted into the respective advisory committee plans.

For your reference and preparation for this meeting, please find enclosed the following documents:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. IHS Summary Sheet – IHS Workforce Challenges
3. Crosswalk of DSTAC and TSGAC Common Priorities

Thank you for your partnership and engagement as we continue addressing IHS workforce challenges and strengthening access to quality health care services. I look forward to your participation in this meeting.

Sincerely,

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Mary Smith
Principal Deputy Director

Enclosures