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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to invite you to join the Indian Health Service (IHS) for a meeting to confer on the distribution of the fiscal year (FY) 2017 Urban Indian Health budget increase, in accordance with IHS policy on Conferring with Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs). The balance of funds available for distribution for FY 2017 is \$1,137,000.

The Urban Indian health budget line item and any increases support contracts and grant funding for all Title V Indian Health Care Improvement Act UIOs, including the former National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism programs. The meeting will occur on Friday, July 28 via teleconference. Scheduling and call-in information is as follows:

FY 2017 Urban Indian Health Budget Funds Distribution

CALL DATE: July 28, 2017 (Friday)
CALL TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern
CALL-IN NUMBER: (866) 827-5575
PARTICIPATION PASSCODE: 8921202#

In addition, you may submit your written comments as directed below. Written comments on the FY 2017 Urban Indian Health Budget Funds Distribution are due **Friday, August 4, 2017**.

Send comments by E-MAIL to: urbanconfer@ihs.gov
Subject Line: FY 2017 Urban Indian Health Budget Funds Distribution Confer

Send comments by postal mail to: RADM Michael D. Weahkee
Acting Director
Indian Health Service
5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop: 08E86
Rockville, MD 20857
ATTN: FY 2017 Urban Indian Health Budget Funds Distribution Confer

The IHS looks forward to receiving your comments and recommendations on all aspects of funds distribution, including your input on the most effective framework for conducting the budget allocation process and distribution methodologies that meet the needs of all Urban Indian Organizations. For your reference, I have enclosed a summary of comments received from last year's confer on the FY 2016 Urban Indian Health budget funds distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Raho Ortiz, Acting Director, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP), IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-2419 or by e-mail at raho.ortiz@ihs.gov.

Thank you for your valuable input, partnership, and ongoing support, which has been critical in achieving progress for Urban Indians.

Sincerely,

/Michael D. Weahkee/

RADM Michael D. Weahkee, MBA, MHSA
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Acting Director

Enclosures: Summary of Public Comments Received IHS Urban Confer Request April 29, 2016, August 15, 2016, Urban Indian Organization Leader Letter