Indian Health Service

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IHS Priorities

- People
- Partnerships
- Quality
- Resources
People

• Great Plains Leadership
• 2017 CDC U.S. Tuberculosis Elimination Champion Award
  • Dr. Jonathan Iralu, chief clinical consultant for infectious diseases
• American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Outstanding AI/AN Women’s Healthcare Clinician Award
  • Ms. Ursula Knoki-Wilson, certified nurse midwife
• Hiring Freeze update
Partnerships
Quality

• IHS National Committee on Heroin, Opioid, and Pain Efforts (HOPE Committee)
  • will meet for the first time as a chartered committee at the upcoming Combined Councils’ meeting
    • promote appropriate and effective pain management
    • reduce prescription pain medication misuse and overdose deaths
    • focus efforts on pregnant women with opioid use disorder
    • improve access to culturally appropriate treatment
Resources

• Continuing Resolution runs through April 28
• Additional details on president’s 2018 budget expected in mid-May
• Update on unspent annual appropriations
• Improving our financial planning processes and systems
Recent events
Upcoming speaking engagements

• April 17-20  IHS Dental Updates Conference  Albuquerque, NM
• April 18 - 20  Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Quarterly Board Meeting  Ocean Shores, WA
• April 23-27  Annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference  Spokane, WA
• April 24 - 25  FY 2019 Evaluation And FY 2020 Planning Meeting  Spokane, WA
• May 3-4  Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee  Portland, OR
Follow up from last call