Indian Health Service
All Tribes Call

• RADM Michael D. Weahkee, Acting Director
Welcome

• Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee
  Acting Director, Indian Health Service
HHS Updates

• HHS Secretary Declares Public Health Emergency to Address National Opioid Crisis
IHS Priorities

- People
- Partnerships
- Quality
- Resources
People

• RADM Michael Toedt
• Dr. Julianna Sadovich
• RADM Kelly Taylor
• RADM Kevin Meeks
• CAPT Travis Watts
Partnerships

• YRTTC Opening in Oregon
• Chemawa-Western Oregon Rededication
• CRIHB Meeting, plus 2 site visits
Additional Partnerships
Quality

• Awarded a master contract for accreditation of hospitals

• Implemented Emergency Department telehealth consultation in the IHS Billings Area
Resources

- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Independent Audit of the IHS Act of 2017
- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Confronting the Crisis: the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country
UPDATE

• Comment period ended October 31
  • 137 comments from Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Federal employees
  • Several in-person meetings and conference calls during September and October
• Continue to provide written comments through the duration of the Strategic Planning Process. To contact, email the consultation desk or the urban confer via email, writing “IHS Strategic Plan 2018-2022” as subject line.

• Workgroup
  • Recommendation from IHS Direct Service Tribes and Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committees
  • Representation from IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs
IHS Strategic Plan Proposed Timeline

- **September**
  - 9/15: Letter announcing consultation and confer on IHS Strategic Plan Initial Framework.
  - 11/28: IHS All Tribes and Urban Indian Organizations Call
  - 10/11: Urban Indian Organization Leadership Conference Call

- **October**
  - 9/22: Letter with ways to submit in-person and written comments.
  - 10/16: NCAI Listening Session and IHS-All email
  - 10/23-25: Meetings with TSGAC and DSTAC

- **November**
  - 10/31: Last Day to Submit Comments on Framework for Workgroup Review
  - 11/29: Workgroup Meeting 2
  - 12/5: Workgroup Meeting 3
  - 12/13: Workgroup Meeting 4

- **December**
  - 30-day comment period on draft IHS strategic plan

- **January**
  - TBD: Workgroup Meeting 5

- **February**
  - Agency Review, Approval and Publication of IHS Strategic Plan

Tribal-Federal Workgroup begins review of submitted comments/suggestions on Goals, Objectives, Develop Strategies and Measures.
Workgroup

• Purpose
  • Draft final mission, vision, goals and objectives with appropriate strategies and measures.
  • The final workgroup documents and recommendations will be reviewed by senior staff and a final 30-day comment period.

• Composition
  • Tribal Representatives
  • Area Representatives
  • Headquarters Office staff
  • Senior staff

• Meeting Timeframe
  • Five meetings starting November thru December
Website Updates

• Visit the IHS Strategic Planning Website to view and download the draft framework and comments received to date.

• If you have questions, email the IHS Strategic Plan office.
Website Updates:

Workgroup
L.N.F – What is it?

• Level of Need Funded (LNF) Methodology
• Calculates resource needs compared to cost of insuring the IHS user population with Federal employee health insurance
• Calculated for IHS as a whole, for IHS areas, and individually for each local level service delivery area
• 2 primary purposes:
  • A benchmark to help justify IHS budget requests
  • Allocate by formula certain earmarked funds to local level service delivery areas
L.N.F – History

- Basis in law – S1621 of Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- Funds Needed – Funds Available = Funds Deficiency
  - Factors to calculate Need: Population, Costs, Health, Local
  - Factors for Funds Available: IHS, Federal, state, private
- 2000-2001 Tribal/IHS workgroup developed technical details based on framework specified in law
- IHS adopted LNF methodology in 2001 after national Tribal consultation
- Methodology is unchanged, but a few data sources have evolved or improved.
Formula Allocations

• A related part of the methodology is an allocation formula based on LNF scores (funding deficiency)
• Formula does not allocate base recurring IHS funding
• Formula applies only to funds that Congress earmarks for the IHCIF, e.g., none in recent years
• Formula concentrates funds to those local level service sites with the lowest LNF scores, e.g., those most resource deficient
• With agreement among Area Tribes, formula allocations within an Area may be adjusted for additional local circumstances, e.g., formula allocations elsewhere are unaffected
2017 Update

• IHS is in the process of updating LNF scores for nearly 300 local level service delivery areas
• Area offices are submitting detailed data
• Consistency checks and related forms of data verification is scheduled for December
• The calculation methodology itself is unchanged
• Preliminary results are expected in January 2018 in time for budget formulation and formula allocation (if any)
• A final report is expected in Spring 2018