

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Welcome



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Agenda

- **IHS Updates**
 - Rear Adm. Buchanan, IHS Deputy Director
- **IHS Health IT Modernization Research Project**
 - Mitchell Thornbrugh, IHS Acting Chief Information Officer
- **Partnership to Advance Tribal Health**
 - Rear Adm. Michael Toedt, IHS Chief Medical Officer
- **Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM)**
 - Capt. Jeffrey McCollum, DVM, MPH, IHS Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention



Please Note: Beginning in December, the *All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call* will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 3:30 pm ET.

IHS Personnel Updates

- Retirement of Keith Longie, IHS Bemidji Area Director
- Retirement of June Tracy, IHS Legislative Affairs Director
- Change of title from *Acting Director* to *Principal Deputy Director*



Retirement of Keith Longie



Retirement of June Tracy

IHS Updates

- **IHS Strategic Plan**
 - Final Strategic Plan is in the IHS clearance process
- **Budget Updates**
 - IHS is operating under a continuing resolution that provides funds through December 7
- **Behavioral Health Funding**
 - Meeting held on October 25 and 26 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to formulate recommendations based on the comments received through Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer

Pain Management/Opioid-Related Policies

- **Internet Eligible Controlled Substance Provider Designation Policy**
 - This policy is designed to increase access to tele-medicine models for the treatment of opioid use disorder for American Indians and Alaska Natives living in rural or remote populations. Supplemental information surrounding this policy exception can be found on our [opioids website](#) and [blog](#).

National Committee on Heroin, Opioids and Pain Efforts (HOPE) Policies

- Indian Health Manual Chapter 32: State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs
- Indian Health Manual Chapter 35: Prescribing and Dispensing Naloxone to First Responders
- Revised agency policy on Chronic Pain Management

IHS Updates

- **Military Makeover: Operation Career**
 - Blackfeet Community Hospital in Browning, Montana
 - This episode will air on the Lifetime channel November 7 and November 26 at 7:30 am ET/PT



2018 Tribal Management Grants

Tribe or Tribal Organization	State
Benewah Medical Center	ID
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	OR
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	WI
Lawton Inter-Tribal Indian Health Board	OK
Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota	MN
Lummi Nation	WA
Mathiesen Memorial Health Clinic	CA
Muscogee (Creek) Nation	OK
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah	UT
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation	NV
Skokomish Indian Tribe	WA

Grant Opportunity – Office of Minority Health

American Indian Alaska Native Workforce Development Initiative

- The grant aims to address disparities and increase the number of American Indian and Alaska Native youth entering the public health workforce.
- Focus on improving high school completion rates and increasing the number of students who earn certifications to work in healthcare
- Estimated application due date: **March 29, 2019**
- View grant opportunity [here](#).

Recent Events

- Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK: September 17
- NIHB National Tribal Health Conference, Oklahoma City, OK: September 18
- Oklahoma Site Visits: Oklahoma City Indian Clinic and IHS Oklahoma City Area Office



Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee speaking at the NIHB National Tribal Health Conference.



Rear Adm. Weahkee meets with the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee in Oklahoma City



Rear Adm. Weahkee and senior leadership visits the IHS Oklahoma City Area Office



Recent Events

- Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, Fairbanks, Alaska: September 24-25
- HHS Deputy Secretary Eric D. Hargan announces \$6.2 million new grants on September 24 in Fairbanks, Alaska
 - Healthy Transitions Grant
 - Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. awarded just under \$5 million
 - Tribal Opioid Response Grant
 - Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. awarded just over \$700,000
 - Fairbanks Native Association awarded just over \$500,000
- Alaska Site Visits
 - Manley, Rampart, and Tanana, Alaska



Rear Adm. Weahkee and Deputy Secretary Hargan visit the Tanana Health Center in Alaska



Tour of the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center in Fairbanks, Alaska

Recent Events

- IHS Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee meeting, Washington, DC: October 2
- IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee meeting, Washington, DC: October 3
- United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Annual Meeting, Niagara Falls, NY: October 10
 - New York Site Visit: Lockport Service Unit



DSTAC members meet in Washington, D.C.



United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Annual Meeting

Recent Events

- Veterans Rural Health Care Advisory Committee Meeting: Alexandria, VA, October 8-12
- Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchased/ Referred Care: Portland, OR, October 16-17
- IHS Albuquerque Area Quarterly Tribal Consultation: Albuquerque, NM, October 18
- California Rural Indian Health Board, Board of Director's Meeting Roseville, CA: October 19



The Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchased/Referred Care meets in Portland, Oregon



IHS Albuquerque Area tribal consultation

Recent Events

- Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center Grand Opening, Billings, MT: October 24
- Missoula Urban Indian Health Center Site Visit, Missoula, MT: October 25
- National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health Workgroup, Albuquerque, NM: October 25-26



IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs staff visit to the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center



National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health meeting in Albuquerque, NM



IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs, Billings Area Office of Tribal Programs, and the Native American Development Corporation celebrate the grand opening of the Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center.

Upcoming Events

- **November 8-9:** National Indian Health Board Meeting, Washington, DC
- **November 13:** NIHB Medicare, Medicaid and Health Reform Policy Committee Meeting, Washington, DC
- **November 14-15:** Information Systems Advisory Committee Semi-Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM
- **November 14-15:** CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group Meeting, Washington, DC
- **December 6:** All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call, 3:30 pm ET
- **December 12-13:** Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting, Tucson, AZ

Reminder: The next All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call will be on Thursday, December 6 at 3:30 pm ET.

FY 2021 Area Budget Formulation Meetings

Alaska: December 11 – Anchorage, AK

Albuquerque: November 20 – Albuquerque, NM

Bemidji: November 28-29 – Green Bay, WI

Great Plains: December 11 – Rapid City, SD

Navajo: November 14-16 – Flagstaff, AZ

Oklahoma: November 30 – Oklahoma City, OK

Portland: November 15 – Portland, OR

Tucson: November 13-17 – Tucson, AZ

Upcoming Events



Hotline for Reporting Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement

- The line is monitored Monday-Friday during normal Eastern Time business hours. You can also call anytime and leave a message (with contact information if you want someone to return your call)
 - IHS hotline: **(301) 443-0658**
 - You can also submit reports online at <https://www.ihs.gov/reportFraud/>
- HHS Office of Inspector General Hotline: (800) 447-8477



IHS Health IT Modernization Research Project

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Our Team



IHS and HHS staff participate in a weeklong kick-off meeting at IHS headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, October 9-12, 2018

- Tribal Partners
- Indian Health Service
- HHS
- ONC
- Emerging Sun, LLC
- Regenstrief Institute
- Pistis, LLC

Today's Goals: HIT Modernization Research Project

- Present Impetus, Goals and Proposed Strategic Approach to Tribal Stakeholders
- Discussion with Tribes about initial ideas and guidance and how best to build on work already accomplished
- Determine I/T/U engagement strategy
 - Guidance on best ways to engage



Impetus & Goals of the Research Project

- Role of the HHS CTO
- Motivation for this HIT Modernization Research
- Goal: Evaluate current status and create options for HIT in Indian Health Service
 - Gather and curate information to help inform the decision-makers



Strategic Approach

- Establish Work Plan
- Creation of a Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel
- Create and implement assessment framework and methodology to guide recommendations
- Analysis and Secondary tiered recommendations for HIT solutions and roadmap
- Proposed prioritized roadmap
- Establish virtual community of practice for I/T/U HIT



IHS/HHS

Continued engagement with the Tribes

1. I/T/U Representation to Advisory Panel
 - Engagement Options: two representatives from DST; two from TSG; Urban; NIHB; alternates as needed
 - Tribal Leader and Technical Expert
2. Potential Break Out Sessions with National Meetings in 2019
3. Develop site that can be used for information sharing/exchange
4. Others?

Partnerships to Advance Tribal Health (PATH)

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Partnership to Advance Tribal Health

During National Quality Health Care Week, IHS highlighted long-term aims of the Partnership to Advance Tribal Health. With support from CMS, PATH works to identify areas of improvement and corresponding best practices across IHS.

PATH Aims

- Improve safety and reduce risk by 50% overall across IHS by creating a harm-free, high reliability care environment and learning culture through implementation of a comprehensive patient safety and risk management program by Dec 31, 2022
- Identified systems in place for sustained compliance with relevant federal regulations, accreditation & professional organization standards in all IHS hospitals by Dec 31, 2022
- Identified systems in place to assure hospital transitions across the care continuum by Dec 31, 2022

Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM)

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- Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) is a *rare* but *serious* condition affecting the central nervous system
 - Causes acute muscular weakness, loss of muscle tone and reflexes.
- Since late 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has received reports of 386 confirmed cases of AFM from across the US
 - In 2018, so far 155 reports of suspected AFM, including 62 confirmed cases in persons from 22 U.S. states.
- Most cases have and continue to occur among children.
- No clear cause has been identified, and no specific treatment or prevention.
- Local and state health authorities continue to actively investigate cases in partnership with CDC and medical providers.
 - I/T/U providers are strongly encouraged to report patients with compatible symptoms to tribal/local/state health departments for evaluation and coordination of specimen collection
 - Community members/parents are encouraged be aware of this illness and to seek immediate care if they or their children develop sudden weakness or loss of muscle tone or reflexes in the arms or legs.

