

# Indian Health Service

## All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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# Welcome

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Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee  
Principal Deputy Director  
Indian Health Service



# Updates

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## IHS Billings Area Director Dorothy Dupree Retirement

- Bryce Redgrave, Billings Area executive officer, serving as the acting director of the Billings Area



## IHS Great Plains Area Director James Driving Hawk

# Updates

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- [The President's Proposed Budget FY 2020 Budget](#)
- ISDEAA [Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader letter](#), March 12
- [Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America](#)
- [Eliminating Hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS in Indian Country Initiative](#)
- Video: [2019 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference](#)



*2019 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico*

# Updates

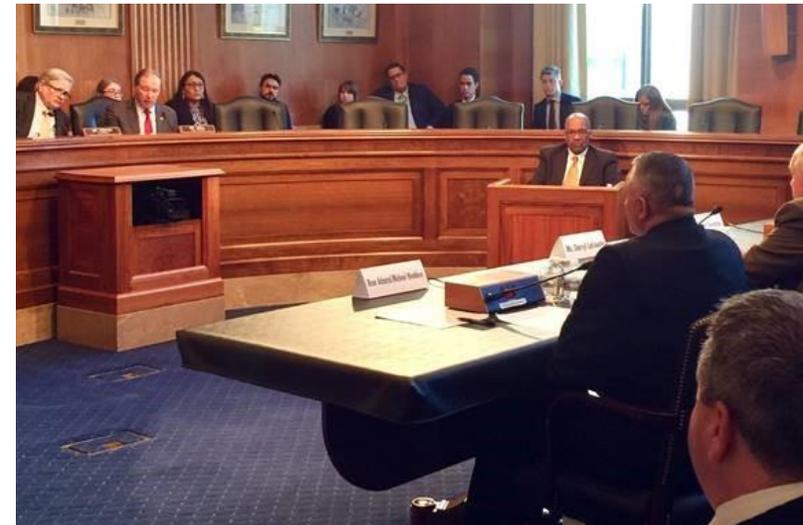
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## Government Accountability Office 2019 High Risk List Report

IHS has realized significant improvements to quality care for American Indians and Alaska Natives, including:

- developing and implementing the IHS Strategic Plan,
- establishing the Office of Quality
- implementing credentialing and privileging software agency-wide for all applicants
- awarding a new contract for an adverse events reporting and tracking system that replaces an older legacy system

The report is available [here](#).



*Rear Adm. Michael Weahkee, IHS principal deputy director, testifies before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., March 12, 2019.*

# Updates

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## [IHS and ACOG release clinical recommendations to improve care of American Indian, Alaska Native women with opioid use disorder](#)

The recommendations will support the efforts of tribes and tribal health organizations in rural and urban Indian communities in addressing the needs of pregnant women with opioid use disorders, their infants, and families, and improving the health among tribal communities.

The recommendations are available [here](#).

# Updates

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## IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs

- [IHS Awards \\$7.5 Million to Urban Indian Organizations through the 4-in-1 Grant Opportunity](#)
  - Support operations at urban health care facilities and make health care services more accessible for those in urban areas
  - Provides funding to support health promotion and disease prevention services, immunization services, alcohol and substance abuse related services, and mental health services



# Updates

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## **IHS Division for Facilities Planning and Construction**

### **2019 Small Ambulatory Program**

- American Indian and Alaska Native tribes or tribal organizations operating an Indian health care facility pursuant to a health care services contract or compact under the ISDEAA, may competitively obtain funding for the construction, expansion or modernization for small ambulatory health care facilities.
- The deadline to submit applications is June 28, 2019.

For more information contact Lt. Cmdr. Omobogie Amadasu, program manager, Division for Facilities Planning and Construction, at 301-443-4751 or [omobogie.amadasu@ihs.gov](mailto:omobogie.amadasu@ihs.gov)

# Updates

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## CDC Visit to the IHS Oklahoma City Area

- CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield and staff visited tribal health sites in Ada and Tahlequah to talk about [Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America](#) and learn about tribal public health initiatives and infrastructure
- [Oped with Dr. Redfield in The Oklahoman](#)



*CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield and staff with representatives from the Cherokee Nation and the IHS Oklahoma City Area Office.*

# Updates

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## **Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer**

- ISDEAA, 105(l) leases
- IHS Guide for Reporting Sanitation Deficiency for American Indian and Alaska Native Homes and Communities;
- Behavioral health initiatives funding currently distributed through grants;
- Feasibility of having the entire State of Arizona designated as a PRC Delivery Area;
- Updates to the IHS policy on Contract Support Costs; and
- Modernization Efforts for Health Information Technology
- Community Health Aide Program
- IHS policies on tribal consultation and conferring with Urban Indian organizations
- \$10 million provided in the FY 2019 budget for opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery services
- Urban Confer Satisfaction Survey

# Updates

## **Webinar: Special Diabetes Program for Indians**

Monday, April 8  
3:00-4:00 PM (EDT)

**Webinar link:** <https://ihs.cosocloud.com/sdpi/>  
No registration is required to attend.

For any questions about this webinar or if you have difficulty logging in, please contact the IHS Division of Diabetes at 1-844-447-3387.

## **Webinar: Health Resources and Services Administration – Shortage Designation Modernization Project**

Tuesday, April 30  
2:00-4:00 PM (EDT)

**Dial in:** 1-800-857-9742  
**Passcode:** 6751309

**Webinar link:**  
[https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/auto-hpsa\\_webinar/](https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/auto-hpsa_webinar/)

# Updates

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- [Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children](#)
- [IHS Report Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement](#)
- [Office of Inspector General - Report Fraud](#)
- [Chapter 20 – Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse by Health Care Providers](#)
- [Chapter 23 - Ethical And Professional Conduct Of Health Care Providers](#)
- [Centralized Credentialing System](#)
- [Trauma Informed Care](#)



*Rear Adm. Weahkee speaks with Pine Ridge Hospital staff in South Dakota, March 27*

# Upcoming Events

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- April 8: Special Diabetes Program for Indians webinar
- April 9-11: IHS California Area Annual Tribal Consultation, Reno, Nevada
- April 16-18: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Quarterly Meeting, Portland, Oregon
- April 23-25: National Council of Urban Indian Health Washington Summit, Washington, DC
- April 24-25: IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting, Washington, DC
- April 26: Information Systems Advisory Committee Semi-Annual Meeting, Rockville, Maryland
- April 30-May 2: 16th Annual Phoenix-Area IHS Integrated Behavioral Health Conference, Glendale, Arizona
- April 30: Health Resources and Services Administration – Shortage Designation Modernization Project webinar
- May 6-10: Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona

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## **All Tribal and Urban Indian Organizations Call**

**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

**3:30 pm Eastern Time**

**Conference Call: 800-857-5577**

**Participant Passcode: 6703929**

**Webinar Adobe Connect: <https://ihs.cosocloud.com/r4k6jib09mj/>**

**Participant Password: ihs123**

- Following each meeting, the slides are available at <https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/directorspeeches/>

