



DEC 20 2019

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am pleased to formally announce and inform you that Mr. Daniel Frye has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and selected to serve as Director of the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service (IHS).

As Director of the Bemidji Area IHS, Mr. Frye will be responsible for providing leadership in the administration of a comprehensive Federal, Tribal, and Urban Indian Organization health care system. The Bemidji Area Office provides service and support to 34 federally recognized Tribes and 6 Urban Indian health programs located in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Mr. Frye, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, began his IHS career in 2017 at the White Earth Service Unit where he served as the Clinical Services Administrator. In June 2018, he accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer at White Earth Service Unit.

Prior to joining the IHS, from 2010 to 2017, Mr. Frye worked as a Quality Improvement Specialist and Data Analyst for the Health Division of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, where he was involved with special projects, including a Tribal Action Plan and conducting a Tribal Census.

Mr. Frye completed the IHS Executive Leadership Development Program in January 2018. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Master of Health Administration, both from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I want to thank Mr. Richard Gerry for his leadership in serving as the Acting Director of the Bemidji Area IHS for the past 14 months.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Frye as the Director of the Bemidji Area IHS.

Sincerely,

/Michael D. Weahkee/

RADM Michael D. Weahkee, MBA, MHSA
Assistant Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service
Principal Deputy Director