

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call – Update on Lapse in Appropriations

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Welcome



Rear Adm. Michael Weahkee
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Senior Leadership Team

- **Chief Medical Officer** – Rear Adm. Michael Toedt
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- **Office of Human Resources** – Lisa Gyorda, Director
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Updates

- HHS contingency plan at <https://www.hhs.gov/about/budget/fy-2019-hhs-contingency-staffing-plan/index.html>
- **IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Meeting**
- **Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Meeting**
- **Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Workgroup Meeting**
- **National Tribal Budget Formulation Work Session**

Updates

- **Impact and feedback on partial federal government shutdown**
 - Send to IHSPublicAffairsStaff@ihs.gov
- **HHS Deputy Secretary and IHS Principal Deputy Director Calls with IHS employees**
- **Briefing with HHS Secretary Alex Azar**
- **IHS working closely with Office of Management and Budget, HHS, and legal counsel on guidance during the lapse in appropriations**
- **Moving some IHS employees from ‘excepted’ to ‘exempt’**

Points of Contact

- **Area Directors**
- **Direct Service Tribes and Title I Self-Determination**
 - Roselyn Tso, Director, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes at 301-443-1827
- **Title V Self-Governance**
 - Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance at 301-443-7821
- **Urban Indian Organization Contracts**
 - Rose Weahkee, Acting Director, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs at 301-480-3184
- **Purchased/Referred Care**
 - John Rael, Director, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships at 301-443-0969

Calls will continue during shutdown

Thursdays

3:30 pm Eastern Time

Conference Call: 800-857-5577

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

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