Welcome

Rear Adm. Michael Weahkee
Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service
Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America initiative

GOAL:
75% reduction in new HIV infections in 5 years
and at least 90% reduction in 10 years.
Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America initiative

The Initiative will target our resources to the 48 highest burden counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and 7 states with a substantial rural HIV burden.

Geographical Selection:
Data on burden of HIV in the US shows areas where HIV transmission occurs more frequently. More than 50% of new HIV diagnoses* occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, 7 states have a substantial rural burden – with over 75 cases and 10% or more of their diagnoses in rural areas.
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Rates 19 Approved vs 18 Actual 1-28-19
IHS Headquarters Reorganization

- **Federal Register Notice**, December 26, 2018
- **Dear Tribal Leader** and **Urban Indian Organization Leader** letter was posted on 12/20/18
- Email notification to tribes, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations was sent on 12/21/18
Funding Opportunities

IHS Externship Program – Deadline Extended
Provides college students across the country with hands-on, instructive experience in a health care setting before graduation. Apply here

- Summer 2019 application deadline: March 1, 2019

IHS Scholarship Program 2019-2020
IHS offers financial support for qualified graduate and undergraduate American Indian and Alaska Native students

- New application deadline: March 28, 2019
- Renewal application deadline: February 28, 2019

Rural Residency Planning and Development Program
I/T/U sites are eligible to apply, either as primary applicants, or with a partner academic medical center as primary. Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Applications Accepted: 11/29/2018 - 03/04/2019
- Projected Award Date: 08/01/2019
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 Personnel Update

Beverly Cotton, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC
Nashville Area Director
Indian Health Service
IHS Personnel Update

Rear Adm. Brandon Taylor

Rear Adm. Francis Frazier

Rear Adm. Travis Watts
Feedback

• Impact and feedback on partial federal government shutdown
  ◦ Send to IHSPublicAffairsStaff@ihs.gov
Weekly calls will continue through Feb. 14

**Thursdays**
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/directorsspeeches/](https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/directorsspeeches/)
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• **Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs** – Ben Smith
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• **Office of Environmental Health and Engineering** – Gary Hartz, Director
• **Office of Resource Access and Partnerships** – CDR John Rael, Director
• **Office of Finance and Accounting** – Ann Church, Acting Director
• **Office of Tribal Self-Governance** – Jennifer Cooper, Director/Carla Mayo, Deputy Director
• **Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes** – Roselyn Tso, Director
• **Office of Human Resources** – Lisa Gyorda, Director
• **Office of Urban Indian Health Programs** – Rose Weahkee, Acting Director
• **Division of Acquisition Policy** – Santiago Almaraz, Director
• **Division of Grants Management** – Robert Tarwater, Director