

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Welcome



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IHS Strategic Goals and Objectives



Access

Goal 1: To ensure that comprehensive, culturally appropriate personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Objectives:

- 1.1: Recruit, develop, and retain a dedicated, competent, and caring workforce.
- 1.2: Build, strengthen, and sustain collaborative relationships.
- 1.3: Increase access to quality health care services.



Quality

Goal 2: To promote excellence and quality through innovation of the Indian health system into an optimally performing organization.

Objectives:

- 2.1: Create quality improvement capability at all levels of the organization.
- 2.2: Provide care to better meet the health care needs of American Indian and Alaska Native communities.



Management and Operations

Goal 3: To strengthen IHS program management and operations.

Objectives:

- 3.1: Improve communication within the organization with Tribes, Urban Indian Organizations, and other stakeholders, and with the general public.
- 3.2: Secure and effectively manage the assets and resources.
- 3.3: Modernize information technology and information systems to support data driven decisions.

Updates

- Contract for Medical Quality Assurance Review
 - [Statement from Rear Adm. Weahkee on the announcement of the contract](#)
- [Presidential Task Force Update](#)
- [IHS Recommendations for Management of Acute Dental Pain](#)
 - IHS blog: [IHS Introduces Recommendations for Management of Acute Dental Pain](#)
- [Hepatitis C Universal Screening and Treatment Recommendations](#)
 - IHS blog: [National Hepatitis Testing Day – IHS now recommends hepatitis C testing for all adult patients](#)
- Health IT Modernization Project Update
 - IHS blog: [HHS IHS Health IT Modernization of Electronic Health Records focuses on patient needs](#)

Consultation Updates

- IHS initiated tribal consultation on a draft policy to implement, outline, and define a National Community Health Aide Program.
 - 30-day comment period closes on June 7. [Tribal Leader letter](#)
- Update on the tribal consultation for proposed updates to the Sanitation Deficiency System Guide
 - On March 20th, OEHE met with the IHS Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board to discuss results of the consultation and receive feedback on the finalization of the SDS Guide.
 - OEHE plans to issue the updated SDS Guide for use in the 2020 SDS reporting cycle, which will be posted on the Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction website by September 30, 2019. [Tribal Leader Letter](#)
- Update on Tribal Consultation for Purchased and Referred Care Chapters
 - [Tribal Leader Letter](#)

Recent Events

- May 8-9: STAC meeting was held in Scottsdale, AZ
- Site visits in Navajo and Phoenix Areas
- Signing ceremony for [Navajo Nation data-sharing agreement](#)



Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee meeting



Site visits to the Winslow Indian Health Care Center and the Navajo Nation Head Start Center in Arizona

Recent Events

- Deputy Director Rear Adm. Buchanan testified at the SCIA hearing on “The President’s FY 2020 Budget Request for Indian Programs.”

[Video](#) [Full testimony transcript](#)

- The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hosted a roundtable on “Advancing Tribal Public Health Partnerships.” Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention Director Dr. Ann Bullock spoke about SDPI’s impact on significant reductions in diabetes complications, such as new cases of kidney and eye disease.

[The Special Diabetes Program for Indians: Estimates of Medicare Savings](#)



Recent Events

- Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota
- Site visits in North and South Dakota
 - Pine Ridge Hospital, Rosebud Hospital, Sioux San Hospital, Cheyenne River Health Center, and Fort Yates Hospital



Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee members



In front of the Joint Commission accreditation certificate at the Cheyenne River Health Center

Funding Opportunities

- The Indian Health Service is accepting applications for the 2019 [American Indians into Medicine](#), [American Indians into Psychology](#), and [American Indians into Nursing](#). The deadline to submit applications is **June 20, 2019**. *(Goal 1, Obj. 1.1)*
- The IHS Division for Facilities Planning and Construction is accepting applications for the fiscal year [2019 Small Ambulatory Program](#). 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 *(Goal 1, Obj. 1.3)*
- The IHS Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes is accepting applications for the [Tribal Management Grant Program](#). The deadline to submit applications is **July 1, 2019**. *(Goal 1, Obj. 1.3)*
- The IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs is accepting applications for the fiscal year 2019 [Urban Indian Education and Research Program](#). The deadline to submit applications is **August 15, 2019**. *(Goal 1, Obj. 1.3)*

Upcoming Events

June 10-13: 2019 IHS Dental Updates Continuing Dental Education Conference, Albuquerque, NM

June 11-13: 2019 IHS Partnership Conference, Spokane, WA [Register](#)

June 13: National Indian Health Board – Board of Director’s Meeting, Washington, DC

July 15-16: IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Meeting, Washington, DC

June 19: IHS Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting, Billings, MT

June 27-28: IHS National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup’s FY 2021 Evaluation and FY 2022 Planning Meeting, Reno, NV

July 23-25: National Conference on American Indian and Alaska Native Injury and Violence Prevention, Denver, CO [Register](#)

July 30-31: IHS Direct Service Tribes National Meeting, Albuquerque, NM

August 6-9: 2019 Diabetes in Indian Country Conference, Oklahoma City, OK [Register](#)

August 24-30: 2019 National Clinical & Community-Based Services Conference, Tigard, OR

Upcoming Tribal Consultations

- **June 18-20:** HHS Region 9: IHS California, Navajo, Phoenix, and Tucson Areas, in Rocklin, CA
- **July 9-11:** HHS Region 10: IHS Alaska and Portland Areas, in Airway Heights, WA
- **July 15-17:** HHS Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4: IHS Nashville Area, in Washington, DC
- **August 7-8:** HHS Region 5: IHS Bemidji Area, in Milwaukee, WI
- **August 20-22:** HHS Regions 6, 7, and 8: IHS Albuquerque, Billings, Great Plains, Navajo and Oklahoma City Areas, in Denver, CO



The Oklahoma Branch Commissioned Officer's Association in collaboration with the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service cordially invites you to

Rear Admiral Kevin Meeks Retirement Ceremony



Thursday, June 27, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

**Venue: Chickasaw Nation's OKC Community Center
4001 NW 39th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112**

RSVP by June 21st by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSVPMEEKS>

Or you can call LCDR Dodson Frank 405-951-3741 or
Mr. Elliot Kauley 405-951-3742

Uniform of the Day: Service Dress Blue or Business Attire (for civilians)

Upcoming Events

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organizations Call

Thursday, July 11, 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

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