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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am pleased to announce that the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Nursing Services in the Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, has awarded the Forensic Nursing Consultation Program (FNCP) contract to the Texas A&M Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing. This five-year contract will help boost forensic health care-related workforce activities across all IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian (I/T/U) facilities.

The FNCP contract will provide for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Examiner/Forensic Nurse Examiner (SANE/SAE/FNE) training, education, and technical assistance for I/T/U health care providers. The training will ensure providers are prepared to offer patients trauma-informed medical forensic examinations following violent crimes such as sexual assault and abuse, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, strangulation, and human trafficking. The contract will also support continuing education and mentorship opportunities, enhancing forensic health care efforts across Indian Country.

Deliverables outlined in the contract include, but are not limited to:

- Develop forensic health care curriculum (e.g., SANE training: 40+ hour adult/adolescent course, 40+ hour pediatric course, and a 16-hour clinical hands-on skills lab);
- Conduct virtual and in-person SANE training courses and hands-on clinical skills labs;
- Maintain and operate a website and learning management system for providers;
- Offer forensic nursing mentorship programs;
- Conduct site facility visits to support program development, training, and education; and
- Offer continuing education and continuing medical education (CE/CME) contact hours for providers.

Please join me in recognizing the award of this highly anticipated contract that will provide much-needed advancement in forensic health care-related practices across our I/T/U facilities, ensuring our patients, families, and communities affected by violence receive trauma-informed health care and related resources.

If you would like to receive regular communication regarding Forensic Healthcare, please join the [IHS Forensic Healthcare Listserv](#).

Sincerely,

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