

## Indian Health Service Statement

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## Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee Statement on the Sentencing of Former IHS Pediatrician Stanley Patrick Weber

The Indian Health Service appreciates that justice has been delivered today. With the longawaited sentencing of a former IHS pediatrician, Stanley Weber, I hope that those who were harmed by him can find some measure of comfort. The actions of this individual were reprehensible, and we sincerely regret the harm caused to the children involved.

The Indian Health Service is <u>committed to ensuring a culture of quality, leadership and</u> <u>accountability</u>. We prioritize a workforce that is dedicated and trustworthy. Protecting our patients is a key element of delivering quality care. The IHS is committed to <u>protecting our</u> <u>patients</u> and preventing their harm to the best of our ability.

While we recognize that rebuilding trust will take time, we would like to make it known that if any of those harmed by Stanley Weber seek professional counseling, the Indian Health Service is ready to provide that service. We are committed to protecting your confidentiality and helping you get the services you may need. Services do not have to be at an IHS facility or with an IHS provider. You may call our <u>confidential hotline</u> at 1-301-443-0658 to request this service.

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