Albuquerque **Area**

Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee

4th **Quarterly Report**

***Instructions**: Highlight activities that support DST and the IHS priorities August - October 2017.*

Area Tribal Representatives:

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1. People

• Three staff from the Albuquerque Area were supported in attendance at the IHS National Leadership Development Program.
• Retention Incentives are used to assist in retaining our high performing employees. Relocation and Recruitment Incentives are utilized to assist with relocation expenses to remain competitive. Year-to-date, the Albuquerque Area has hired 125 new employees and continues to look for ways to improve the hiring process.

2. Partnerships

• The Quarterly Albuquerque Area Tribal Consultation meeting was held on October 5, 2017 and focused on the following topics: IHS Director's National Updates, National Workgroup updates, Title I Audits and the 2020 Budget Formulation.
• Albuquerque Area and Service Unit leadership participated in the Direct Service Tribes National Meeting, the Business Office/Medical Records/PRC Partnership Conference and the NIHB National Tribal Health Conference.

3. Quality

• Mock accreditation surveys were held at the Mescalero Indian Hospital, Jicarilla Health Center, Taos-Picuris Health Center and Ute Mountain Ute Health Center during August and September.
• COLA laboratory surveys were held at the Jicarilla Health Center, Ute Mountain Ute Health Center and Taos-Picuris Health Center. All three laboratories received full 2-year accreditation.
• The Zuni Hospital laboratory received their full 2 year accreditation from CAP
• The ABQ Area Governing Body quarterly meeting was held on Oct 18, 2017. During the Governing Body meetings operational and compliance scorecards were reviewed.

4. Resources

• The Area leadership held Service Unit Reviews/2018 Planning meetings at each of the Service Units (ten) during this reporting period.

• The Albuquerque Area procured approximately $4.2 million of medical equipment for all Service Units with NEF funds during the month of September.