

**Albuquerque Area IHS
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
FY2020 2nd Quarter Report
October-December 2019**

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

- ACL Service Unit- Contract for CT scanner was awarded and renovation of space is almost complete. Posting of positions that support CT scanner services are being sent out. The CT scanner is scheduled to be in service by mid-February 2020.
- Zuni Service Unit- Medical Staff recruited and filled all 5 Physician vacancies onboarding in August and September.
- The Albuquerque Area met 24 of 26 Clinical GPRA measures for 2019 with 3 Service Units meeting all 26 Clinical GPRA measures for 2019. The Albuquerque Area met 25 of 26 Clinical GPRA measures in 2018 and the Albuquerque Area provides training and oversight to service unit staff and monitors GPRA progress through-out the year and shares the Albuquerque Area's performance with the Albuquerque Area tribes at the Quarterly Tribal Consultation meetings.
- Acoma Pueblo Zero Suicide Initiative 10/23/19- Held their 10th Annual Yellow Ribbon Luncheon; an event for the Pueblo of Acoma community aimed at creating awareness around Suicide Prevention. The start of this 3-day event began with the Zero Suicide Initiative Luncheon, where the Pueblo of Acoma's recently signed Suicide Prevention Proclamation along with the Zero Suicide Initiative objectives and next steps for the 3rd year of this grant were shared.

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

- November 20-21, 2019 the ABQ Service Unit successfully completed their AAAHC reaccreditation survey. All Albuquerque Area sites have been successfully surveyed in 2019 by either the Joint Commission, AAAHC, or CARF and achieved full reaccreditation along with Patient Centered Medical Home accreditation. The ABQ Area's Continuous Accreditation Readiness Program (CARP) Team continues to collaboratively identify and perform numerous accreditation readiness activities, which support all of the Area's healthcare facilities.
- The Mescalero Apache Tribe submitted their Joint Venture Pre-Application for the Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP) and were notified December 11, 2019 that they were one of 10 tribes selected to move forward with their final application. Under a JVCP agreement, a federally recognized Tribe or Tribal Organization expends Tribal, private, or other available non-IHS funds for the acquisition or construction of a health care facility that meets the IHS planning, environmental review, sustainability, design, and construction requirements. In exchange, the IHS will request that Congress fund the staffing and operations of the health care facility under a no-cost, 20-year lease.

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- 10/8/19 and 12/3/19; Area Tribal Consultation Meetings were held with a focus on the 2022 Budget Formulation process and identifying the ABQ Area Tribal priorities and recommendations. Other topics included updates on the IHS HOPE Committee, a 2020 Census presentation for Tribal communities from the state of New Mexico's Area Census Office Manager, and presentation on RezRIDERS, a Santa Clara Pueblo youth development program.
- November 18, 2019; The 19th Native American Veterans Symposium was held to honor and recognize the service of veterans and provide them health and other benefits assistance and information. The IHS, New Mexico VA Healthcare System, and the New Mexico AARP partner to support this event and noted 433 attendees and 51 exhibit booths providing information, benefits assistance, and health screenings.

Goal 3: (MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS) To strengthen IHS program management and operations

- The Albuquerque Service Unit recruited and hired a new permanent Clinical Director, filling a position that had been vacant for over 2 years.
- The Santa Fe Service Unit selected a permanent CEO, Duane Marcellais, to address a critical leadership vacancy for this service unit.
- On September 27, 2019 the Albuquerque Area Awards Ceremony was held with staff recognized for Outstanding Customer Service, Distinguished Service, Above and Beyond Awards, Outstanding Teamwork, Community Injury Prevention, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, and Outstanding Nurse and Medical Provider categories.
- On October 16, 2019 the 4th Quarter ABQ Area Governing Board Meeting was held.
- On October 24, 2019 the University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH) Annual Meeting with Tribes was held and their annual hospital report, data trends, and updates for the Native American Health Services Office was provided. The proposed hospital expansion was also presented to the Tribal leaders.