

**Great Plains Area  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee  
FY2022 1st Quarter Report  
October to December 2021**

<p><b>Area Tribal Representatives:</b> Alicia Mousseau, Vice President Oglala Sioux Tribe</p>	<p><b>Federal Liaison:</b> Daniel Davis, Deputy Area Director Great Plains Area</p>
<p><b>Goal 1: To ensure that comprehensive, culturally appropriate personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people</b></p>	
<p>Weber Report “A Focused Retrospective Review by Integritas Creative Solutions, of IHS Response to Allegations of Sexual Abuse, A Medical Quality Assurance Review” January 2020</p> <p>More COVID-19 testing, variant sequencing, and quicker test processing. Regional test processing and sequencing centers for quicker turn around.</p> <p>Promoting COVID-19 prevention along with Diabetes Prevention (SDPI) among young people.</p> <p>Long haul COVID-19 intervention and treatments.</p>	
<p><b>Goal 2: To promote excellence and quality through innovation of the Indian health system into an optimally performing organization</b></p>	
<p>Weber Report “A Focused Retrospective Review by Integritas Creative Solutions, of IHS Response to Allegations of Sexual Abuse, A Medical Quality Assurance Review” January 2020. Need to review IHS Human Resources policies and provide recommendations on how to improve the process to ensure quality healthcare, safety and security are prioritized.</p> <p>Improve the Budget Formulation process. There is a need to be transparent and ensure the goal of the process is understandable. There is a need to be timelier with scheduling and sharing of information. More specifically, more time is needed to have meaningful conversations about the budget with the tribal leaders to ensure agreement and true collaboration to optimally provide the most effective and efficient public health services and an optimally performing organization.</p> <p>A need to address the challenges faced by Tribal Emergency Medical Service Ambulance Programs and their ability to serve Direct Service healthcare facilities.</p>	
<p><b>Goal 3: To strengthen IHS program management and operations</b></p>	
<p>Weber Report “A Focused Retrospective Review by Integritas Creative Solutions, of IHS Response to Allegations of Sexual Abuse, A Medical Quality Assurance Review” January 2020.</p> <p>Continue to work cooperatively between the Direct Service facilities and the Tribes in response to COVID-19. Sharing of supplies and services has been helpful.</p>	