

**Albuquerque Area IHS  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee  
FY2020 3rd Quarter Report  
December-March 2020**

<b>Area Tribal Representatives:</b> Donnie Garcia, Jicarilla Apache Nation	<b>Federal Liaison:</b> RC Begay, Albuquerque Area
<b>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</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CoVID 19 related activities and services are a priority for all Service Units. This includes collaboration and coordinating with various tribal, state, and federal governments and agencies.</li> <li>• The Albuquerque Area Office and all Service Units have implemented their Incident Command Systems and altered operations to focus on establishing point of entry screening; separate care streams; drive up pharmacy delivery; vehicle based testing; and having nurse call-in lines to help protect patients and staff.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
<b>Goal 2: (QUALITY) To promote excellence and quality through innovation of the Indian health system into an optimally performing organization</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On February, 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the 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 from the Albuquerque tribal representatives for the following committees: TTAG, DSTAC, TLDC and TSGAC. The University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH) provided an update of their services &amp; programs.</li> <li>• Albuquerque Area Incident Command Team coordinates daily calls with Area I-T-U programs to share information and provide guidance on the COVID-19 pandemic response.</li> <li>• The Albuquerque Area CHR programs have a COVID-19 conference call every Tuesday at 3pm to provide information and address concerns. The CHRs have a CHR association that is active in coordinating with various state and federal programs.</li> <li>• All tribes and urban programs continue to receive e-mail reminders to participate on various White House, DHHS, CDC, IHS calls which are held weekly on COVID-19 status/updates and receive vital information</li> </ul>	
<b>Goal 3: (MANAGEMENT &amp; OPERATIONS) To strengthen IHS program management and operations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Albuquerque Area hired Randall Morgan as the permanent Director of the Office of Tribal Self-Determination for the Albuquerque Area.</li> <li>• The Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Service Unit (ACLSU) selected a permanent CEO, David C Tonemah, to address a critical leadership vacancy for this service unit.</li> <li>• The Albuquerque Service Unit recruited and hired a permanent Clinical Director, Ralph Groves, MD, filling a position that had been vacant for over 2 years.</li> <li>• On January 15, 2020, the Albuquerque Area Governing Board Meeting was held.</li> </ul>	