

Albuquerque Area
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
3rd **Quarterly Report**

Instructions: Highlight activities that support DST and the IHS priorities February - April 2018.

Area Tribal Representatives:

Donnie Garcia, Jicarilla Apache Nation

Area Liaisons:

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1. People

- Twenty seven (27) vacancies were filled within the Albuquerque Area during the 2nd quarter. Twenty-two additional hires are currently pending start dates.
- Federal supervisory training was provided to 21 supervisors on March 6.
- Contracting Officer Representative (COR) Level II training was provided March 26-30.
- Dr. Thomas, Area Director, presented at the Tribal Healthcare Workforce Development Summit in Albuquerque on February 22.

2. Partnerships

- The Albuquerque Area held a Tribal Consultation meeting on March 22. The consultation focused on the 2020 Budget Formulation workgroup recommendations, a presentation about Cancer in New Mexico by the Director and CEO of the UNM Cancer Center and National Workgroup updates.
- HHS Region 6 held their annual consultation in Albuquerque on April 3-4. The two most common topics discussed were the elimination of CHR and Health Education funding from the President's 2019 Budget Proposal and the Opioid funding.

3. Quality

- A COLA laboratory survey was held at the ACL Service Unit on February 26. They passed with a 97% score. The laboratory received full 2-year accreditation.
- A COLA laboratory survey was held at the Albuquerque Indian Health Center on April 1. There were no findings as a result of the survey. The laboratory received full 2-year accreditation.

4. Resources

- The Region 6 Consultation was attend by representatives from the following agencies: Administration for Children and Families, SAMHSA, CDC, CMS, Administration for Community Living, International Association for Indigenous Aging, National Association Community Health Representatives.
- The CMS Outreach and Education was held in Albuquerque on April 23 & 24.