

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

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

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1. People

The Western Region Labor Relations (LR) and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Departments are traveling to all six Federal Service Unit's to assist with recruiting, retention, EEO training, culture awareness training and labor relations issues. In Quarter 4 of FY 2018 all six Federal Service Unit's will begin installing kiosks (computers) in each Service Unit to/and assist potential/local applicants apply for Federal jobs.

2. Partnerships

The Colville and Wellpinit Service Units held a Purchase & Referred Care outreach seminar for all of their vendors in Washington State with 40 people showing up in person or by telephone to participate. In coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) training on infection control will be conducted for all 6 Federal Service Unit GB members on June 6&7, 2018. The Fort Hall Service Unit is working on a collaborative data sharing agreement with the State of Idaho to complete their recently awarded Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status.

3. Quality

A standardized Governing Board Charter has been formally adopted by all six Federal Service Unit Governing Board's with all six now in the process of conducting their 2nd of 4 annual Governing Board Meetings. 3 of the 6 Federal Service Unit's (Fort Hall, Western Oregon and Warm Springs) have all undergone their annual Portland "Area Survey Readiness Team" (ASURT) reviews in preparation for their upcoming AAAHC Surveys, with those same 3 Service Unit's applying for their AAAHC Survey utilizing the National Indian Health Service contract with AAAHC to receive their dates for their accreditation survey.

4. Resources

In February 2018 a team from the Office of Information & Technology, Headquarters Indian Health Service conducted on-site visits to the Yakama and Colville Service Unit's to look at their systems and provide technical support and address any concerns these sites were having related to IT systems. All six Federal Service Units continue to implement multiple positive change projects utilizing the Advance Model for Improvement (AMI TM).