



2019 National Advisory Committee and Workgroup Report

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC)

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CHARGE or PURPOSE OF Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC):

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) provides leadership, guidance and recommendations to the Indian Health Service (IHS) on issues related to diabetes and related chronic health conditions among American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). The TLDC's mission is to ensure ongoing dialogue and partnership between Tribal Leaders and IHS on these important topics.

As an advisory body to the IHS Director, the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee:

- Makes recommendations on diabetes-related policy and advocacy issues.
- Provides advice and guidance to ensure that appropriate cultural traditions and values are incorporated in program development, research, and community-based activities.
- Offers guidance to other organizations – such as Federal agencies and organizations, States, Tribal Epidemiology Centers, institutions of higher learning and private health organization – on how they can help address diabetes and related chronic health condition among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND/OR ACTIONS (Brief one page bulleted points):

Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI):

- The Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) is currently in the 4th year of the 5-year 2016-2020 funding cycle. The 2019 budget year is funded at \$150 million and will expire December 31, 2019. The 2020 budget year, the 5th year of the current cycle, has not received funding authorization from Congress. Tribal Leaders are strongly encouraged to advocate for SDPI funding through their Congressional representatives.
- The current funding distribution of \$150 million for SDPI is the following:

○ Community-Directed grant programs	\$130.2 million
○ Urban Indian Health Program	\$ 8.5 million
○ SDPI Support	\$ 6.1 million
○ Data Infrastructure Improvement	\$ 5.2 million

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) is currently looking at expenditure of the SDPI Support (\$6.1 million) and Data Infrastructure Improvement (\$5.2 million) distribution amounts to determine if funds are optimally utilized in support of SDPI Grantees. Additionally, TLDC has requested current accounting reports of unobligated funds of all entities receiving SDPI dollars.

- The IHS Division of Grants Management continues to allow “expanded authorities” to Grantees “to carryover unobligated funds without prior approval” as well as “cost-related adjustments, including rebudgeting, do not require prior approval”. The unobligated fund use or budget changes without prior approval must be “within the approved scope of the awarded grant” and consistent with the mission of the SDPI program. The “expanded authorities” will be allowed in the 2020 budget year.
- The preparation for the 2021-2025 SDPI grant cycle has begun. An introductory webinar held by IHS Director RADM Weahkee on April 8, 2019 (SDPI Informational Webinar. <https://www.ihs.gov/sdpi/>) described the nature and timeline of the competitive application process for the funding cycle. The TLDC met in Billings Montana on June 19-20 and formulated specific questions for national consultation (e.g. length, questions, format, funding distribution) of the SDPI grant and submitted their recommendations to the IHS Director. The following timeline is proposed.
 - Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer regarding the SDPI funding distribution will be held for a 60-day period in the Fall of 2019 (September-October proposed). Completed by the end of October.
 - TLDC reviews Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer input, and provides recommendations to IHS Director by December 2019.
 - RADM Weahkee will finalize decision on the 2021-2025 SDPI Grant by early 2020.
 - FY 2021 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) release by possibly May 2020.
 - Applicants will be afforded approximately 90 to 120 days to prepare their grants for a tentative October 2020 submission deadline.

Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention Update:

- Clinical updates:
 - 54 % decrease in Diabetic Kidney failure over a 17 year period from 1996 to 2013. Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE; <http://aspe.hhs.gov>) estimates cost savings to Medicare for dialysis coverage over a 10 year period of approximately \$436 to \$520 million.
 - 50% decrease in the rates of diabetic eye disease (retinopathy) compared to historical data from the 1970-80s.
 - 84% decrease in IHS hospitalizations among AI/AN patients 65 years and older for uncontrolled diabetes from 2000-2016.
 - Diabetes Prevalence in adults has not increased since 2011 (approximately 15%)
 - Obesity and Diabetes rates have not increased in youth and adolescents over 10 year period.
 - Greater weight loss (>5 % from baseline) through the SDPI Diabetes Prevention Program resulted in lower incidence of diabetes development.
- Diabetes in Indian Country Conference held in Oklahoma City, August 6-9 was a great success. Approximately 1400 in attendance; 32 maximum CE offered to providers, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians. Phoenix Area SDPI grantees were well represented, showcasing their programs with 11 poster presentations; Ak-Chin Indian Community; Colorado River Indian Tribes; Duckwater Shoshone Tribe; The Hopi Tribe; The Hualapai Tribe; Nevada Urban Indians, Inc.; Phoenix Indian

Medical Center; Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake City; Ute Indian Tribe Painted Horse Diabetes Prevention Program; Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California Washoe Tribal Health Center; and Yerington Paiute Tribe. Program Coordinators Elissa Caston from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Stacey Briscoe from Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center shared their programs in a workshop “Real World 2: Experiences in Managing in the SDPI Grant”. Additionally, ADC Dr. Arakaki presented three clinical workshop lectures, and both ADC and Grants Manager Royce Jenkins moderated many sessions during the conference.

Phoenix Area SDPI-related activities:

- Phoenix Area (PA) SDPI Grantee Conference was held on April 30, May 1-2 at the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center on the grounds of the Phoenix Steele Indian School Park. In collaboration with the Tucson Area with the theme of “Cultural Intervention for Healthier Metabolic Lifestyle”, many of the topics included lifestyle changes with physical activity and introduction of native plants for gardening and cultivation. The second day of the Workshop was devoted to addressing health and wellness among children and adolescents, and the third day was culminated with the demonstration and construction of a “Hoop House” near the grounds of the Native Health Community Garden. There were 116 attendees from SDPI Grant Programs; 44 SDPI Program Coordinators or Directors, 61 SDPI Program staff members, and 11 participants from other Tribal Departments.
- Diabetes Management System/RPMS Basics training was held in collaboration with the Phoenix Area Office of Information Technology. The goal of the trainings was to offer attendees an introduction to DMS and Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) to staff members who are new to RPMS and a refresher to those who are already familiar with DMS. The training emphasized hands-on instructions and exercises to create and edit the Diabetes Audits. There were two training held to accommodate Grantees and ITU facilities in the north and south regions of the Phoenix Area; March 19-21, training at the Phoenix Area Office (PAO) of Information Technology Training Center and May 14-16 at the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic (PLTHC) in Nixon Nevada. The training emphasized hands on instructions and live data access to create the Diabetes Audit. The Instructors were Phoenix and Navajo Area CACs and Cecelia Butler from DDTP WebAudit Team. Both sessions were attended to maximum capacity with 19 in the PAO training center (18 stations) and 11 in the PLTHC training session (14 stations).
- Monthly Area Webinar’s are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month providing Area and Diabetes updates as well as showcasing individual grantees and their program activities.

February 19	Phoenix Area in Review- ADC
March 19	Grants Manager and ADC Update
April 16	Cancelled due to PA SDPI Workshop on 4/30, May 1-2
May 21	Colorado River Indian Tribe: Dusty Woodall Ely Shoshone Tribe: Stefanie Stark
June 18	Native Health: Amanda Chee Nevada Urban Indian: Shelby Matthews

July 16	U&OSU for Skull Valley Goshute: CMDR Greg Mahrt The Hopi Tribe: Elvia Sanchez
August 20	Cancelled due to Diabetes in Indian Country Conference in OKC, 8/6-9/19
September 17	The Hualapai Tribe: Nicky Teufel-Shone Tonto-Apache Tribe: Alyanna Barr
October 15	Walker River Paiute Tribe: John Lockwood Yavapai-Apache Nation: Robin Hazelwood
November 19	Yomba Shoshone Tribe: Davanna Hooper Yerington Paiute Tribe: Marlene Smallwood
December 17	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe: Anna Drum-Lynch CRSU for Moapa Band of Paiute: Diane Selleck