



## 2019 National Advisory Committee and Workgroup Report

### Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)

#### PHOENIX AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

Mr. Joey Whitman  
Council Member  
Gila River Indian Community

Ms. Delia Carlyle  
Vice-Chairwoman  
Ak-Chin Indian Community

#### CHARGE or PURPOSE OF Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC):

The Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC or Committee) advocates for Self Governance Tribes, suggests policy guidance on the implementation of the Tribal Self Governance Program, and advises the Indian Health Service (IHS) Director on issues of concern to all Self Governance Tribes. The TSGAC consists of tribally elected officials representing a cross section of Self-Governance Tribes. One delegate and one alternate are nominated by each Area Director to represent the views and issues of the Area's Self-Governance Tribes. The TSGAC members confer, discuss, and reach consensus on specific self-governance issues and provide verbal and written advice about self-governance issues to the IHS Director and the Office of Tribal Self-Governance (OTSG) Director. As a result of active participation by TSGAC members, the committee advances self-governance objectives within the IHS by providing advice and input before final decisions on policy issues are made.

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

##### 2019 Priorities related to IHS:

- Advance Appropriations for IHS – Tribes strongly advocating for IHS to receive advance appropriations. This is a Tribal priority and budget recommendation that would change the way Congress appropriates funding for IHS programs, from a year-to-year appropriation to one where the appropriated funding amounts are established one year in advance.
- Contract Support Cost (CSC) Policy – The IHS has reinstated the alternate method 97/3 split provision as amended. The amended version can be found at: <https://www.ihs.gov/ihtm/pc/part-6/p6c3/>.
- ISDEAA 105(l) Leases – Short and Long term solutions are needed to address the funding requirements associated with Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) lease cost agreements. ISDEAA section 105(l), codified at 25 U.S.C. 5324(l), requires the Secretary to enter a “lease” upon the request of a tribe furnishing a tribally leased or owned facility in support of its tribally operated ISDEAA contract or compact.
- FY 2020 President's Budget – specifically the proposed phase out of the Community Health Representatives (CHR) program as part of reforming community-based care and expanding the Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) nationwide. TSGAC has been very vocal about the importance of CHRs within their communities and the strong desire for this program to continue without any reductions in funding.