

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Agenda

- **IHS Update**
 - Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, IHS Principal Deputy Director
- **Tribal Consultation Update**
 - Ben Smith, IHS Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs



Welcome



Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee
Principal Deputy Director
Indian Health Service



Budget Update

- On December 20, President Trump signed the [Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020](#) into law
- The bill provides a total of \$6 billion for IHS, which is an increase of \$243 million above FY 2019
- The bulk of the increased funding supports section 105(I) lease payments and fully funds staffing for newly opening or recently opened facilities
- The bill also includes funding for the six newly federally recognized tribes in Virginia and a \$5 million increase for urban Indian health programs

Personnel Updates

- Randy Grinnell – Deputy Director for Management Operations
- Daniel Frye – IHS Bemidji Area Director
- Retirement of Gary Hartz, Director of the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering



Randy Grinnell



Daniel Frye



Retirement celebration for Gary Hartz

2019 IHS Year in Review



Click [here](#) for video

Rosebud IHS Hospital

- The Rosebud IHS Hospital in South Dakota recently earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Hospital Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with performance standards
- They also received Primary Care Medical Home certification, which focuses on care coordination, access to care, and how effectively a primary care clinician and interdisciplinary team work in partnership with the patient and their family
- [Video message from IHS Chief of Staff Rear Adm. Brandon Taylor](#)

Pine Ridge IHS Hospital

- The Pine Ridge IHS Hospital in South Dakota was recently surveyed by CMS as part of the process to regain certification, in response to a request from the IHS Great Plains Area
- We welcome this survey as an opportunity to demonstrate the sustained improvement in the quality of health care delivered to patients at the hospital
- We will continue to work with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge Hospital leaders, and Great Plains Area leadership to ensure safe and quality care is provided at the hospital

Cooperative Agreements

- On December 20, IHS announced the FY 2020 Tribal Self-Governance Planning and Negotiation Cooperative Agreements administered by the Office of Tribal Self-Governance
- \$802,000 was awarded to eight tribes and tribal organizations interested in assuming operations of their health programs to support necessary planning and preparation

Planning Cooperative Agreement

Tribe/Tribal Organization	City	State	Amount Awarded
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma	Pawnee	OK	\$120,000
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes	Anadarko	OK	\$120,000
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Rosebud	SD	\$120,000
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics	Okmulgee	OK	\$113,100
San Carlos Apache Tribe	San Carlos	AZ	\$120,000
Catawba Indian Nation	Rock Hill	SC	\$113,142

Negotiation Cooperative Agreement

Tribe/Tribal Organization	City	State	Amount Awarded
Round Valley Indian Health Center, Inc.	Covelo	CA	\$48,000
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians	Hopland	CA	\$48,000

Joint Venture Construction Program

- The Office of Environmental Health and Engineering has notified the 10 tribes and tribal organizations that have advanced into the Phase II Evaluation Process for the IHS Joint Venture Construction Program

Tribe or Tribal Organization	IHS Area
Three Affiliated Tribes	Great Plains
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium	Alaska
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	Great Plains
Native Village of Eyak	Alaska
Mescalero Apache Tribe	Albuquerque
Maniilaq Association	Alaska
Kodiak Area Native Association	Alaska
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Portland
Chugachmiut	Alaska
The Chickasaw Nation	Oklahoma City

SOAR for Native Communities Training

- Many individuals who have experienced trafficking come into contact with health care and social service professionals during and after their exploitation, but still remain unidentified
- The recently released SOAR for Native Communities training is designed to equip those serving Indigenous populations to better understand the issues surrounding human trafficking and its impact on Native communities
- Training: <https://www.train.org/main/course/1088753/>



Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond

Recent Events

- On December 10, IHS and NCUIH hosted a listening session to hear from urban Indian health programs on efforts to eliminate hepatitis C and HIV in Indian Country
- On December 12, The New York Indian Council, Inc. held an open house event at their facility in Long Island City, NY, to provide an overview of their program and their recent expansion of services



Urban confer session with Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs Ben Smith and Nashville Area Director Dr. Beverly Cotton

Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians

- The Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, located in the IHS Billings Area, recently gained federal recognition when the [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020](#) was signed on December 20
- We look forward to working together in accordance with the IHS policy for [New or Restored Federally Recognized Tribes](#) to integrate them into the IHS system
- This brings the total number of federally recognized tribes to 574

Upcoming Events

January 14-16: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Tribal Health Director Meeting and Quarterly Board Meeting – Tulalip, WA

January 15: Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health Winter Institute – Baltimore, MD

January 23-24: Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee 1st Quarterly Meeting – Washington, D.C.

January 29: [Area Report Webinar #1](#), 2:30-4:00 pm EST

January 30: [Area Report Webinar #2](#), 2:30-4:00 pm EST

- Tribal representatives from each Area will present their FY 2022 Report outlining budget recommendations and priorities

Upcoming Events

February All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

Thursday, February 6, 2020

3:30-4:30 p.m. EST

Conference Call #: 800-857-5577

Participant Passcode: 6703929

Webinar Adobe Connect: <https://ihs.cosocloud.com/r4k6jib09mj>

Participant Password: ihs123

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Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation Update

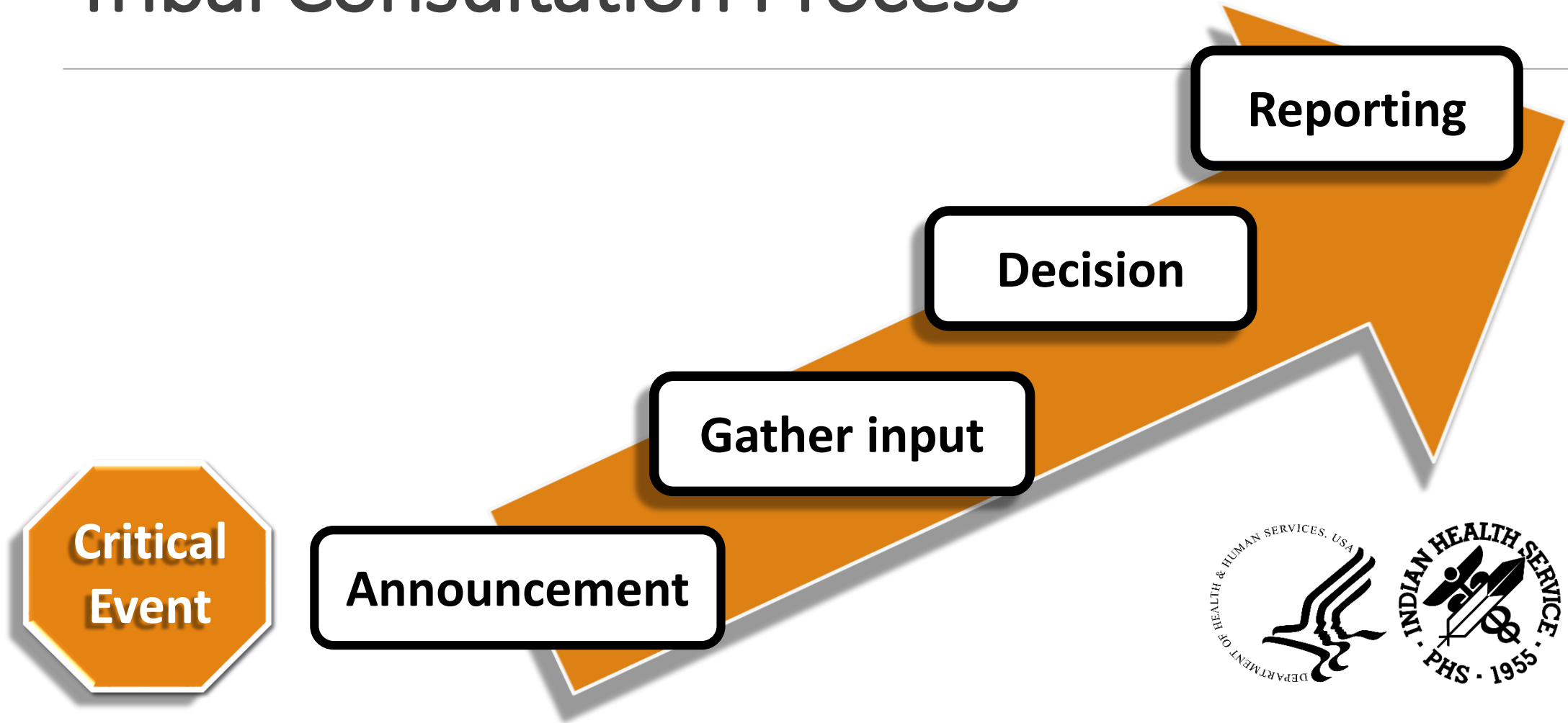
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Tribal Consultation Process



Tribal Consultation Activities Completed in Fiscal Year 2019

- IHS Contract Support Costs Policy – Section 6-3.2E(3) – [Indian Health Manual Part 6, Chapter 3](#)
- IHS Sanitation Deficiency System – [A Guide for Reporting Sanitation Deficiencies for American Indian and Alaska Native Homes and Communities](#)
- IHS Purchased/Referred Care Policy – [Indian Health Manual Part 2, Chapter 3](#)
- Draft IHS Strategic Plan – [Fiscal Years 2019-2023](#)
- Proposed Realignment of IHS Headquarters Offices – [Federal Register, Vol. 83, No. 246, December 26, 2018](#)



Budget Formulation – FY 2022

- **Area Reports**
 - [Webinar #1](#) – January 29 from 2:30–4:00 PM (Eastern)
 - [Webinar #2](#) – January 30 from 2:30–4:00 PM (Eastern)

- **National Tribal Budget Work Session**
 - February 13-14 – Crystal City, Virginia



Active Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Consultation

- **Modernization of the Resource and Patient Management System Electronic Health Record** (Initiated on 7/26/2017; Reports Released on 11/15/2019 ([Strategic Options for the Modernization of the IHS Health Information Technology Final Report](#) and [Roadmap Executive Summary](#); Open)
- **Distribution of funding for IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians in fiscal year 2021** (Initiated on 10/2/2019 – Comment Period through 12/2/2019 – Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Review: Open)



Active Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Consultation

- **2010 Memorandum of Understanding and Related Performance Measures between IHS and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** (Initiated on 9/4/2019 – Listening session 9/16/2019: Open)
- **Mechanism to Distribute Behavioral Health Initiatives currently Distributed through Grants** (Initiated on 5/18/2018; Comment Period through 10/1/2019 - National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health Recommendations on Behavioral Health Initiatives: Open)



Active Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Consultation

- **FY 2019 Funding Decision for New Behavioral Health Funding to address Opioids – To Develop an IHS Opioid Grant Program** (Initiated on 6/19/2019; Comment Period through 9/3/2019: Open)
- **Draft Indian Health Service (IHS) policy to implement, outline, and define a National Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)** (Initiated on 5/8/2019; Comment Period through 6/7/2019: Policy under IHS review: Open)



Active Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Consultation

- **Short- and Long-term solutions to Meet Statutory Requirements of the ISDEAA at 25 U.S.C. § 5234(I), also known as “105(I) leases” (Initiated on 2/29/2019; Comment Period through 4/26/2019: Open)**
- **Detailed Analysis of Purchased/Referred Care Program Implications and Feasibility for the Entire State of Arizona to be Identified as a Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area pursuant to the IHCA, 25 U.S.C. § 1678 (Initiated on 11/20/2018; Open)**



On-Hold Tribal Consultation Activities

- **Proposed Regulation on the Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund** (Initiated on 1/26/2016; Open – on hold)
- **Draft IHS Circular to Address the Purchase of Health Care coverage, commonly Referred to as Tribal Premium Sponsorship in Accordance with the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1642**
(Initiated on 7/18/2016; Open – On Hold)
- **IHS Tribal Consultation Policy** (IHS Circular No. 2006-01) – (Initiation: TBD)



Upcoming Tribal Consultation Activities in Fiscal Year 2020

- **FY 2020 Budget**
- **Report to Congress on Administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program** pursuant to ISDEAA at 25 U.S.C. § 5394
- **Contract Support Costs**
- **Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Phase II Recommendations**
- **2021 IHS and Tribal Facilities Needs Assessment Report** (Notification: 7/5/2019 Letter to Tribal Leaders)



