

Indian Health Service

All Tribes and Urban Organizations Call

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Welcome



- Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee
Acting Director, Indian Health Service



Leadership Announcements

- Roselyn Tso, Director, Office of Direct Services and Contracting Tribes
- Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance
- Athena Elliott, Director, Office of Management Services
- Beverly Cotton, Acting Director, Office of Clinical & Preventive Services



Priority: Ending the Opioid Epidemic

- Surgeon General Advisory on Naloxone
- Indian Health Manual [Chapter 35: Prescribing and Dispensing Naloxone to First Responders](#)
- Large-scale naloxone distribution effort which began in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in December 2015
- HHS announced that Dr. Brett Giroir will be responsible for coordinating efforts across HHS to fight America's opioid crisis.
- On March 14, our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Michael Toedt, testified during the Senate Indian Affairs Committee oversight hearing on "Opioids in Indian Country: Beyond the Crisis to Healing the Community".



IHS budget

- The fiscal year 2018 Omnibus provides federal appropriations through the end of September.
- The spending bill includes \$5.5 billion for the IHS, which is an increase of \$498 million.
- Congress has also enacted legislation to provide \$150 million for each of fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI).
- Budget formulation process
- Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Workgroup



Speakers

- Ann Church, Acting Director, Office of Finance and Accounting
 - IHS budget update
- CAPT Frazier, Director, Office of Public Health Support
 - IHS strategic plan update
- Dr. Beverly Cotton, Acting Director, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services
 - update on a plan to consult tribes on behavioral health funding and grants



