

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Agenda

- IHS Updates
 - Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance
- Community Health Aide Program Policy Update
 - Minette Galindo, Native Youth & Behavioral Health Aide Program Lead, IHS Office of Clinical & Preventive Services



Welcome



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IHS Personnel Updates

- Rear Adm. Kevin Meeks retired after 33 years of service with the IHS
- Chris Mandregan new deputy director for field operations
- Rear Adm. Chris Buchanan serving as acting deputy director for management operations
- Mitch Thornbrugh permanent chief information officer and the director of OIT



Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer

- Tribal consultation and urban confer on developing an IHS Opioid Grant Program to distribute the FY 2019 opioid funding - <https://go.usa.gov/xy2XH>
- Deadline to provide comments is **August 1**



Training on Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse

- On June 28, [IHS announced the availability of employee training on protecting children from sexual abuse in health care settings](#)
- All IHS employees must complete this mandatory training by **September 30**



IHS and Cherokee Nation HIV Pilot Project

- On June 27, National HIV Testing Day, IHS and the Cherokee Nation Health Service announced a new HIV pilot project to ensure the future success of '[Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America](#).'
- This project will provide an opportunity to begin implementing and evaluating some key foundational activities that will help accelerate progress towards ending the HIV epidemic in Indian Country
- Findings will be shared with other communities to support their efforts to implement the most effective prevention strategies locally
- Full announcement: <https://go.usa.gov/xy2XC>

Increasing Access to Medication Assisted Treatment

- On June 18, IHS released [Special General Memorandum 2019-01](#) to ensure increased access to medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- All IHS federal facilities will identify opioid use disorder treatment resources in their local areas and create an action plan, no later than December 11, 2019, to provide or coordinate patient access to MAT
- This will increase access to culturally appropriate prevention, treatment, and recovery support services
- Read our recent blog from Chief Medical Officer Rear Adm. Michael Toedt, M.D., for more information: <https://go.usa.gov/xy2XN>

Shortage Designation Modernization Project: Auto-HPSA

- No changes to HPSA scores have occurred at this time.
- HRSA's national update of Auto-HPSAs is tentatively planned for late August.
 - HRSA plans to distribute two more Update Preview Reports before the national update takes place.
- Current National Health Service Corp participants and those awarded this year will not be affected by any Auto-HPSA score changes.
- Immediately following the national update, ITUs will have access to the online Auto-HPSA portal through which you may submit your facility-specific data and request rescores.

[April 30, 2019: Briefing for Indian, Tribal & Urban Indian Organizations](#)

[June 25, 2019: Briefing for Indian, Tribal & Urban Indian Organizations](#)

Sioux San Update

- Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board to assume the majority of the operation of the Rapid City Service Unit on July 21, 2019
- The Indian Health Service will continue to provide health services in Rapid City to any IHS-eligible beneficiary, including:
 - preventive care
 - wellness care
 - health risk appraisal and assessment
 - acute illness and injury care
 - chronic illness management, and
 - counseling regarding end-of-life or palliative care

Patients who require care beyond the capabilities of the Rapid City Service Unit are referred to outside providers through referrals or if emergency, through appropriate emergency transfer.

Urban Indian Organization Grant Awards

- On July 1, the Office of Urban Indian Health Programs [announced the awarding of 4-in-1 grant funding](#) to three urban Indian organizations
- This funding supports health promotion and disease prevention services, immunization services, alcohol and substance abuse related services, and mental health services

Grantee Name	City	State	Amount
Native American Connections	Phoenix	AZ	\$200,000
Native American Lifelines	Baltimore	MD	\$200,000
Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Inc.	Minneapolis	MN	\$578,561

2019 Partnership Conference

- The 2019 Partnership Conference was held in Spokane, WA, from June 11-13, hosted by the Office of Resource Access and Partnerships
- IHS, tribal, and urban Indian organization personnel gathered to learn, discuss, and exchange ideas and best practices to ensure that the health care we deliver meets the highest possible standards
- Presentations from the breakout sessions will be available on the conference website in the coming weeks - www.ihspartnershipconference.com



Funding Opportunities

- [Pathways Internship Program](#): The Pathways Internship Program is designed to attract students enrolled in a wide variety of educational institutions with paid opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while in school.
 - Application deadline: **July 15, 2019**
- [Virtual Student Federal Service](#) : VSFS offers unique mentoring and exposure to job opportunities within the U.S. government.
 - Application deadline: **July 31, 2019**
- [Urban Indian Education and Research Program](#)
 - Application deadline: **August 15, 2019**



Upcoming Events

- July 15-16:** [Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Meeting](#) – Washington, D.C.
- July 22-25:** [National Combined Councils Meeting](#) – Scottsdale, AZ
- July 23-25:** [National Conference on American Indian and Alaska Native Injury and Violence Prevention](#) – Denver, CO
- July 28:** World Hepatitis Day
- July 29:** [National 4th Quarter Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Meeting](#) – Albuquerque, NM
- July 30-31:** [16th Annual Direct Service Tribes National Meeting](#) – Albuquerque, NM
- August 6-8:** [Alaska Native Health Board Mega Meeting](#) - Anchorage, AK
- August 6-9:** [Diabetes in Indian Country Conference](#) – Oklahoma City, OK
- August 7-8:** [HHS Region 5 Tribal Consultation](#) – Milwaukee, WI
- August 20-22:** [HHS Region 6,7,8 Tribal Consultation](#) – Denver, CO
- August 24-30:** [2019 National Clinical & Community-Based Services Conference](#), Tigard, OR

Upcoming Events

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organizations Call

Thursday, August 1, 2019

3:30 pm Eastern Time

Conference Call: 800-857-5577

Participant Passcode: 6703929

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

Participant Password: ihs123

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Community Health Aide Program Update

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Community Health Aide Program Update

- The comment period for the draft National CHAP policy closed on July 8.
- The agency received comments from 41 Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and National organizations.
- IHS is currently reconciling the comments and will provide them to the CHAP Tribal Advisory Group for review before making final recommendations to the agency on the draft National CHAP Policy.
- Once IHS has reviewed the recommendations, the policy will go through IHS and HHS policy review process including the agency wide comment and review period before being finalized and published in the Indian Health Manual.

