

Indian Health Service/California Area Office
 2025 Annual Tribal Listening Session
Agenda
Location: Santa Ynez Valley Marriott

Monday, March 10, 2025	
3:00-5:00 pm	EARLY REGISTRATION Location: Hotel Lobby

Tuesday, March 11, 2025		
8:00 am Registration	Location: Figueroa Ballroom Moderator: Mark Espinosa	
9:00-12:00 pm	Health Board Training	Tony Scucci, LMSW
12:00-1:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
	Location: Figueroa Ballroom Moderators: TBD	
1:30-2:00 pm	Traditional Blessing Posting of Colors Welcome	
2:00-2:30 pm	Environmental Health & Disaster Preparedness	Carolyn Garcia, REHS, MSPH, Supervisory Sanitarian, Division of Environmental Health Services, CAIHS
2:30-3:00 pm	Veterans Administration Overview	Kristi Woodard, LICSW, Tribal Relations Specialist, Department of Veterans Affairs
3:00-3:45 pm	Valley Fever	Alyssa Bernido, REHS/RS, Environmental Health Specialist, CAIHS

Wednesday, March 12, 2025		
8:00 am Registration	Location: Figueroa Ballroom Moderators: TBD	
9:00-9:30 am	Introduction of Duly-Elected Tribal Officials	
9:30-11:00 am	California Tribal Leaders Listening Session with the Acting IHS Director (<i>invited</i>)	
11:00-12:00 pm	IHS Budget Updates	Jillian Curtis, MPA, Director, Office of Finance and Accounting, IHS
12:00-1:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
	Location: Figueroa Ballroom Moderators: TBD	
1:30-2:45 pm	Traditional Healing	Paula Willhelm, Deputy Director, Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division, Department of Health Care Services
2:45-3:30 pm	California Elder & Youth Programs Panel	Dan Calac, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Council, Inc. Kolby Cordova, Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc. (SCIHP) TJ Tallamoni-Marcks, SCIHP
3:30-3:45 pm	BREAK	
3:45-4:00 pm	Overview of Voting Items	Wesley Simmons, Indian Self-Determination Program Manager, CAIHS
4:00-5:00 pm	Tribal Caucus and Regional Elections of Representatives to CATAAC	

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Thursday, March 13, 2025		
8:00 am Registration	Location: Figueroa Ballroom Moderators: TBD	
9:00-9:15 am	Previous Day Summary & Election Results	Wesley Simmons, Indian Self-Determination Program Manager, CAIHS
9:15-10:15 am	California Area IHS Update Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center & Sacred Oaks Healing Center Updates Regional Specialty Centers Updates	Beverly Miller, MHA, MBA, Director, CAIHS Anthony Mazza, Health Systems Administrator, Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center CAPT Jonathan Rash, PE, Associate Director, Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, CAIHS Christine Brennan, MPH, Associate Director, Office of Public Health, CAIHS
10:15-10:45 am	Health Information Technology Update	Robert Gemmell, MSIM, Chief Information Officer / Associate Director, Office of Information Technology, CAIHS Gary Mosier, IT Specialist / Database Administrator, CAIHS Reese Weber, MBA, CISSP, Chief Information Security and Privacy Officer, CAIHS
10:45-11:30 am	Artificial Intelligence and Public Health Panel	Angie Wilson (Pit River Tribe), Chief Executive Officer, Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Clinic Dr. Andrew Bader, Medical Provider, Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Clinic
11:30-12:15 pm	Legislative Updates	Mark LeBeau, PhD, Executive Director, California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.
12:15-1:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
Location: Figueroa Ballroom Moderators: TBD		
1:30-3:30 pm	Exhibits Open in the Los Padres & San Rafael Rooms	National Workgroup Reports: Tribal Leader’s Diabetes Committee (TLDC) Rosemary Nelson (p), Dominica Valencia (a), and Glenna Moore (IHS) Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) Michael Garcia (p), Angie Wilson (a), and Ali Ali (IHS) Budget Formulation Workgroup (BFWG) Michael Garcia (p), Chris Devers (a), and Nik Berzins (IHS) CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) Mark LeBeau (p), Inder Wadhwa (a), and Julie Schulte (IHS) Contract Support Cost Workgroup (CSC) Chris Devers (p), Manuel Mattz (a), and Wesley Simmons (IHS) Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Workgroup Chris Devers (p), Orvin Hanson (a), Mark LeBeau (t), and Julie Schulte (IHS) National Behavioral Health Workgroup (BHWG) Carol Larsen (a) and Kangeyan Pachaiyappan (IHS)

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	Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC) Robert Smith (a) and Wesley Simmons (IHS) Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Tribal Advisory Group (TAG) / Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT) Angelina Renteria (p) and Michael Donaleski (IHS)
3:30-4:00 pm	Retiring of the Colors