



Christopher Mandregan, Jr.

Acting Deputy Director Indian Health Service

Christopher Mandregan, Jr., an enrolled member of the Aleut Community of St. Paul in Alaska, is the Acting Deputy Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS is composed of 12 Area (regional) offices.

As the Deputy Director of the IHS, Mr. Mandregan shares responsibility with the Director for the total management of a \$4 billion national health care delivery program responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community care for approximately 1.9 million of the nation's estimated 3.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. This also includes the setting of overall agency priorities, policies, and strategic direction. Mr. Mandregan provides significant input in managing the formulation, presentation, justification, and execution of the agency budget. His participation influences program and resource allocation decisions that impact the total Agency budget. Mr. Mandregan is responsible for the development of and justifications for testimony presented to congressional appropriation and legislative committees. Along with the Director, he is a principal witness before such committees. He also supervises the 12 IHS Area Directors.

Mr. Mandregan began his career with the IHS in 1986. In 1996, Mr. Mandregan was appointed as the Executive Officer for the Alaska Area IHS (AAIHS), responsible for administrative support services for the Area. In 1998 he accepted the position of Area Director for the AAIHS. As the Area Director, Mr. Mandregan was responsible for the federal portion of the health care system for Alaska Native people and for conducting government-to-government relationships with Alaska Native Tribes on behalf of the HHS Secretary. He was responsible for the administration for the provision of comprehensive health services to approximately 130,000 Alaska Native people, Eskimos, Aleuts, Indians, and non-natives living in remote locations. The AAIHS health care delivery system is linked to regional Alaska Native tribal health organizations, Tribes, and state and local agencies.

During his career at AAIHS, Mr. Mandregan received a Public Health Service Special Recognition Award for Productivity from the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS. He served as Agency Lead Negotiator for the Alaska Tribal Health Compact and has been instrumental in implementing Indian Self-Determination and Tribal Self-Governance in Alaska. In 2004 he received a Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service.

Mr. Mandregan served on the Executive Committee of the Alaska Federal Health Care Partnership (AFHCP). This Committee is a partnership of IHS, Department of Defense (Air Force and Army), Veterans Health Administration, and the Coast Guard that is dedicated to maximizing utilization of federal resources for each partner's respective beneficiaries. The AFHCP won the Government Executive Magazine's 2002 Grace Hopper Government Technology Leadership Award for its implementation of a state-wide telemedicine system, deployed in over 200 health care facilities throughout Alaska.

Mr. Mandregan earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Washington State University. He completed his masters of public health degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.