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Ronald Demaray, an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, is the Acting Director of the Office of Tribal Programs (OTP) for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native people.

As Acting OTP Director, Mr. Demaray is responsible for a wide range of Agency functions that are critical to the IHS's relationship with Tribal leaders, organizations, and other American Indian and Alaska Native groups. The OTP is the Agency's principal liaison with national Indian organizations and 562 federally recognized tribes in 35 states. Mr. Demaray directs a national program with various responsibilities that include policy development and technical assistance concerning Title I Indian Self-Determination contracting; policy and operational responsibilities for management of the \$267 million contract support cost program; technical assistance to those tribes that continue to receive health care directly from the IHS; oversight to ensure that the Agency's requirement for tribal consultation is met; and policy development concerning the integration of newly recognized tribes into the IHS system.

Mr. Demaray began his career with the Indian Health Service in 1996 when he came to work as a Program Analyst in what was then the Office of Tribal Affairs. He has worked primarily in the areas of Title I Self-Determination contracting and contract support costs. Mr. Demaray serves as the Chairman of both the Headquarters Leadership Team and the IHS/Tribal Contract Support Cost Workgroup; positions of leadership where he has exhibited an ability to tackle tough issues on the part of the IHS. He has provided presentations on Tribal Self-Determination, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Tribally Operated Health Programs Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART), and Contract Support Costs at national conferences and Area meetings. Mr. Demaray has also provided briefings to Congressional Committees, OMB, HHS, and Agency staff on these and other issues as well.

Mr. Demaray worked for tribes 13 years prior to joining the IHS. He served as Dean of Business Affairs for three years at a tribally controlled community college in Lama Deer, Montana. In 1986 he moved to New Mexico where he worked as the Director of Administrative Services for the Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. There he devoted most of his time to the administrative management of a broad range of both Bureau of Indian Affairs and IHS programs. He also participated extensively in the negotiated rulemaking process to develop regulations to implement the 1988 and 1994 amendments to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L. 93-638. This Act provides the mechanism for American Indian and Alaska Native tribes to contract with the Federal Government for the administration of health care to their tribal members.

Mr. Demaray earned a master of education degree from the Montana State University in 1983. During his tenure with the IHS, he has received the Headquarters Employee of the Month Award on two occasions and twice been a recipient of the IHS Director's Award.