

Terry Schmidt, R.N.

Chief Executive Officer

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Terri Schmidt, R.N., is a member of the Arapaho Tribe and an Oklahoma native who began her career with the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, in 1989 as a Clinical Nurse for the Clinton Indian Hospital. Throughout her tenure at the Clinton Indian Hospital, she has effectively performed in a number of key Clinton Service Unit management positions. As a Registered Nurse she has served as the Chief and Public Health Nurse for the Clinton Service Unit. In addition to these positions, she has served on national workgroups including the Physician/Nurse Professional Specialty Group. Her knowledge of health care programs gained through these numerous leadership assignments makes her a valuable asset to the Clinton Service Unit. Ms. Schmidt received the Managerial Excellence Award from the National Council of Chief Executive Officers in February 2005. She has clearly demonstrated her commitment to serving the Indian people in western Oklahoma. On August 11, 2002, Ms. Schmidt began her tenure as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Clinton Indian Hospital.

As the CEO for the Clinton Indian Hospital, Ms. Schmidt is responsible for administering a comprehensive health program serving an IHS service population of over 9,000 American Indians living in 18 counties in northwestern Oklahoma. Over 27,000 ambulatory care visits are provided through a network of 1 hospital and 2 outpatient health centers at the Clinton Indian Hospital, Watonga Indian Health Center, and the El Reno Indian Health Center.

Ms. Schmidt is a Weatherford High School graduate and a 1984 Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Division of Nursing graduate.