



## **Christopher Mandregan, Jr., M.P.H.**

### **Alaska Area Director**

### **Indian Health Service**

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Christopher Mandregan, Jr., a tribal member (Alaska Native) of the Aleut Community of St. Paul, Alaska, began his career with the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), 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 is 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.

The AAIHS provides comprehensive health services to approximately 136,000 Alaska Native people (Eskimos, Aleuts, and Indians) and non-natives living in remote locations (non-native patients reimburse the IHS funded hospitals and clinics for the care they receive.). The AAIHS health care delivery system is linked to Alaska Native Tribes, tribal health organizations, and villages, and to state and local agencies. Field hospitals are located in the six rural communities of Barrow, Bethel, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Nome, and Sitka; and are operated by Alaska Native tribal organizations. Seven ambulatory health care centers are located in Juneau, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Fairbanks, Tanana, Fort Yukon, and St. Paul Island. Over 170 additional clinics are located throughout Alaska. The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), a 170-bed general medical and surgical hospital located in Anchorage, is the referral center for rural hospitals and clinics.

In addition to serving as the Director of AAIHS, Mr. Mandregan also served as Acting Deputy Director of the IHS from October 1, 2007, through February 18, 2009. He also has 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 and through support he provides to other IHS Areas.

Mr. Mandregan also serves on the Executive Committee of the Alaska Federal Health Care Partnership (AFHCP). The AFHCP is a collaboration of the IHS, Department of Defense (Air Force and Army), Veteran's Administration, and Coast Guard that is dedicated to maximizing utilization of federal resources for each partner's respective beneficiaries. The AFHCP won *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.

In 2004, Mr. Mandregan received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service. He is also a recipient of the Public Health Service Special Recognition Award for Productivity from the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS. He was selected for this award for his efforts in securing lower rates for medical services purchased from private physicians and hospitals by the ANMC, resulting in annual recurring savings of about \$1 million.

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.