



January 27, 2012

Indian Health Service
California Area Office
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 7-100
Sacramento, California 95814-4708

Dear Tribal Leader and Indian Healthcare Program Administrator:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the Indian Health Service/California Area Office (IHS/CAO), Annual Tribal Consultation, March 7-9, 2012 at the Pala Casino Resort & Spa located at the Pala Indian Reservation in north San Diego County.

Pala Casino Resort & Spa
11154 Highway 76
Pala, CA 92059
(877) 946-7252

This year's conference is scheduled for 2 ½ days and will conclude on Friday, March 9 at 12:00 Noon.

Conference Highlights

Pre-Meeting	March 6 Afternoon	CATAC (primary & alternate regional representatives who are duly-elected tribal officials)
Day 1	March 7	Budget Formulation FY 2014 Contract Health Services Listening Session
Day 2	March 8	Tribal Consultation and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Behavioral Health and the YRTC's
Day 3	March 9 Morning	Site Visit to Taylor Ranch property Future site of the southern California YRTC

A preliminary agenda, based on tribal input, is under development and will be forthcoming soon.

The IHS/CAO welcomes exhibits from Tribal governments, Indian healthcare programs, non-profit health organizations, and federal/state/county governments. Exhibits can be set up on Tuesday afternoon, March 6.

To reserve exhibit space, please contact:

Ed Fluette
Indian Health Service/California Area Office
E-mail: edwin.fluette@ihs.gov
(916) 930-3981 Ext. 334
(916) 930-3954 Fax

Conference Registration

All conferees are encouraged to register cost-free in advance by going to [http://www.ihs.gov/AdminMngrResources/IHS_Calendar/index.cfm?module=Register for an Event&option=user](http://www.ihs.gov/AdminMngrResources/IHS_Calendar/index.cfm?module=Register%20for%20an%20Event&option=user).

For assistance with registration, please contact:

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Registration/Voting Process for Tribal Chairpersons and their Designees

In the spirit of promoting the government-to-government relationship, each of the 104 federally-recognized Tribe in California will have one vote (see enclosed Tribal Voter Designation Form for more details) on key issues impacting the Indian Health Service/California Area Office. This year's voting process will again require each individual Tribal government's chairperson to register or certify their respective designated voting delegate. The Tribal Voter Designation Form will be provided to all 104 Tribal governments in California. This form should be filled out and exchanged for a voting card at the conference registration on Wednesday morning, March 7. Tribal chairpersons unable to attend the conference may designate another individual to vote in their absence. Such representatives can include elected Tribal council officials, designated tribal employees, or designated tribal members. However, designations must be by letter or tribal resolution and submitted to IHS/CAO no later than the morning of March 7. Under no circumstances will the IHS/CAO mediate disputes over current Tribal leadership, at the Tribal Leaders' Consultation.

This certification and voting process helps maintain order and eliminates lengthy roll calls for each issue where the Indian Health Service/California Area Office Director seeks input and advice.

The **Tribal Voter Designation Form** may be faxed or e-mailed to:

Travis Coleman
Indian Health Service/California Area Office
E-mail: travis.coleman@ihs.gov
(916) 930-3981 Ext. 319
(916) 930-3952 Fax

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Pala Casino Resort & Spa at the negotiated rate of \$99+ tax for mountain view rooms and \$109+tax for pool view rooms per night on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Friday, a block of rooms has been reserved at the negotiated rate of \$139+tax for mountain view rooms and \$149+tax for pool view rooms per night. **Please call the hotel directly at (877) 946-7252 to make your reservations between now and no later than February 20 in order to receive the special reduced rate. The block of rooms is reserved under “Indian Health Service”.**

Other hotels within a short distance include:

La Estancia Inn	(760) 723-2888
Pala Mesa Resort	(760) 728-5881
Temecula Creek Inn Golf Resort	(951) 694-1000
Castle Creek Inn Resort & Spa	(760) 751-8800
Ramada Old Town Temecula	(800) 272-6232
Welk Resort San Diego	(760) 749-3000
Embassy Suites Temecula Valley	(951) 676-5656
Harrah’s Rincon	(877) 777-2457

Refreshments

As in previous years, tribal health programs and tribal governments are asked to donate towards refreshments because federal agencies like the IHS cannot pay for refreshments with federal funds. If your tribal government and/or healthcare program is willing to donate for this purpose, please contact Ms. Romelle Majel-McCauley at (760) 749-1410 at Indian Health Council, Inc.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Pala Band of Mission Indians and Indian Health Council, Inc. for their willingness to host the 2012 Annual Tribal Leaders’ Consultation. Please mark these dates on your calendar and I look forward to seeing the largest turnout ever. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Conference Coordinator, Ms. Beverly Miller at (916) 930-3981, Ext 312.

Sincerely yours,

/Margo D. Kerrigan/

Margo D. Kerrigan, M.P.H
Director