

IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 21st, 2006
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in attendance:	Tribe Represented	Region Represented
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Ms. Diane Holliday,	Blue Lake Rancheria	Northern
Mr. Joseph Saulque,	Benton Paiute Reservation	East Central
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine Reservation	East Central
Ms. Jacquie Van Huss	North Fork Rancheria	East Central
Mr. James Hill,	La Posta Reservation	Southern
Ms. Diana Chihuahua,	Torres Martinez Res.,	Southern
Ms. Rosemary Nelson,	Unaffiliated Representative	

IHS staff in attendance:

Ms. Margo Kerrigan,	Area Director
Mr. J. Paul Redeagle,	Deputy Area Director
Dr. David Sprenger,	Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager
Ms. Beverly Miler,	Executive Officer

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Thursday, December 21st, 2006 at the California Area Indian Health Service conference room. In addition to the attendees listed above, this meeting was open to and attended by additional tribal and program leaders, Indian Health Service (IHS) staff, and guests.

Ms. Margo Kerrigan, California Area IHS Director, welcomed everyone and reviewed the planned agenda.

Budget Formulation - Ms. Beverly Miller, Executive Officer, reviewed handouts which included a *Federal Budget and Appropriations Process Overview, National Tribal Health Priorities, Descriptions of Budget Line Items for the Indian Health Service, Indian Health Service Crosswalk - Budget Line Items to Health Priorities, California Area Health Priorities for FY 2002 through 2008 Budget Formulation activities, and the FY 2009 Area Rules-Based Budget Recommendations*. After much discussion the group made the following recommendations - replace the Northern CA YRTC item with Northern and Southern CA YRTC (construction, land, planning, and design), and to add \$200,000 to the Urban line item from the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund (IHCIF) line item, leave CHS as a health

priority because of its importance and impact on all other priorities. The IHCIF should be considered as a budget priority, along with Maintenance and Improvement (M&I) and Outpatient Ambulatory programs/joint venture. All other health priorities will remain the same as the previous year.

A February 14-15 National Workshop for budget formulations is being planned in Washington, D.C. Ms. Rachel Joseph has been the primary California Area tribal representative, and an alternated is needed to assist. Ms. Diane Holiday volunteered and was accepted to be the alternate to attend the workshop and represent California tribes.

Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting - Ms. Simone Brown Thunder, presented the latest draft agenda for the Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting and led discussions on comments and recommendations from the CATAC. Several minor changes were accepted and the latest draft agenda will be posted on the CAIHS web page.

Dr. Grim, Director, Indian Health Service, has been invited to the California Annual Tribal Leaders Meeting, but will not be able to attend. It was suggested that since the Director has been invited several times but unable to attend because of his need to be available to Congress for budget hearings, perhaps if we move the ATL meeting to April, he and others may find it easier to attend. No conclusion.

Youth Regional Treatment Center - Mr. Gary Ball, Health Facilities Architect, provided handouts and provided a status report on continuing YRTC efforts in the California Area. Details were provided describing parcels of land preliminarily identified in Hemet, Anza, Fresno, Bakersfield, California. These parcels and others in Northern California are being visited and evaluated.

Mr. Peter Masten suggested that a package describing all parcels looked at and available along with a deadline of when a final decision is required, be provided.

Master Plan Update - Mr. Richard Wermers, P.E., Facilities Engineer, provided an update on the Master Plan, completed in July 2006, the results of which will be locked in mid January 2007. Any changes, if any, to the master plan must be made prior to January 2007.

Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board - Mr. Peter Masten, provided minutes and report on the October 26-27, 2006 FAAB

meeting held in Minneapolis. This meeting was primarily a dry run of the Healthcare Facilities Construction Priority System and the discussion of weight adjustment of the facilities deficiency and health status factors.

Mr. Masten reported that the Facility Construction Priority System has been finalized and referred to Dr. Grim for further discussion.

Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee - Ms. Rosemary Nelson provided a breakdown of the national distribution of diabetes funding with "carryover" funding noted for the Indian Health Service from the FY 2005 awards. During the recent December 7-8 meeting of the Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee in San Francisco the need for improvements to the data and use of the set-aside was discussed.

Reauthorization of PL 94-437 - Ms. Rachel Joseph provided a summary of the National 437 Steering Committee conference call of tribal priorities of provisions to be included in any re-authorization of the *Indian Health Care Improvement Act*. The report outlined the NSC's recommendations regarding new language to be added to the S.4122.

NEXT CALIFORNIA AREA TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING -- The next **CATAC** meeting **has not been scheduled**. Members will be notified when the next meeting of the CATAC will be held.

AGENDA
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08:30 AM	Welcome	Margo Kerrigan
08:45 AM	Budget Formulation Activities	Beverly Miller
10:45 AM	Agenda for Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting	Simone Brown Thunder
12:00-01:00 PM	Lunch	
01:00 PM	Youth Regional Treatment Center Update	Gary Ball Richard Wermers
	Work Group Reports	
	Master Plan Update	Richard Wermers
	Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board	Peter Masten
02:00 PM	BREAK	
	Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee	Rosemary Nelson
	Reauthorization of PL 94-437	Rachel Joseph
	Emerging Issues	Open Forum
04:00 PM	Recess	