

**IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b>Members in attendance:</b>	<b>Tribe Represented</b>	<b>Region Represented</b>
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Mr. John D. Green	Elk Valley	Northern
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine Reservation	East Central
Mr. Joseph Saulque	Benton Paiute Reserv.	East Central
Ms. Reno Franklin	Kashia Pomo	West Central
Ms. Crista M. Ray	Middletown	West Central
Ms. Diana Chihuahua	Torres Martinez Reserv.	Southern
Mr. Johnny Hernandez	Santa Ysabel	Southern
Ms. Rosemary Nelson	Unaffiliated Representative	

IHS staff in attendance:

Ms. Margo Kerrigan,	Director, California Area IHS
Dr. David Sprenger,	Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager
Mr. Paul Redeagle	Deputy Area Director
Mr. Gary Ball,	Architect

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on December 15th, in the California Area Indian Health Service conference room at 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 7-100, Sacramento, California. 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. Kerrigan, California Area Director, IHS, welcomed everyone, facilitated group introductions, and reviewed the planned agenda (see attached).

**DCHS-Tribal Consultation Policy** - Ms. Rene Mollow, Medi-Cal Tribal Liaison provided a draft of the tribal consultation draft policy. She spoke of the need for review, input, recommendations, and an evaluation of their policy. She spoke at length about the need to talk about consultation in the development of the state policy and described the State Plan Amendment process.

Ms. Mollow also spoke about the December 14<sup>th</sup> letters from CMS and that no violations of federal Medicaid law has taken place. The impact on people are policy decisions.

There is a planned January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 plan for a meeting with the State and Tribes to discuss the consultation policy and the apparent Medi-Cal law contradictions with State policy.

If it doesn't cost additional money, then the State should advocate and fight for it. What benefits tribes also benefits California. Consultation and Medi-Cal optional issues need to be addressed separately because they are separate issues.

Mr. Molin Malicay, distributed and discussed a list of concerns that affect health care directly of California Indians and the need for consultation with the State to address the issues. Consultation needs to be done before the Governor decides on budget cuts and other issues affecting tribes.

The State asked to be involved in the Annual IHS Tribal Leader's Consultation meeting.

**YRTC** - Mr. Gary Ball provided a handout on the status of the YRTC property issues. Described was the Oroville community efforts against the purchase of the Honey Rock property. The county Board of Supervisors has voted against the establishment of the Honey Rock YRTC. There is and will continue to be an uphill battle for the acquisition of this property. Escrow is estimated to close in April 2010 for this property.

Efforts in the South (escrow estimated to close in August 2010) are still centered on the Taylor Ranch property. The paving of the road continues to be an issue, however water rights does not remain an issue. There was a desire to prepare a letter to local tribes asking them to publicly support the Honey Rock acquisition for a YRTC, and to make themselves available to support the purchase. Feather River Health Program will have a Board meeting on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>, and the three tribal chairpersons will be in attendance. This request will be presented.

**Annual Tribal Consultation Meeting** - Ms. Kerrigan said that the Director of the Indian Health Service, Dr. Roubideaux will attend the first day, March 9th. She wishes to meet with individual tribes, but with the number of tribes in the California Area, it was suggested that she has 90 minute sessions with each Regional Caucus, or one with everyone in attendance, or both with a half day with everyone and a half day with the regional caucuses (45 minute sessions).

It was suggested that a paper be prepared ahead of time so that Dr. Roubideaux can be better prepared for the California issues. Some issues to address are the issues with the YRTC, north and south, and provide a good background on all CAIHS issues.

The Annual Tribal Leader's meeting will be more interactive with tribal leaders in attendance.

The second day will be primarily concerned with the State Medi-Cal optional benefits and the consultation policy.

Options suggested for the third and final day included a visit to the proposed Taylor Ranch YRTC property or perhaps invite Region IX consultation meeting on all or part of the day.

Budget Formulation Activity - Ms. Beverly Miller provided handouts concerning the background, and current choices (see handout)

Some CATAAC members suggested that they have two full days of this activity next year. Two representatives, Ms. Rachel Joseph and Mr. Johnny Hernandez, were selected for the National Budget Formulation Workgroup meeting.

**H1N1 Preparedness** - Dr. Sprenger provided a handout on H1N1. H1N1. Please continue to visit the CDC and California Department of Health websites for information.

**Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board** - Mr. Peter Masten described the current FAAB issues and provided a letter to Dr. Roubideaux describing these issues.

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**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 9th**

<b>09:05 AM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
<b>09:15 AM</b>	<b>DHCS-Tribal Consultation Policy</b>	<b>Ms. Rene Mollow Medi-Cal Tribal Liaison</b>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>YRTC Status – North and South</b>	<b>Mr. Gary Ball Dr. D. Sprenger</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Planning for the Annual Tribal Consultation Meeting</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
<b>12:00 - 01:30 PM - Lunch -- on your own</b>		
<b>01:00 PM</b>	<b>Budget Formulation Activity</b>	<b>Ms. Bev. Miller</b>
	<b>TLDC Meeting 12/3 - 12/4/09</b>	<b>D. Chihuahua</b>
	<b>FAAB Meeting</b>	<b>P. Masten</b>
	<b>H1N1 Preparedness Update</b>	<b>Dr. D. Sprenger</b>
	<b>Emerging Issues</b>	<b>Ms. Kerrigan</b>

Documents and handouts from this meeting can be found at:

<http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/California/Universal/PageMain.cfm?p=32>