

**IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**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 Rancheria,	Northern
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine Reservation	East Central
Ms. Jacquie Davis-Van Huss,	North Fork Ranch.,	East Central
Ms. Diana Chihuahua,	Torres Martinez Res.,	Southern
Ms. Brandie Taylor,	Santa Ysabel Reservation,	Southern
Ms. Rosemary Nelson,	Unaffiliated Representative	

IHS staff in attendance:

Ms. Margo Kerrigan,	Director, California Area IHS
Mr. Paul Redeagle,	Deputy Area Director, CAO IHS
Dr. David Sprenger,	Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager
Ms. Beverly Miller,	Associate Director, OMS

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Agua Caliente Resort Hotel in Palm Springs, 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).

**Budget Formulation** - Ms. Beverly Miller provided handouts (attached) to participants and reviewed the budget formulation process, the area input needed to provide to IHS Headquarters staff. Discussions included the review of last years health priorities and the group decided to adopt the same health priorities for 2010. The percentage of pay costs would be allocated pro rata between health programs and federal, instead of the 50% split used in previous years. It was suggested for facilities that an area wide distribution fund be established by decreasing the amount from the AL/SU and HPDP line items. Also decided was to create a Pharmaceutical category and use funds from Diabetes, Obesity, Outpatient Ambulatory and Indian Health

Care Improvement funds. In addition, it was decided to move \$30,000 for Urban programs from Outpatient Ambulatory funding.

Ms. Miller received a request from IHS HQ to identify some one who would be able and willing to provide compelling testimony from the field to Congress of how they were affected by funding shortages. Ms. Brandie Taylor provided in writing (see attached) her recent experience.

Two area representatives volunteered and subsequently appointed to represent the California Area on the national Budget Formulation workgroup - Ms. Rachel Joseph would continue and Ms. Brandie Taylor would also serve.

[TAB B3 - FY 2010 Budget California \(XLS 37KB\)](#)

[TAB B1 - FY 2010 Area Budget California \(XLS 48KB\)](#)

[Pregnancy and Heart Failure - Brandie Taylor \(PDF 19KB\)](#)

[2010 Budget Summary - California \(PDF 19KB\)](#)

**Reauthorization of PL 94-437** - Ms. Rachel Joseph again provided a summary of the current status of the re-authorization efforts of the *Indian Health Care Improvement Act*. The bill is working its way through the various Congressional committees and expectations are that the bill should make it to the floor of the House and Senate by late January.

Discussions by representatives included the cost sharing waivers in the current version to change to co-pays, standards for long term care, etc.

**Substance Abuse Treatment - Continuum of Care** - Dr. Dave Sprenger, Chief Medical Officer, provided a handout describing the model for steps in the treatment from prevention to aftercare. Treatment needs to be targeted to needs of the individuals.

Dr. Sprenger also made a presentation on the IHS Director's Three Initiatives and how they must work efficiently together and with health programs.

**Youth Regional Treatment Center** - Mr. Rick Wermers, P.E., Director of Health Facilities Engineering, provided the "YRTC update" presentation and a handout (see attachment) describing the process for proposed acquisitions for both the northern site of Bangor and the proposed southern site near Hemet.

After review of the status of both the Bangor site for northern California and potential for the site near Hemet all participants made a site visit to look at the Hemet site. This southern proposed parcel was deemed the first priority, mostly because of the seclusion that would make it more conducive to YRTC treatment.

[Bangor vicinity-site 071003 \(PDF 200KB\)](#)  
[Ltr-IHS mtg FRV Oct.24.2007 \(PDF 60KB\)](#)  
[Hemet vicinity-site 071003 \(PDF 210KB\)](#)  
[2007 T Leaders-GB-Final c.p \(PDF 850KB\)](#)  
[CATAC Dec 07 \(PDF 2MB\)](#)

**NEXT CALIFORNIA AREA TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** -- The next CATAC meeting is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rolling Hills Casino and Resort, Corning, California.

**AGENDA**  
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09:00 AM	Welcome	Margo Kerrigan
09:15 AM	Budget Formulation	Rachel Joseph
	Reauthorization of PL 94-437	
10:15 AM	Substance Abuse Treatment Continuum of Care	Dave Sprenger
11:00 AM	YRTC Status Update	Rick Wermers
12:00-01:00 PM	- Lunch	
01:00 PM	Emerging Issues	Open Forum
Site Visit	Hemet	
05:00 PM	Recess	