

IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 28th, 2009
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in attendance:	Tribe Represented	Region Represented
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Mr. John Green	Elk Valley Rancheria	Northern
Mr. Duane Sherman, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine Reservation	East Central
Mr. Joseph Saulque	Benton Paiute Reserv.	East Central
Ms. Jacquie Davix-Van Huss	North Fork Rancheria	East Central
Ms. Crista M. Ray	Middletown Rancheria	West Central
Mr. Reno Franklin	Stewarts Point Rancheria	West Central
Mr. Chris Devers	Pauma Reservation	Southern
Ms. Diana Chihuahua	Torres Martinez Reserv.	Southern
Mr. Dave Rambeau	Urban Programs	

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. Steve Riggio	Associate Director, OPH
Ms. Beverly Miller	Executive Officer
Mr. Ed Fluette	Associate Director, OEHE

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Wednesday January 28th, 2009, at the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians in Santa Ynez, 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).

Diabetes Funding - Ms. Helen Maldonado, Area Diabetes Consultant provided discussion and facilitated tribal consultation on changes to the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. A transcribed copy of comments are available upon request. Issues include the distribution of funding for FY 2010/2011, whether there are recommendations other than continuing the funding status quo or changing the distribution. Recommendations, rationale, comments to the Director, IHS, are welcome.

Some discussion included the need for data collection, and whatever system used, RPMS or NexGen, the funding should facilitate the collection and use of necessary data.

Renewing the IHS - Ms. Kerrigan facilitated the discussion on the Director, IHS, initiative entitled *Renewing the IHS*. The discussion questions were distributed and were discussed and blue sheets were collected. The questions and power point presentation entitle "*A Dialogue to Renew the Indian Healthcare System*" included:

Current Indian Health Care System - Are you satisfied with the existing Indian healthcare services and delivery system? Is there a need to change? Are there sufficient resources?

Rethinking the Indian Health System - Ideas for change in structure? Any recommended changes? Should levels of care for contract health services be changed?

Specific issues - What should criteria for an individual to receive care be? Should eligibility for direct and contract health care be the same? Should funding follow patient?

Comments received were summarized and forwarded to the IHS Headquarters office.

Annual Tribal Leader Meeting Agenda - Ms. Kerrigan reviewed the current agenda for the Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting "*Bridging the Generations*" and discussed comments and recommendations from the group.

YRTC Status - Dr. Dave Sprenger provide an overview of the current status for the two Youth Regional Treatment Centers for

California. A complete status report is available for review on the California Area webpage.

<http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/areaOffices/California/uploadedfiles/agendaminutes/YRTCLtr-12.2008.pdf>

Budget Formulation - Ms. Beverly Miller presented *FY 2011 Area Worksheet - Budget Recommendations for National Meeting, California Health Priorities Budget Formulation for Fiscal Years 2002 thru 2009, and the Indian Health Service Crosswalk - Budget Line Items to Health Priorities*. There was a short discussion on the California Area budget priorities and agreement that the priorities should include the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund as a priority for 2011, as well as Outpatient Ambulatory and Maintenance and Improvement. Other than these recommendations, all priorities would remain the same. Two representatives were selected for the Budget Formulation workgroup, Rachel Joseph and Crista Ray.

Reauthorization of PL 94-437 - Ms. Rachel Joseph provided a summary of the current status of the re-authorization efforts of the *Indian Health Care Improvement Act*. The effort was made to attach it to the stimulus bill but failed. There has been discussion on the use of tribal cards for CHIP, and Medicaid, the relationship to the economic stimulus package, exemption of estates, premiums and co-pays in proposed amendments to Social Security. A full committee meeting was scheduled for next week.

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) - Ms. Rachel Joseph, California Area representative provided information from the BHAC meeting. 2008 and 2009 recommendations formula for the \$14 million, 6% is projected for California for youth treatment and aftercare programs. The goal was anticipated for the Director, IHS, decide on the distribution by the end of February. An urban set aside for approximately \$1 million was still anticipated.

Planning for the Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting - Ms. Kerrigan reviewed the agenda for the March 2009 Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting. Discussion included the assignments for facilitation of the different sessions of the meeting as well as anticipating issues that may come up.

Emerging Issues - An emerging issue was the anticipated MediCal cuts through the State of California for Adult Dental.

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WEDNESDAY, January 28th

09:05 AM	Welcome	Ms. Kerrigan
09:15 AM	Discussion on Diabetes Funding Distributions Workgroup	Helen Maldenado
10:30 AM	Discussion on Renewing the IHS -	Ms. Kerrigan
11:00 AM	Annual Tribal Leader Meeting Agenda –	Ms. Kerrigan
12:00 - 01:30 PM -	Lunch -- on your own	
1:00 AM	YRTC Status -	Dave Sprenger
01:30 PM	Budget Formulation Activity	Beverly Miller
02:30 PM	Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Reauthorization of P.L. 94-437	Rachel Joseph
03:30 PM	Emerging Issues	Open Forum
04:00 PM	Adjourn	