

IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 22nd and 23rd, 2009
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in attendance:	Tribe Represented	Region Represented
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine Reservation	East Central
Mr. Joseph Saulque	Benton Paiute Reserv.	East Central
Ms. Jacquie Davis-Van Huss	North Fork Rancheria	East Central
Ms. Debra Ramirez	Consolidated Tribal Hth.	West Central
Ms. Geraldine B. Johnson	Elem Nation	West Central
Mr. Johnny Hernandez	Santa Ysabel	Southern
Ms. Diana Chihuahua	Torres Martinez Reserv.	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. Ed Fluette	Associate Director, OEHE
Mr. Gary Ball,	Architect

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Tuesday, June 22nd, in Ontario, 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).

Methamphetamine Suicide Prevention Initiative - Dr. David Sprenger, CMO, provided background information on this initiative as well as the status of funding efforts for California Area proposals. Dr. Sprenger discussed the April 28th letter from Mr. Robert McSwain, then Director IHS, giving instruction on the MSPI funding process. Ms. Kerrigan also provided a May 5th Dear Tribal Leader letter that described the funding, parameters, requested consultation, and further instruction on the potential proposals. The result was receipt of four tribal proposals and three proposals from the CAO staff.

Ms. Rachel Joseph, California Area tribal representative for the national Behavioral Health Advisory Workgroup, spoke of a planned meeting requested by Dr. Roubideaux, IHS Director, July 7,8,and 9, 2009 in Denver Colorado. She also provided background information on the MSPI funding and proposals evaluation processes anticipated from a recent Behavioral Health Advisory Workgroup meeting.

YRTC Status - Mr. Gary Ball, CAIHS Architect, provided an overview of the current status for both the northern and southern Youth Regional Treatment Centers for California. Mr. Ball described that status of the northern proposed site, Honey Rock. A positive meeting two weeks ago was held with the Oroville Rotary Club with the promise of more requested public meetings in that area.

Mr. Ball also provided a description of three separate properties that the CATAC would visit over the two days of this meeting.

The first, termed Redlands: Live Oak Canyon Rd. San Bernardino County, was visited during the afternoon. This property is 17.8 acres, 32 miles from Ontario Airport and 42 miles from the Palm Springs Airport. As the first site visited this trip, it was received positively as the first priority site.

On Wednesday, the CATAC visited two more sites located in Riverside County, the Anza: Tripp Flats Rd. site and the Aguanga: Taylor Ranch site. Both of these sites are approximately 76 miles from the Ontario Airport and 60 miles from the Palm Springs Airport. Tripp Flats site consists of 80 acres and the Taylor Ranch site consists of 20 acres.

After reviewing all three sites, the CATAC recommended that the Taylor Ranch site be moved to the first priority for southern California. The current asking price for this property is

\$600,000 and the current owner will pave the road for no additional charge. This property because of the trees, water, power, all usable, build able, property, and the serene, healing atmosphere was considered the most desirable for the construction of the YRTC.

For a copy of the power point presentation, please contact Mr. Gary Ball, CAIHS Architect, at 916-930-3927, extension 342.

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 HR bill 2708 was introduced on June 4th, and on June 25th, Director Yvette Roubideaux, is scheduled to testify. This bill may be attached to the Health Care Reform bill.

Medi-Cal Budget Reduction - Ms. Kerrigan provided a handout describing a potential \$20,000,000 impact of the loss of Medi-Cal Optional Health Services on the tribal and urban Indian health programs in California. Options including contacting the State of California Governor's Office, and CMS through Mr. Paul Dioguardi, Inter Governmental Affairs, Office of the Secretary DHHS, was discussed.

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Tuesday, June 23rd

09:05 AM	Welcome	Ms. Kerrigan
	Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative Funding	Dr. D. Spenger
	Youth Regional Treatment Center Update and Status	Gary Ball
	MediCal Budget Reductions	Ms. Kerrigan
	Emerging Issues	Ms. Kerrigan
12:00 - 01:30 PM	Lunch -- on your own	
	YRTC Site Visit	

Wednesday, June 24th

09:00 AM	YRTC Site Visits
04:00 PM	Adjourn