

**IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b>Members in attendance:</b>	<b>Tribe Represented</b>	<b>Region Represented</b>
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Mr. Duane Sherman,	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
Mr. Joseph Saulque,	Toiyabe Indian Health	East Central
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
Ms. Helen Maldonado	Area Diabetes Coordinator

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Feather River Tribal Health, Inc., in Oroville, 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).

**Area Diabetes Coordinator** - Ms. Helen Maldonado, Area Diabetes Coordinator, introduced herself and provided a Diabetes program update. See bio-sketch at end of summary.

Ms. Maldonado spoke about the need for diabetes grantees to plan and spending the carryover diabetes funding according to their grant statements of work. If carryover remains large it may affect new appropriations of diabetes funding.

Ms. Rosemary Nelson and Ms. Kerrigan also provided details on the diabetes funding issues.

**Billing Eligible Indian Beneficiaries** - Dr. David Sprenger, Chief Medical Officer, reviewed the presentation made at the "tribal meeting" in May that hoped to elicit comments and recommendations from tribes in the California Area regarding this subject. The IHS policy remains that the IHS cannot compact or contract with programs that charge eligible Indian beneficiaries. Ms. Paula Lee, Office of General Counsel, was a participant in this presentation via telephone conference call.

**Youth Regional Treatment Center** - Mr. Gary Ball, Architect, and Mr. Richard Wermers P.E., Director of Health Facilities Engineering, provided a status report and historical perspective of the YRTC efforts in the California Area Office. They provided description and location of a parcel of land to be viewed later in the day by the CATAC as a potential YRTC. The CATAC viewed this parcel in the afternoon. It is definitely a potential site which now requires "due diligence" as part of the evaluation process. The YRTC presentation is available in a PowerPoint presentation upon request.

**Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC)** - Ms. Rachel Joseph was appointed as the primary tribal representative from the California Area and Mr. Mannie Hamilton, Vice-Chairman, Ramona Band of Mission Indians, will hopefully serve as the alternate tribal representative. Representatives from this new workgroup will direct the Behavioral Health Initiative, which focuses on preventing suicide, reducing methamphetamine abuse, protecting families from violence, and improving data quality and relate tribal concerns about mental health, alcohol and substance abuse issues.

**Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee** - Ms. Rosemary Nelson reported on the TLDC discussions and activities. Assistance will be provided to reduce the \$107 million in Diabetes carryover by Kelly Acton and Michelle Bull in the National Office of Grants Management.

**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*. On June 6<sup>th</sup> the bill was discharged from both the Commerce and Ways and Means Committees and moved to a "suspension file". Hopefully a 2/3rds vote may get it moving by July.

**Federal Appropriation Advisory Committee** - Mr. Peter Masten reported that the next FAAB meeting has been scheduled for October 28-29, 2008 in the Navajo Area. There is a huge

difference in the funding that goes to federal facilities versus to tribal facilities.

**Emerging Issues** - The next California Area Tribal Advisory Committee meeting is planned for August 5<sup>th</sup> in Reno, Nevada in conjunction with a site visit planned to the Pyramid Lake Youth Regional Treatment Center. Originally the next meeting was planned for southern California, but because of the opportunity to visit the Pyramid Lake YRTC it has been changed. The meeting will be at the Silver Legacy Silver Baron Conference room and planned to start at 8:30 am on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

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09:00 AM	Welcome	Margo Kerrigan
09:15 AM	Introduction & Diabetes Update	Helen Maldonado
09:45 AM	Billing IHS Beneficiaries Review of Susanville Decision	Dave Sprenger w/Paula Lee on Conference call
10:45 AM	YRTC Status	Gary Ball
11:30 AM	Behavioral Health Workgroup	Dave Sprenger
12:00-01:00 PM	- Lunch -- on your own	
01:00 PM	Emerging Issues	Open Forum
01:30 PM	Site Visit - Potential land For Northern California YRTC	
04:00 PM	Adjourn	

**BIOSKETCH - Helen Maldonado** (Lytton/Kashia Pomo) has been selected as California Area Diabetes Consultant. She comes to IHS, from Sonoma County Indian Health Project (SCIHP), Inc., Santa Rosa, California. She was their Healthy Traditions Department Head and Physician Assistant-Certified. Her expert professional knowledge, clinical skills and community focused approach have guided the Healthy Traditions Department to develop into a diabetes treatment and prevention program that focuses on all generations. She has been active for 39 years in her tribal traditional practices that help provide a comprehensive understanding of the struggles of Native peoples and diabetes. She will bring to the California Area Indian Health Service experience in management of a Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) and Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP). Her approach to diabetes care represents the integration of the IHS Director's Three Initiatives, Behavioral Health, Health Promotion Disease Prevention and Chronic Care. Helen has twenty years of clinical experience, with a primary focus on family practice and diabetes care. She is a graduate of the University of California Davis, Family Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Program and has worked with Sonoma County Indian Health Project since 2001. Helen is involved in national diabetes activities, presenting locally and nationally. Her clinical experience, expansive knowledge of the SDPI, DPP and CAIHS make her ideally suited to provide leadership to California Tribal/Urban Diabetes Programs.