

**IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 8, 2010**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b>Members in attendance:</b>	<b>Tribe Represented</b>	<b>Region</b>
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley	Northern
Mr. John D. Green	Elk Valley	Northern
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine	East Central
Ms. Jacquie Davis-Van Huss	North Fork	East Central
Ms. Crista M. Ray	Scotts Valley	West Central
Ms. Debbie Ramirez	Redwood Valley	West Central
Ms. Diana Chihuahua	Torres Martinez	Southern
Mr. Chris Devers	Pauma/Yuima	Southern
Mr. Johnny Hernandez	Santa Ysabel	Southern
Ms. Rosemary Nelson	Unaffiliated Representative	

IHS staff in attendance:

Ms. Margo Kerrigan	Director, California Area IHS
Ms. Beverly Miller	Deputy Area Director
Dr. David Sprenger	Chief Medical Officer
Mr. Ed Fluette	Associate Director-OEHE
Mr. Steve Riggio	Associate Director-OPH
Mr. Travis Coleman	Agency Lead Negotiator

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on March 8<sup>th</sup>, in the conference room at the Morongo Hotel Resort Spa, 49500 Seminole Dr., Cabazon, CA 92230. 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).

**Executive Summary:**

The CATAC members reviewed the Executive Summary for December 15, 2009 and requested the following corrections be made: a) Mr. Reno Franklin and b) Ms. Crista Ray represents Scotts Valley.

## **Review Agenda for Consultation and Listening Session:**

The members of the CATAC reviewed the agenda for the 2010 Annual Tribal Leaders' Consultation Conference. Ms. Kerrigan explained to the CATAC that the draft agenda that had been previously sent out had been changed over the last couple of weeks.

The morning of the first day of the conference will be a listening session with Tribal leaders; this will be conducted by Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, IHS. In addition, the afternoon session will be divided into two sections that will run concurrently: 1) Dr. Roubideaux's listening session with Tribal leaders by region; and 2) Break-out sessions consisting of a) Youth Regional Treatment Center; b) Electronic Health Record (EHR), Vista Imaging, and Telemedicine; and c) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The CATAC Representatives to National IHS workgroups were moved from day one to the third day of the conference. CATAC members expressed confusion about moving portions of the agenda to different days. Mr. Hernandez stated that the objective of the first day a listening session will assist the Director to determine what the needs of the California tribes are. Discussion of not having the CAO staff present during the region listening sessions.

Revisions for day two consisted of the following: 1) State of California requesting a moderator for their portion of the day; Ms. Van-Huss volunteered to be the moderator; 2) Issues concerning the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services were discussed; 3) State of California would have the floor from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; 4) CATAC regional tribal caucus elections will be held as scheduled with the east central & north electing two representatives and the south & west central electing one representative along with the urban programs electing one representative. Ms. Kerrigan notified the CATAC that the urban programs had requested to meet with Dr. Roubideaux, but her schedule was limited; and 5) Rene Mollow the former Associate Director of Medi-Cal Eligibility and Medi-Cal Tribal Liaison was unable to attend this conference to discuss the state of California tribal consultation process.

The review of the third and final day of the conference started with the discussion of the HHS Region IX meeting dates: April 27 in San Diego (Rincon Reservation, Valley Center, CA) and April 29 in Phoenix.

Ms. Kerrigan submitted the following names to Dr. Roubideaux to serve on the IHS Contract Health Services Workgroup: Johnny Hernandez and Molin Malicay as primary representatives and Chris Devers and Jim Crouch as alternates. Ms. Joseph suggested that all four of the representatives attend the CHS workgroup meetings. All four representatives' travel will be paid by the CAO. Mr. Hernandez made a request concerning the last distribution of CHS monies as to what formula had been used. The 2001 distribution formula was the answer. Another request was for Cliff Wiggins at IHS Headquarters do an analysis of the distribution formula to make sure it is fair for all programs.

## **California Representatives to National IHS Workgroup Reports:**

Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA): Rachel Joseph  
Will most likely be the last report for the reauthorization (Title 10) permanent language in the House and Senate versions of the IHCIA.

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC): Diane Chihuahua  
Both Ms. Chihuahua and Ms. Nelson were unable to attend the last meeting. Ms. Helen Maldonado, Area Diabetes Coordinator will submit a report for the CATAC member.

IHS Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB): Peter Masten  
Discussed the FAAB process and Mr. Fluette added additional information on the process. Mr. Masten described the current FAAB issues and a letter was provided to Dr. Roubideaux describing these issues.

IHS Budget Formulation Workgroup (BFWG): Rachel Joseph & Johnny Hernandez  
The IHS budget request for 2011 is estimated at \$735 million.

IHS Tribal Consultation Workgroup: Johnny Hernandez  
Recommendations were made to the IHS Director, see list. Discussion of the future of the Indian Health Service. What the IHS Director should do next?

IHS National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health: Rachel Joseph  
Evaluations and training of the tribes with the MSPI.

Ms. Kerrigan asked for funds to conduct a study for accessing a hospital and ambulatory care services in California. Mr. Gary Hartz explained that the Portland Area study has to be completed first. An outpatient surgery center might be possibly better at this time than a hospital.

## **YRTC Status – North and South:**

Update on North: Ms. Kerrigan, Rick Wermers, and Gary Ball

Currently the Honeyrock site is in escrow, we are in due diligence where we are requesting engineering studies and the county agencies have requested additional in depth studies, including a botanical survey, traffic impact, expanded environmental and topography for utilities to drainage study and the socioeconomic impact. We have a request pending in the IHS services offices for additional studies. The earliest close of escrow would be July 30, 2010. The Butte County Board of Supervisors is in opposition to IHS purchasing this property. The neighbors continue to vehemently oppose the IHS purchase of this site. We have another community meeting scheduled soon.

There is a possibility that we will have to turn to our second ranked property, this is the Marr property. This site has already been appraised and would be ready to start due diligence should it be decided that the Honeyrock site does not work out. We are not considering it until we come to the

point where we can go no further with the Honey Rock property. This is and will continue to be an uphill battle with some Oroville community members.

CATAC:

Another community meeting will be planned concerning the Honeyrock site. If not the Honeyrock site can't be obtained, the Marr property is next on the list. Discussion of pushing forward with the Honeyrock site was discussed by all the CATAC members. Move forward with draft letter signed by Dr. Roubideaux to Senator Feinstein. Members of the CATAC would like to have a schedule or timeline of project.

Update on South: Ms. Kerrigan, Mr. Wermers, and Mr. Ball

The CAO is in escrow for the Taylor Ranch property located near Temecula, California. Last week we had an opinion from Skip Mancuso, Office of General Counsel who told the CAO that HIS appropriated funds cannot be used to pave the half-mile stretch of road that gives access to the property from the public road. Some possibilities to pave the road are: a) Bureau of Indian Affairs-Roads division; and b) Department of Transportation/Federal highways;

The CAO is looking at building the facility without paving the road and then try to deal with the road after the facility is completed.

The neighbors around the property are not in any opposition to the IHS land purchase. The county supervisor from Riverside County is in support of this location, but at this time the county doesn't have any funds to pave and maintain the road. Unless we can build the facility without the road, we may have to move on to the second property at Live Oak Canyon Road, which is in Redlands, San Bernardino County. Earliest close of escrow is October of 2010.

CATAC:

Sending our children off to other areas cannot work for the family. We need to come up with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that if IHS puts in the road then the county can assume the operation and maintenance. We are all people and we can address the issues and sit down and come up with something that hopefully is going to satisfy the needs of everyone involved. Possible to decouple the road from the property and to pursue purchasing the property independent of the road.

**Moderator Instructions:**

Ms. Kerrigan reviewed the moderator instructions with the CATAC members.

**H1N1 Preparedness Update:**

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

**Procedures for CATAC election:**

Mr. Coleman reviewed the procedures for the regional tribal caucus elections.

**Emerging Issues:**

Mr. Hernandez commented on the two girls in the San Diego area that were kidnapped and killed. Mr. Hernandez recommended that a presentation of Megan's law be offered to all the tribes throughout the state. This is a child protection issue. Maybe the IHS needs to request the Department of Justice to have training on these current events. Domestic violence is also an issue.

Ms. Joseph requested a study be done in areas where there is no CHS available (in certain urban counties (CHSDA)).

Mr. Devers stated that there should be collaboration between the IHS and Veteran's Administration, and to see if Medicaid or Medicare would be able to reimburse our clinics.

Mr. Devers said that the state of California is not tribal consultation but discussion.

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## March 8, Location: Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
	<b>Review Executive Summary-Dec. 15, 2009</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>Review Agenda for Consultation</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
	<b>Moderator Instructions</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>California Representatives to National IHS Workgroup Reports</b>	
	<b>Diabetes Committee</b>	<b>TLDC</b>
	<b>Facilities Approp.</b>	<b>FAAB</b>
	<b>Reauthorization</b>	<b>IHCIA</b>
	<b>Budget Formulation</b>	<b>BFWG</b>
	<b>Behavioral Health</b>	<b>BHWG</b>
	<b>Tribal Consultation</b>	<b>TCW</b>
	<b>Contract Health Services</b>	<b>CHS</b>
		<b>Ms. D. Chihuahua</b>
		<b>Mr. P. Masten</b>
		<b>Ms. R. Joseph</b>
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		<b>Mr. J. Hernandez</b>
		<b>Ms. R. Joseph</b>
		<b>Mr. A. Super</b>
		<b>Mr. J. Hernandez</b>
		<b>Mr. M. Malicay</b>
		<b>Mr. J. Hernandez</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>YRTC Status – North and South</b>	<b>Dr. D. Sprenger</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>IHS CHS Workgroup Discussion</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
	<b>H1N1 Preparedness Update</b>	<b>Dr. D. Sprenger</b>
	<b>Procedures for CATAC election</b>	<b>Mr. T. Coleman</b>
	<b>Emerging Issues</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	