

**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE/CALIFORNIA AREA OFFICE  
TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2011**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**CATAC Members  
in attendance:**

**Region  
Represented**

Mr. John Green (p)	Northern
Ms. Diane Holiday (p)	Northern
Mr. Peter Masten Jr. (p)	Northern
Mr. Rick Maddux (p)	East Central
Mr. Robert Marquez (p)	East Central
Ms. Rachel Joseph (p)	East Central
Ms. Debra Ramirez (p)	West Central
Mr. Chris Devers (p)	Southern
Mr. Johnny Hernandez (p)	Southern
Ms. Rosemary Nelson(p)	Unaffiliated
Mr. Stacy Dixon (a)	Northern
Ms. Elaine Fink (a)	East Central

**IHS Staff In attendance:**

Ms. Margo Kerrigan	Director, California Area IHS
Ms. Beverly Miller	Deputy Area Director
Dr. David Sprenger	Chief Medical Officer
Ms. Elaine Brinn	Associate Director-OMS
Mr. Travis Coleman	Acting Indian Self-Determination Program Mgr.

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on March 14, in the Manzanita Room of the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino on the Picayune Rancheria located in Coarsegold, California. In addition to the attendees listed above, this meeting was open to and attended by additional Tribal Leaders, Program Directors, and IHS staff.

Ms. Kerrigan, California Area Director, IHS welcomed everyone and facilitated group introductions and reviewed the planned agenda.

### **Executive Summary Review:**

The CATAAC members reviewed the Executive Summary of the January 4-5, 2011 meeting and approved them with one correction: Susanville's Tribal Chairman Stacy Dixon tribal designation changed from reservation to Rancheria.

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

#### **Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC):**

Ms. Nelson reported that the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) has been reauthorized for two years. During their last meeting, there was discussion of eliminating some workgroups. The TLDC would like to maintain the group since there has been a steady increase of the number of American Indians who would have diabetes. The distribution of SDPI funding will remain at the same level.

#### **Behavioral Health Workgroup (BHWG):**

Ms. Joseph stated this group has not met since December of 2010. During a conference call of the group Ms. Joseph declined to be the Co-Chair. Ms. Joseph also asked that she be replaced by another member of CATAAC on this workgroup. Ms. Kerrigan said that she will accept nominations for this workgroup by e-mail. Ms. Joseph said that the workgroup meets quarterly.

#### **Budget Formulation Workgroup (BFWG):**

Ms. Joseph and Mr. Dixon both reported for this workgroup. Ms. Joseph stated that the federal government is on a continuing resolution until March 18<sup>th</sup>. This past February the President's request for IHS was to include a 14.1% increase from the FY 2010 budget. Ms. Joseph gave a report on the FY 2011 request and a report for the FY 2013 request was given by Mr. Dixon.

### **Youth Regional Treatment Center (YRTC):**

Ms. Kerrigan reported first on the southern YRTC location. The legal access to the property has been confirmed by right-of-way. Due diligence on the property has been completed. The California Area Office is waiting for the Appropriations Committee approval to move forward. The CAO prepared and sent a letter requesting this approval on December 17, 2010. Ms. Kerrigan expressed her thanks to the Pala Tribal Chairman, Robert Smith for his assistance in trying to facilitate the process during his recent visit to Washington. If approval comes soon, design and grading may begin in FY 2012. With respect to the northern location, the DQ University doesn't own the land, it is held in trust by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). In order for the IHS to purchase the property, DQ University will have to approve the land reverting back to GSA, so it can be sold. DQ University will not receive any money for the sale. However, Steve Zerebecki, Public Information Consultant explained that DQ University would gain the following from the sale:

- Federal presence which would likely reduce vandalism
- Sale would demonstrate presence of a functional board

If the DQ University Board of Directors votes to allow the land to revert, IHS could close on the purchase within 90-120 days because the environmental review has already been completed and there are no contaminant issues on the piece of property IHS is seeking. There is occasional flooding in one corner if culverts aren't kept clear, but IHS will build a catchment on the property to mitigate the issue.

Dr. Sprenger and Mr. Zerebecki met with the DQ University Board of Directors (5 members were present and one on the telephone) previously for four hours. The board was mistrustful initially. There was some disbelief that DQ University would not get any money, but most members were more positive at the completion of the meeting. The Board chair remained cynical and an individual appears to be advising the group not to agree that the land revert to the GSA. The board has retained an attorney to assist in any legal situations. The DQ University board has a meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at which time they will possibly vote on allowing the land to revert. Ms. Kerrigan stated she is reluctant to send staff to the meeting, which could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate or strong arm the board. CATAC members voiced their feeling that IHS should have a presence at the meeting just to be available in case there are misconceptions that need to be addressed. CATAC members also decided they would like to draft a resolution/letter for consideration by Tribal leaders at the Tribal Leaders Consultation Conference.

Action Item:

Draft a resolution/letter which would state that obtaining property for the YRTC is a high priority for the Tribes and that the Tribes want the DQ University board approves the land reverting to GSA in order to get help for the Tribal youth.

**Tribal Leaders Consultation Conference:**

Ms. Kerrigan reviewed the agenda for the conference with the CATAC members

Ms. Kerrigan reviewed instructions for moderators:

- Arrive 10-15 minutes early and have the speaker biographies ready for their introductions
- Speak into the microphone and annunciate clearly
- Announce the special events of the day
- Make sure the speakers can be heard throughout the auditorium
- Use agenda as a guide for starting and ending times, except for IHS Director, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux

**Procedures for CATAC elections:**

Mr. Coleman addressed the CATAC members on the elections that will take place during the regional caucuses on the afternoon of the first day of the conference. Elections will be held for the primary and alternate members for the following:

North region	one primary and one alternate
East Central region	one primary and one alternate
West Central region	two primaries and two alternates
South region	two primaries and two alternates
Urban	one primary and one alternate

Discussion concerning Tribal caucuses/elections and the CATAC composition followed. One question to be addressed is whether CATAC members may only be an elected Tribal

Leader or whether having Tribal Council members or health board members is deemed acceptable.

**Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB):**

Mr. Masten reported no activity. A letter that Ed Fluette drafted regarding the Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) was distributed for review. At the January 4-5 CATAC meeting, Mr. Fluette was asked to prepare this letter to outline issues with the FAAB and to identify activities the FAAB should be undertaking. A draft of the letter was distributed to the CATAC for their review and comment.

A CATAC member added to the discussion to include into the letter about becoming a statutory body as defined in the regulation. CATAC members present unanimously voted to send the letter forward with the additional language.

**Emerging Issues:**

The Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF) was discussed by the CATAC members and what procedures are used by the CAO. Dr. Sprenger told the CATAC that the average amount of days to process the CHEF request is six days.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Additional Tribal and program leaders, Indian Health Service staff, and guests in attendance during the March 14, 2011 CATAC meeting:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>
Fern Bates	United Indian Health Services
Fred Case	Quartz Valley Indian Reservation
James Crouch	California Rural Indian Health Board
Bill Gallagher	Indian Health Council
Orvin Hansen	Indian Health Council
Carol Larson	United Indian Health Services
Maxine Lewis-Raymond	United Indian Health Services
Denise Padgette	Smith River Rancheria
Priscilla Naylor	Fort Independence Reservation
Arvada Nelson	Quartz Valley Indian Reservation
Ruby Rollings	United Indian Health Services

**IHS/CAO staff**

Gary Ball, Staff Consultant  
Vinay Behl, Chief Financial Officer  
Marie Lowden, Management Analyst  
Toni Johnson, Business Office Coordinator  
Dawn Philips, Project Officer  
Harry Weiss, Contracting Officer

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**March 14, Location: Manzanita Room**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
	<b>Review Executive Summary-Jan. 4-5, 2011</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>Behavioral Health</b>	<b>BHWG</b>
	<b>Contract Health Services</b>	<b>CHS</b>
		<b>Ms. R. Nelson</b>
		<b>Ms. R. Joseph</b>
		<b>Mr. M. Malicay</b>
		<b>Mr. J. Hernandez</b>
	<b>Budget Formulation</b>	<b>BFWG</b>
		<b>Ms. R. Joseph</b>
		<b>Mr. S. Dixon</b>
	<b>DHHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee</b>	<b>STAC</b>
		<b>Mr. A. Super</b>
		<b>Mr. S. Dixon</b>
		<b>Mr. R. Franklin</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>YRTC Status – North and South</b>	<b>Ms. M. Kerrigan</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Procedures for CATAC election</b>	<b>Mr. T. Coleman</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Emerging Issues</b>	<b>Dr. D. Sprenger</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	