

IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 24th, 2007
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in attendance:	Tribe Represented	Region Represented
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Ms. Diane Holliday,	Blue Lake Rancheria	Northern
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine Reservation	East Central
Ms. Diana Chihuahua,	Torres Martinez Res.,	Southern
Ms. Rosemary Nelson,	Unaffiliated Representative	
Mr. David Rambeau,	Urban Representative	

IHS staff in attendance:

Dr. David Sprenger,	Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
Dr. Rose Clark,	Behavioral Health Consultant
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Wednesday, October 24th, at the Feather River Health Clinic, 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.

Dr. David Sprenger, California Area IHS Chief Medical Officer, welcomed everyone, facilitated group introductions, and reviewed the planned agenda.

During discussion CATAC members expressed that more CATAC meetings are needed to keep up with current issues such as planning for YRTC sites both northern and southern, evaluation of the last Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting in Pala, and the need for additional leadership in the California Area. Ms. Rachel Joseph expressed the need for leadership in support of Area budget formulation activities, need for Area staff to accompany her to national meetings, and someone to train when she is not the lead person in the future. It was decided that these would be discussed under in the "Emerging Issues" agenda item.

Youth Regional Treatment Center - Dr. Rose Clark, Behavioral Health Consultant, provided the presentation on the "YRTC" update and a handout describing the process for proposed

acquisitions for both the northern site of Bangor and the proposed southern site near Hemet.

In the presentation Ms. Clark, reviewed the service area for each proposed Youth Regional Treatment Center (YRTC), northern and southern. Even though another property ranked slightly higher in the initial evaluation process, the Bangor property, because of it's more secluded location is considered the first priority.

The southern proposed parcel, the site located near Hemet was deemed the first priority, also because of the seclusion that would make it more conducive to YRTC treatment. Ms. Diana Chihuahua would discuss this with the Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. health program. The next meeting scheduled in December would also include a site visit to the Hemet property by the CATAC.

Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board - Mr. Peter Masten, provided comments regarding leadership needed on FAAB topics. Mr. Masten reported that the Facility Construction Priority System does not benefit the CAO and urged efforts to change it or make separate funding available for those programs and areas that would benefit. Mr. Masten relayed that the small ambulatory program should be getting priority for areas like California. An area distribution fund for facilities may be proposed at the next FAAB meeting. This fund should be 20% of the total appropriation to be used in areas like California that don't have projects on the national list.

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*. The latest amendment may include a area wide distribution fund. Good provisions still in the bill, cost sharing waivers, etc., and is expected to proceed to the senate floor in next few weeks.

Ms. Joseph also expressed her efforts in the budget formulation conference calls and meetings. Since Ms. Joseph has again been the only CAO tribal representative for this issue, she expressed the need for IHS staff to assist her during meetings. Mr. Heffington volunteered to assist. This issue was to be further discussed under the emerging issues section of the agenda.

NEXT CALIFORNIA AREA TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING -- The next CATAC meeting was scheduled for December 4th at the Spa Resort in Palm Springs. This subsequent meeting is scheduled for December 4th to review the status of potential YRTC site selection in Southern California. Preliminarily, the most promising site for the south appears to be in Hemet, California. Ms. Diana Chihuahua was instrumental in arranging the meeting site location.

AGENDA
California Area Tribal Advisory Committee

December 4th, 2007

Tuesday, December 4th, 2007

09:00 AM	Welcome	Margo Kerrigan
09:15 AM	Budget Formulation	Rachel Joseph
	Reauthorization of PL 94-437	
10:15 AM	Substance Abuse Treatment Continuum of Care	Dave Sprenger
11:00 AM	YRTC Status Update	Rick Wermers
12:00-01:00 PM	- Lunch	
01:00 PM	Emerging Issues Forum	Open
Site Visit	- Hemet	
05:00 PM	Recess	





For your information the attachment was requested at the CATAC meeting at Feather River on October 14th. I am forwarding it to all members for your information. Also as requested, following is the hotel information for the next CATAC meeting on December 4th - - A block of rooms is available until November 12th at the Spa Resort, 100 North Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA. Their phone number has recently changed to 760-883-1000 and please let them know that you are attending the ***“California Area Tribal Advisory Committee”*** meeting.

The primary agenda items for this meeting will be budget formulation activities, Youth Region Treatment Center status, and a site visit to the potential Southern California YRTC site near Hemet, CA. Additional agenda items may be included later.

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call.

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