

**IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

| <b>Members in attendance:</b> | <b>Tribe Represented</b>    | <b>Region Represented</b> |
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| 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. Debra Ramirez             | Consolidated Tribal Hth.    | West Central              |
| Ms. Diana Chihuahua           | Torres Martinez Reserv.     | Southern                  |
| Ms. Britta Gruerro            | Urban Representative        |                           |
| Ms. Rosemary Nelson           | Unaffiliated Representative |                           |

IHS staff in attendance:

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| 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 September 9th, in the California Area Indian Health Service conference room at 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 7-100, Sacramento, 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). Two items were added to the agenda under Emerging Issues, NIHB issues and disenfranchisement.

**YRTC Status - North and South** - 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 an upcoming County Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the status of the northern proposed site, Honey Rock. Mr. Ball describes a very negative community meeting. Many erroneous facts feeding the fears of the community regarding the proposed appearance of the facility (prison like) and the children requiring care (the community expects them to be the worst kind of criminals).

**Methamphetamine Suicide Prevention Initiative** - Dr. David Sprenger, CMO, provided a handout regarding the MSPI.

Ms. Rachel Joseph, California Area tribal representative for the national Behavioral Health Advisory Workgroup, provided that approximately \$7 million in Domestic Violence funds would be distributed nationwide.

**H1N1 Preparedness** - Dr. Sprenger provided a handout on H1N1. H1N1 is now an official pandemic, world wide. Vaccine for H1N1 and the regular seasonable flu is expected to be available in October. Two shots are required for H1N1 and one shot for the seasonal flu. Please see the CDC and California Department of Health websites for information.

**Tribal Consultation** - Ms. Kerrigan provided handouts of the CAIHS circulars for Area Consultation and California Area Tribal Advisory Committee. She also spoke of Dr. Roubideaux's consultation efforts and the comments and recommendations that Dr. Roubideaux has requested. She has requested two nominations for California Area representation to a national workgroup on consultation, the group recommended Diane Chihuahua and Reno Franklin.

In furtherance of California Area tribal consultation efforts, Ms. Kerrigan put forth an idea to provide CATAAC orientation at the California Area Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting, usually held in March. An also to have a presentation of CATAAC issues addressed during the past year as well as review the "rules" for CATAAC operation and representation.

**Emerging Issues** - Discussion of proposed action to address "disenfranchisement" of eligible Indian patients began. This discussion was regarding the direct care and contract health

care for California unaffiliated Indians as well as out of state Indians.

Effective 10/01/2009 for FY 2010 there will be a review of each tribal health programs regarding eligibility for care. Each funding agreement may be reduced for disenfranchisement of eligible Indian patients. There will be appeal procedures. Ms. Rachel Joseph suggested that the IHS talk to the governing bodies of tribes to determine how to feel about the disenfranchisement of Indians.

Ms. Rosemary Nelson spoke about some Stanford and Arizona programs going out in the field to test for rhuemenoid arthritis. This is not being diagnosed early or not at all. What about a program in California. Dr. Sprenger will speak to the Arizona MD regarding a similar program in California.

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| 09:05 AM         | Welcome                                   | Ms. Kerrigan  |
| 09:15 AM         | YRTC Status – North and South             | Dave Sprenger |
| 10:30 AM         | Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative Update | Dave Sprenger |
| 11:00 AM         | H1N1 Preparedness Update                  | Dave Sprenger |
| 12:00 - 01:30 PM | Lunch -- on your own                      |               |
| 01:00 PM         | Tribal Consultation Area and National     | Ms. Kerrigan  |
| 02:00 PM         | Emerging Issues                           | Ms. Kerrigan  |
| 04:00 PM         | Adjourn                                   |               |