



Randy Grinnell, M.P.H.

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Randy Grinnell, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, is the Deputy Director for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Mr. Grinnell recently served as the IHS Deputy Director of Management Operations.

As the Deputy Director, Mr. Grinnell shares responsibility with the Director for the total management of a \$4 billion national health care delivery program responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community care for approximately 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. This includes the setting of overall agency priorities, policies, and strategic direction. Mr. Grinnell provides significant input in managing the formulation, presentation, justification, and execution of the agency budget. His participation influences program and resource allocation decisions that impact the total Agency budget. Mr. Grinnell is responsible for the development of testimony presented to congressional appropriation and legislative committees. Along with the Director, he is a principal witness before such committees.

Mr. Grinnell began his IHS career as a Commissioned Officer in 1976. From 1976 through 1988, he served in a variety of Environmental Health Officer field positions in the Alaska, Albuquerque, and Oklahoma City Areas. From 1988 through 2006, Mr. Grinnell served in a number of management positions in the Oklahoma City Area. He served as the Assistant Director for Environmental Health and Engineering from 1988 through 1992, and again from 1998 through 2006. From 1992 to 1996, he served as the Deputy Area Director and from 1996 to 1998 as the Acting Area Director. While serving as the Acting Area Director, he provided overall management of clinical and administrative functions for a comprehensive health care system serving over 300,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives in 44 Tribes in Oklahoma, Kansas, and southern Texas.

Mr. Grinnell served on numerous special projects and national IHS workgroups both as a member and as a chairman. He was detailed for one year to chair and coordinate the Oklahoma City Area Redesign Task Force project. He also served as co-chair of the IHS User Population Workgroup, and as a member of the IHS Internal Evaluation Team, IHS Shared Services Workgroup, and the IHS Strategic Planning Workgroup. In 2001, he was selected and served a 4-year appointment as the Chief Professional Officer for the Environmental Health Officer category of the Public Health Service. In this role, he provided leadership and was the senior advisor to the Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services on environmental health professional affairs.

In May 2006, Mr. Grinnell retired from the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service upon completion of 30 years of active duty service. His awards and recognitions include the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, PHS Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, two Outstanding Service Medals, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, Citation, Outstanding Unit Citation, two Unit Commendations, Special Assignment Service Award, Crisis Response Service Awards, and the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal.

Mr. Grinnell earned a bachelor of science degree from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, and a master of public health degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.