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Geoffrey Roth, a descendent of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota, is the Senior Advisor to the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Mr. Roth has more than twelve years experience working with Tribes, tribal colleges and universities, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations.

Mr. Roth's responsibilities include providing counsel to the Director on complex issues and administering special assignments that reflect the priorities, policies, interests, and initiatives of the Agency. He also advises the Director regarding implementation of IHS reform efforts while ensuring responsiveness to Tribal and stakeholder recommendations.

From 2006 to 2010, Mr. Roth served as Executive Director of the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH), where he worked closely with tribal leaders, urban Indian health program leaders, and Congress on Indian health issues. His efforts included working on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) and the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Roth served as the urban Indian health representative on the national steering committee for the reauthorization of the IHCIA. He also represented urban Indians on the IHS Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee.

Prior to his work at NCUIH, Mr. Roth was a team leader in the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. In this position he served as the liaison to the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities. Mr. Roth also handled grant management for all of the discretionary programs for the Office of Indian Education.

Mr. Roth is a former president of the Board of Directors of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center and Chairman of the Policy Advisory Committee. He has also previously served as the Executive Director of the Native American Youth Association in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Roth received his Bachelor of Science degree in Educational Studies from the College of Education at the University of Oregon.