

OPEN DOOR FORUM ON HEALTH INITIATIVES



Teleconference call October 24 2006

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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On October 24, 2006 at 2PM EDT, please join the Indian Health Service (IHS) for our first quarterly teleconference Open Door Forum focusing on the Director's Health Initiatives. This is part of a national effort to foster communication, discussion, and sharing of health care ideas among all IHS health care providers, Tribal health care programs, Urban health care programs (I/T/U), Area and Headquarters (HQ) staff. All IHS, Tribal, and Urban Health staff are invited to participate in this first Open Door Forum. The first discussion topic will provide general background and an update on the Director's three health initiatives in Chronic Disease Management, Behavioral Health, and Health Promotion/Disease Prevention.

The quarterly Open Door Forum provides an opportunity for direct communication on topics of critical importance for all Indian Health System staff. We will use the Forum calls to share the latest information about the Director's Initiatives, to share information about the excellent work being done in all of the IHS Areas, and to answer your questions. Together we will explore how the three Director's Initiatives must work together to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

What is the Format for these Forums?

IHS Director, Dr. Charles Grim, will initiate the October Open Door Forum with a brief overview of the Director's Initiatives. After Dr. Grim's introduction, IHS staff leads for the three initiatives will provide 15 minute summaries of Initiative activities to date. Following the presentation, questions from callers throughout the Indian Health system will be taken.

Following the teleconference call, a summary will be posted on the IHS three initiatives website as an archived summary and available for those who miss this event.

Questions? Contact these Director's 3 Initiatives Leads:

- Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Alberta Becenti at Alberta.Becenti@ihs.gov
- Chronic Disease, Dr. Ty Reidhead at Charles.Reidhead@ihs.gov
- Behavioral Health, Gary Quinn at Gary.Quinn@ihs.gov