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Dr. Lynn Malerba  
Chairwoman  
Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee  
c/o Self-Governance Communication and Education  
P.O. Box 1734  
McAlester, OK 74501

Dear Chairwoman Malerba:

I am in receipt of your April 11 letter, which provides Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC) recommendations on actions by the Indian Health Service (IHS) to establish a Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Workgroup.

The IHS is currently addressing administrative details to establish the CHAP Workgroup, including selecting participants, defining key issues, and determining meeting timelines.

We appreciate the TSGAC's support and value your thoughtful input and recommendations as we move forward. For updates on the status of the CHAP Workgroup, please directly contact RADM Sarah Linde, M.D., Acting Director, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, IHS. RADM Linde can be reached by telephone at (301) 443-4644 or by e-mail at [sarah.linde@ihs.gov](mailto:sarah.linde@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Buchanan".

RADM Chris Buchanan, R.E.H.S., M.P.H.  
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Acting Director