Health IT Modernization:

Tribal Recommendations and Next Steps

Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee
February 9, 2022

Overview: National Tribal Health IT Summit

SUMMIT AGENDA

- Presentations
  - Industry Perspectives on Health IT by Leidos
  - Overview of Health IT Modernization in Indian Country
  - Governance and Leadership in Health IT Modernization - Dr. Stewart Ferguson
  - National Perspective on Health IT Modernization: Update from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Roundtable Discussions
  - Budget & Funding
  - Tribal Experiences with Health IT
- Tribal Discussions

THEMES

- Importance of planning and strategy regarding data sharing, security, and privacy
- Open, deliberate, and effective communication among all stakeholders
- Highly complex nature of any health IT modernization effort
- Emphasized the immense impact changing health IT has on every aspect of a healthcare organization
  - Cost & Staff time
- Maintain focus on lived experience, end users, and patients

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Key Takeaways

EARLY PLANNING AND THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF HEALTH IT NEEDS & GOALS	**WIDELY VARYING HEALTH IT NEEDS**	**DEFINING MODERNIZATION STANDARDS**
UNCERTAINTY AROUND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AND AMOUNT OF FUNDING NEEDED	**CONSIDERATION OF TRIBAL INVESTMENT IN HIT MODERNIZATION**	**OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTER-TRIBAL COLLABORATION**
GREATER TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT	**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL, TRIBALLY LED, STEERING COMMITTEE**	**CONTINUE TO ASK: WHO'S VOICES ARE WE MISSING?**

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Moving Forward

Develop a Budget Recommendation

- National Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis
- National Tribal Steering Committee

Increase Tribal Engagement

- IHS IT Modernization Project Governance Model
- Building Tribal Space & Resource Hub
- Fill all ISAC Seats

Improved Communications Plan

- What guidance can we provide IHS to ensure they are improving communications and facilitating transparency with Tribal leaders?

Follow-Up Health IT Summit

Resources to keep the ball moving forward

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The big question is HOW?

- Who can lead this effort?
- Who needs to be at the table?

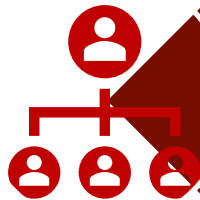National Indian
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Other Considerations

Workforce Capacity & Infrastructure

Upcoming RFP & Proposal Review

IHS HIT Modernization Project Governance Structures

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