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Re: Updated Designation Letter for Navajo Area Representatives for the Indian Health Service National Advisory Committees, Boards, and Workgroups

Dear Director Tso and Navajo Area Director Begay,

Please see attached is the appointment letter for our new Executive Director for Navajo Department of Health, Ms. Kim Russell, and the following is an updated designation letter for the Navajo Area Representatives for the I H S National Advisory Committees, Boards, and workgroups as follows:

I H S Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group (CHAP-TAG)

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I H S Director’s Workgroup on Improving Purchase/Referred Care (PRC Workgroup)

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I H S Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB)

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I H S Information Systems Advisory Committee (ISAC)

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I H S Information Technology Investment Review Board (ITIRB)

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I H S National Tribal Advisory on Behavioral Health (NTAC)

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I H S Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)

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As President of the Navajo Nation, I have the authority to act on behalf of the tribe and are qualified to represent the views and positions of the Navajo Nation, and while the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Technical Advisor are not elected officials, we hereby affirm their status as appointed officials of the Navajo Nation. Their tenure of service will be for the duration of our four-year term in office and they will be acting in their official capacity as appointed officials of the Navajo Nation, will have the authority to act on behalf of the tribe, and are qualified to represent the views of the Navajo Nation, from which they are nominated.

We look forward to building a mutual working relationship and providing tribal input to improve public health services on tribal lands. If there are any questions regarding this designation, please feel free to contact Ms. Kim Russell, Executive Director, Navajo Department of Health (928) 871-6350 or by email at kim.russell@navajo-nsn.gov . Thank you.

Sincerely,



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