

Agenda

IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)

July 22-23, 2024

Location: Embassy Suites, 900 10th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

ZOOM Information

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MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024

1:00 -- 2:00: Tribal Caucus

2:00 -- 2:25: Roll Call & Introductions

2:25 -- 2:30: Opening Prayer

2:30 -- 2:45: TSGAC Committee Business

- February 2024 minutes
- Area processes for nominations

2:45 – 3:15: Opening Remarks

Chris Anotubby, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation and TSGAC Chair

P. Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service (IHS)

3:15 – 3:45: DDIGA and Office of Tribal Self-Governance (OTSG) Update

Stacey Ecoffey, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs (DDIGA), IHS

Jennifer Cooper, Director, OTSG, IHS

3:45 – 4:45: IHS Strategic Plan and One HR

This IHS held a consultation on May 29, 2024, presenting the IHS Strategic Plan for FYs 2024-2028 which establishes a direction for IHS over the next 5 years. The IHS was seeking input on establishing goals, objectives, strategies, and performance measure to improve its operations, strengthen Tribal partnerships, and deliver quality health care to American Indians and Alaskan Natives in Tribal Communities. Comments were due June 28, 2024. TSGAC submitted comments agreed with many of the goals/objectives identified in the plan. However, the TSGAC did make the following recommendations: the IHS develop a public Strategic Plan scorecard to help track and evaluate the progress and completion of the plan; develop an effective evaluation or monitoring mechanism to manage progress towards completing goals, objectives & activities; and add Tribal consultation requirements into the strategic plan's objectives/activities, especially when those objectives/activities identify key performance indicators.

The IHS has been having discussions regarding the One IHS and One HR initiatives. These initiatives are designed to promote consistency within the Agency and address gaps to improve care. This

includes ensuring a consistent process when conducting background investigations, recruitment efforts, classifying positions, etc.

*RADM Francis Frazier, Director, Office of Public Health Support
Daniel Frye, Acting Director, Office of Human Resources*

4:45 -- 5:00: ACA/IHCIA Update

Cyndi Ferguson, SENSE Inc.

5:00: Recess

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

9:00-9:30: Tribal Caucus

9:30: Opening Prayer

9:30 – 10:00: Joint Venture Construction Program.

The Joint Venture Construction Program authorizes the IHS to establish joint venture projects under which Tribes or Tribal organizations would acquire, construct, or renovate a health care facility and lease it to the IHS, at no cost, for a period of 20 years. Participants in this competitive program are selected from among eligible applicants who agree to provide an appropriate facility to IHS. The facility may be an inpatient or outpatient facility. The Tribe must use Tribal, private or other available (non-IHS) funds to design and construct the facility. In return the IHS will submit requests to Congress for funding for the staff, operations, and maintenance of the facility per the Joint Venture Agreement.

Steven E Raynor, P.E., Director, Division of Facilities Planning and Construction, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Indian Health Service

10:00 – 11:30: Budget Update

- Implementation on SCOTUS decision regarding CSC
- Reductions EHR, HC Construction, Sanitation
- Unobligated Funds

Jillian Curtis, Director, Office of Finance and Accounting, IHS

11:30 --1:00: Lunch / Executive lunch

1:00 – 2:00: Implementation of Executive Order 14112

On December 6, 2023, the President signed Executive Order 14112, *Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations to Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination*, which, among other things, sets US policy to design and administer federal funding and support for Tribal programs in a manner that better recognizes and supports Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination. TSGAC will learn more about and discuss how HHS and IHS are implementing the Executive Order.

*Devin Delrow, Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services
P. Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director, IHS
Joshuah C. Marshall, Senior Advisor to the Director, IHS*

2:00 – 3:00: Update and Discussion on Self-Governance Expansion for HHS Agencies

*Tribal Participants in the HHS STAC Workgroup
Meg Sullivan, Counselor to the Secretary, at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

3:00 –3:15: Break

3:15 – 4:30: Wrap-Up Discussion with IHS Leadership

During the open discussion, TSGAC members have an opportunity to raise issues or questions with IHS leadership.

- Priorities for remainder of term
- Transitioning Behavioral Health Grants to formula funding that can be delivered through Self-Determination and Self-Government agreements
- VA/IHS Reimbursement
- Completing Section 105 guidance

P. Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director, IHS

4:30: Adjourn

Any follow up for the TSGAC Technical Workgroup will be handled via email