



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I write to invite you to the 20<sup>th</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (ATBC), which will take place February 28–March 1, 2018, at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building at 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., as well as to the 2018 Annual Regional Tribal Consultation (RTC) sessions held across the country. We will once again offer one-on-one consultation for individual tribes at the ATBC, as well as at each of the RTC sessions.

The Department understands the importance of having a dialogue with tribes on national and regional issues, as well as tribal-specific concerns. Below you will find a brief description of the ATBC, as well as details for the RTC sessions. HHS will begin hosting planning calls for the ATBC on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. ET. Additional details are included in the enclosure.

**20<sup>th</sup> ATBC**

The ATBC session will provide a forum for tribes to collectively share their views and priorities with HHS officials on national health and human services funding priorities and make recommendations to the Department regarding our Fiscal Year 2020 budget request. We hope the consultation will provide a venue for dialogue and discussion between tribal leaders and HHS officials on program issues and concerns that will lead to recommendations for action. The schedule for this year's consultation is as follows:

***Tribal Resource Day: Wednesday, February 28, 2018***

This session is designed to give an overview of the programs, grants, and services that the Department provides to tribes. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and is particularly helpful for newly-elected tribal leaders or others who want a comprehensive introduction to HHS.

***One-on-one meetings with HHS Divisions: Wednesday, February 28, 2018***

We will once again provide tribes time for one-on-one meetings to share their specific health and human service issues with HHS officials. Various HHS agencies will be available to listen and contribute to the conversation. Please note that the amount of time that you are allotted to meet with individual HHS officials will be determined by the volume of requests. All requests for one-on-one meetings must be received through pre-registration by COB Friday, February 16, 2018.

***Annual Budget Consultation: Thursday, March 1, 2018***

We will begin the consultation session at 9:00 a.m. HHS will identify specific issues on which we would like to consult with tribes and will send them to you in advance so that you can prepare your thoughts, ideas, and recommendations.

To pre-register for the ATBC and request one-on-one meetings, please visit the following link: [HHS 20th Annual Tribal Budget Consultation \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGCCD8B\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGCCD8B).

**2018 Annual RTC Sessions**

In addition to the ATBC, the Department will again host RTC sessions to address how the Department can continue to improve our outreach and coordination and to discuss programmatic issues and overall concerns with tribal issues. These regional sessions will include one-on-one time with the regional leadership. Additional details are included in the enclosure. Below are the dates for the consultations.

***Dates and Locations***

April 3-4, Albuquerque, NM (Region 6)  
May 1-2, Shelton, WA (Region 10)  
May 2, Syracuse, NY (Region 2)  
May 2-3, Hinckley, MN (Region 5)  
May 15-16, Kansas City, MO (Region 7)  
May 15-17, Denver, CO (Region 8)  
May 16-17, Boston, MA (Region 1)  
May 21-22, Sacramento, CA (Region 9)  
June 5-6, Atmore, AL (Region 4)  
TBD Date, TBD Location (Region 3)  
TBD Date, Window Rock, AZ (Navajo Area)

Thank you for your continued support of the consultation process. We look forward to your participation and ongoing partnership. Please contact Elizabeth Carr, Associate Director of Tribal Affairs, at 202-690-6060 or [consultation@hhs.gov](mailto:consultation@hhs.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,



Eric D. Hargan  
Acting Secretary

Enclosures

- ATBC Details
- Dates and Locations

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRIBAL BUDGET CONSULTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will host the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (ATBC) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 February 28 - March 1, 2018. The two-day session will include *one-on-one consultation sessions February 28, 2018*, and the *ATBC session March 1, 2018*. Below is a summary of the 2017 ATBC session, the planning call schedule for this year's ATBC, and ATBC testimony submission details.

**Summary of 19<sup>th</sup> HHS Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (FY 2019)**

On March 29-30, 2017, HHS hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> ATBC in Washington, D.C. The participants were tribal leaders and representatives, Indian organization leadership and staff, such as the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Health Board, as well as HHS leadership and staff.

On March 29, 2017, HHS held one-on-one sessions between tribal leaders and HHS agency leadership from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Community Living (ACL), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Indian Health Service (IHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The one-on-one format allowed direct dialogue on issues specific to each participating tribe.

Tribal leaders and other attendees convened at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building on March 30, 2017, to listen and respond to updates from HHS federal representatives regarding the HHS budget; human service, behavioral health, and public health priorities; the Affordable Care Act; and the IHS's budget formulation. Former HHS Secretary Price and the HHS Budget Council attended the afternoon session to provide updates and listen to comments from tribal leaders.

**20<sup>th</sup> ATBC Planning Conference Call Schedule (FY 2020)**

- January 24, 2018 @ 3:00 PM ET
- January 31, 2018 @ 3:00 PM ET
- February 7, 2018 @ 3:00 PM ET
- February 14, 2018 @ 3:00 PM ET
- February 21, 2018 @ 3:00 PM ET

**Conference Call Number (for every call)**

Call In Number: 888-455-7075

Participant Code: 9189822

**Deadline for ATBC Testimony Submission**

Please submit your testimony to the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs no later than **Friday, February 23, 2018**. Testimony can be emailed to [consultation@hhs.gov](mailto:consultation@hhs.gov). Please note that if you do not meet the submission deadline, we will accept the testimony, but you will need to bring 100 copies to the session for distribution. The consultation record will remain open for 30 days after the formal face-to-face consultation session wherein additional testimony will also be accepted.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
2018 BUDGET AND REGIONAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Tribal Budget Consultation**

*Date:* February 28 – March 1, 2018  
*Location:* Washington, DC

**HHS Regional Tribal Consultation**

**Region 1:**

*Date:* May 16-17, 2018  
*Location:* Boston, MA  
*IHS Area:* Nashville

**Region 2:**

*Date:* May 2, 2018  
*Location:* Syracuse, NY  
*IHS Area:* Nashville

**Region 3:**

*Date:* TBD  
*Location:* TBD  
*IHS Area:* Nashville

**Region 4:**

*Date:* June 5-6, 2018  
*Location:* Atmore, AL  
*IHS Area:* Nashville

**Region 5:**

*Date:* May 2-3, 2018  
*Location:* Hinckley, MN  
*IHS Area:* Bemidji

**Region 6:**

*Date:* April 3-4, 2018  
*Location:* Albuquerque, NM  
*IHS Area:* Albuquerque and Oklahoma

**Region 7:**

*Date:* May 15-16, 2018  
*Location:* Kansas City, MO  
*IHS Areas:* Oklahoma and Great Plains

**Region 8:**

*Date:* May 15-17, 2018  
*Location:* Denver, CO  
*IHS Area:* Great Plains and Billings

**Region 9:**

*Date:* May 21-22, 2018  
*Location:* Sacramento, CA  
*IHS Areas:* Phoenix and California

**Region 10:**

*Date:* May 1-2, 2018  
*Location:* Shelton, WA  
*IHS Areas:* Alaska and Portland

**Navajo Area**

*Date:* TBD  
*Location:* Window Rock, AZ  
*IHS Area:* Navajo