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INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
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PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

TO: Portland Area Facilities Advisory Committee

FROM: Director, Portland Area Indian Health Service

SUBJECT: Portland Area Health Facilities Stimulus Distribution Preparation

The American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009 (Stimulus Bill) is expected to be signed by the President in the very near future. The Indian Health Service (IHS) is in the process of developing criteria for distribution of funds to all IHS Area Offices. It is our understanding that each Area will be responsible for developing a process to evaluate proposed projects using M&I (Maintenance and Improvement Funds) against criteria established by the legislation and to evaluate and rank eligible projects.

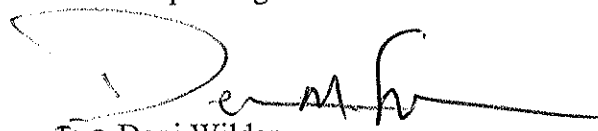
Under the Charter of the Portland Area Facilities Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Area Director on health facilities issues, I ask you to carry you the following charge:

- Provide guidance for the development and review of all projects proposed by Portland Area Tribes for M&I funding under the Stimulus Bill;
- Review, rate, and rank each project based on:
 - Criteria established by IHS Headquarters, developed from legislation;
 - Additional appropriate criteria applicable to the Portland Area.
- Provide a recommended and prioritized list of projects for consideration under the above described Act to the Area Director.

Area staff, led by Gene Kompkoff and Dean Seyler, will work closely with you in addressing this charge. The deadline for the Area Office to submit the prioritized list to IHS Headquarters is Wednesday, April 1, 2009. In order to meet this deadline, please present your recommendations to this office by close of business on Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gene Kompkoff at gene.kompkoff@ihs.gov or (503) 326-3104; Mr. Dean Seyler at dean.seyler@ihs.gov or (503) 326-7279; or CDR Mat Martinson at mathew.martinson@ihs.gov or (503) 326-3108.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving the health status of the Pacific Northwest Tribes.


For Doni Wilder