

Subject: 2nd Planning Call: 12th Annual HHS National Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation Session. March 3-5, 2010

The Department of Health and Human Services will host the **12th Annual HHS National Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation Session March 3-5, 2010.** As in years past, this Consultation session provides you with an opportunity to express your views and priorities to HHS officials on various cross-cutting issues important to Indian Country. Please see the attached invitation letter for more information, including a brief summary of last year's Consultation Session. In addition to the consultation activities on March 4-5, HHS will offer a ***Tribal Resource Session on Wednesday March 3, 2010.*** The Tribal Resource Session will provide an overview of HHS, programs, grants and services for Tribal Governments. This session is designed for new Tribal Leaders as well as Tribal program staff.

In preparation for the March Consultation Session, the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs will host planning calls to outline the Consultation agenda. The **SECOND** planning call will be held on **Thursday January 14, 2010 @ 3:00pm EST.**

Conference Call Number (for every call)

Call in #: 877-416-3980

Pass Code: 6124186

Planning Conference Call Schedule

Thursday January 7, 2010 @ 3:00 PM EST

Thursday January 14, 2010 @ 3:00 PM EST

Thursday January 21, 2010 @ 3:00 PM EST

Thursday January 28, 2010 @ 3:00 PM EST

Thursday February 4, 2010 @ 3:00 PM EST

Thursday February 11, 2010 @ 3:00 PM EST

Deadline for Testimony Submission:

Please have a copy of your testimony submitted to the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs no later than **Thursday February 18, 2010.** Please note that if you do not meet the deadline we will accept the testimony but you will need to bring 200 copies to the session for distribution.

Attached Items:

1. 2009 Consultation Session agenda
2. 2009 Tribal Resource Day agenda
3. DRAFT AGENDA for 2010 Consultation Session
4. REGISTRATION FORM
5. Testimony Guidance

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to speaking with you on Thursday and seeing at HHS in March!

Thank you,

Stacey

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will host the **12th Annual National HHS Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation Session March 3-5, 2010** in Washington, DC at the Hubert Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave SW.

The 12th Annual Consultation Session consists of two full-day sessions and provides a forum for Tribes to share their views and priorities with HHS officials on various cross-cutting issues important to Indian Country. Our partnership with Tribes is the very foundation from which consultation stems. This consultation provides Tribes and HHS leadership an opportunity to review and discuss national health and human services funding priorities and recommendations for the Department's FY 2012 budget request.

This year's session will include a *Tribal Resource Day* which will be held **Wednesday March 3, 2010** at HHS in Washington, DC. The Tribal Resource Session is designed to give an overview of HHS programs, grants and services that we provide to Tribes. This session is particularly helpful for newly-elected tribal leaders or others who want a comprehensive introduction to the Department of Health and Human Services.

We will host planning calls for the Annual Tribal Budget Consultation Session starting the first week of January. These calls are designed to ensure tribal input in the development of the agenda. Attached is a document that outlines the 12th Annual Tribal Budget Consultation Session and provides the details related to the planning calls.

Please contact Bernice Harper to confirm your participation in the consultation session or to address questions. She can be reached at (202) 690-6060 or via e-mail at Bernice.Harper@hhs.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of the consultation process. We look forward to your participation and partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Dioguardi".

Paul Dioguardi
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Turman".

Richard J. Turman
Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources

Enclosure

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
12th ANNUAL NATIONAL HHS TRIBAL BUDGET CONSULTATION SESSION
MARCH 3-5, 2010
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The Department of Health and Human Services will host the 12th National HHS Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation Session for Fiscal Year 2012. The 3-day session will include a ***Tribal Resource Day on Wednesday March 3, 2010*** and the ***Annual Tribal Budget Consultation Session March 4th- 5th, 2010*** in Washington, DC. Below is a summary of the 2009 Session as well as the planning call schedule.

Summary of 11th Annual National HHS Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation Session

At the 2009 Consultation Session, Tribal representatives provided testimony and received responses from HHS leadership regarding the budgets and policies of nine HHS agencies and participated in a department-wide discussion on cross-cutting issues.

The following cross-cutting issues were identified at the 2009 session:

1. Long-Term Care
2. Mental and Behavioral Health
3. Health Care Reform
4. Public Health

Tribal Recommendations:

1. **Increase Funding:** In general, Tribal leaders requested funding increases for all programs affecting American Indians/Alaska Natives, citing the increasing cost of providing services and the Federal trust responsibility promised in treaties made with Native Americans.
2. **Increase Accessibility:** Tribal leaders recommended making available funding more accessible, whether through outreach and training to Tribal applicants, reduced grant application and reporting requirements for Tribal entities, or set-asides for Tribes in state block grants.
3. **Recruitment and Retention:** Tribal leaders emphasized the importance of recruitment practices that ensure the hiring and retention of qualified health care professionals, culturally-competent grant reviewers and researchers, and American Indian/Alaska Native people in leadership positions within the Department.

Since the Consultation last April, President Obama released his FY2010 HHS budget, proposing an increase in funding targeted specifically toward serving the needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives, including an increase of \$454 million, or 13 percent, for the Indian Health Service.

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For More Information

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**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
12th Annual Tribal Budget Consultation Form**

HHH Building
Washington DC
March 3-5, 2010

Registration Form

First Name	
Last Name	
Are you an elected Tribal Official?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Position Title	
Organization/Agency	
Address	
City, State and Zip	
Email	
Phone	
Special accommodations requested?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>Please Specify:</i> _____

Indicate all the days you will be attending:

- Resource Day:** March 3, 2010
- Day 1:** March 4, 2010
- Day 2:** March 5, 2010

Please Submit by **Friday February 19, 2010** to Bernice Harper at:
Bernice.Harper@hhs.gov or fax form to (202) 401-3702. If you have further questions
please feel free to call (202) 690-6060

Thank you and we look forward to your participation in this year's consultations.



HHS TRIBAL CONSULTATION GUIDANCE FOR TESTIMONY SUBMISSION

Structure of Tribal Consultation Testimony Submission

- **Please list your top Health and Human Service Priorities for your Tribe.**
- **Provide a brief introduction.** Please provide a brief introduction in your tribal testimony submission. The introduction should be no longer than two paragraphs.
- **Identify top budget specific issues.** Due to the large volume of tribal testimony IGA receives each year, it is important to have each, individual testimony submission in an identical format in order to have more clarity. IGA asks that you identify your top budget issues up front in your testimony submission. Each of the identified top budget issues should be listed in bullet format and listed by specific target HHS agency. Please allow for no longer than two sentences for each identified budget specific issues.
- **Give a description on each identified top budget specific issue.** After your top budget issues have been listed, give a description on each of the identified issues you have listed. In this section, provide a full description on the first issue listed, second issue, etc. The description on each individual issue should be no longer than a paragraph and listed by specific targeted HHS agency. This section will contain the full narrative on outlining and describing your top budget issues.
- **Identify policy and legislative specific issues.** In this section, identify your top policy and legislative issues by specific targeted HHS agency. Each of the identified top policy and legislative specific issues should be listed in bullet format and be no longer than two sentences each.
- **Provide a description on identified policy and legislative specific issues.** This section will contain a full narrative on each of your identified policy and legislative issues. Each description should be no longer than a paragraph and listed by specific targeted HHS agency.
- **Give a summary of your tribal testimony submission.** In the final section of your tribal testimony submission, include a summary of the issues you identified (budget, policy and legislative). List any additional top issues in your summary. This section should be no longer than two paragraphs.

For More Information

Please contact Stacey Ecoffey, Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs, HHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Telephone #: 202-690-6060 or via email: Stacey.Ecoffey@hhs.gov



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
 12th ANNUAL NATIONAL HHS TRIBAL BUDGET and POLICY CONSULTATION SESSION
 Hubert H. Humphrey Building
 Washington, DC
 DAY 1: Thursday March 4, 2010

- 9:00-9:05 A.M. **TRIBAL OPENING**
- 9:05 – 9:10 AM **TRIBAL OPENING REMARKS**
- 9:10-9:15 A.M. **WELCOME from HHS**
 Paul Dioguardi, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
 Richard Turman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resources and Technology
- 9:15-9:20 A.M. **HHS OPENING REMARKS**
 TBD, Department of Health and Human Services
- 9:20-9:30 A.M. **TRIBAL LEADER INTRODUCTIONS**

MODERATORS:
 Tribal Moderator: TBA,, National Congress of American Indians
 Federal Moderator: Paul Dioguardi, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

9:30-11:30 A.M. **HHS Tribal Consultation Policy and EO 13175**
 HHS would like to hear from Tribal Leaders on the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy, process, and sessions.
 Federal Leadership:

Tribal Leaders Discussion:

- Elected Tribal Leaders strongly encouraged to participate.
- Delegates other than elected Tribal leaders must provide written notification from the Tribal Government that they are authorized to speak on that Government's behalf.

11:30 – 12:30 **INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET FORMULATION TEAM TESTIMONY**
 IHS Representatives:

Tribal Presenters:

12:30 - 1:20 P.M. **LUNCH**

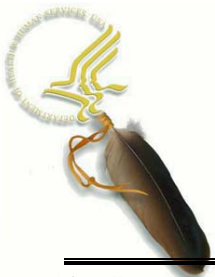
1:30 - 3:15 P.M. **OPDIV BREAKOUT SESSION #1: *in separate meeting rooms***
The purpose of these sessions is to provide Tribal representatives with an opportunity to present their budget priorities to HHS operating divisions (OPDIVs) that are of particular importance to their Tribe, and to work with the leadership and budget teams of the OPDIV to develop recommendations for the FY 2011 budget.

ROOM Great Hall ACF	ROOM CMS	ROOM NIH	ROOM AOA
<u>ACF Representatives:</u>	<u>CMS Representatives:</u>	<u>NIH Representatives:</u>	<u>AOA Representatives:</u>
<u>Tribal Representatives:</u>	<u>Tribal Representatives:</u>	<u>Tribal Representatives:</u>	<u>Tribal Representatives:</u>

3:30 - 5:15 PM OPDIV BREAKOUT SESSION # 2: in separate meeting rooms

ROOM Great Hall SAMHSA	ROOM CDC/ATSDR	ROOM HRSA	ROOM AHRQ
<u>SAMHSA Representatives:</u>	<u>CDC/ATSDR Representatives:</u>	<u>HRSA Representatives:</u>	<u>AHRQ Representatives:</u>
<u>Tribal Representatives:</u>	<u>Tribal Representatives:</u>	<u>Tribal Representatives:</u>	<u>Tribal Representatives:</u>

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
11th ANNUAL NATIONAL HHS TRIBAL BUDGET and POLICY CONSULTATION SESSION
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
Washington, DC
DAY 2: Friday March 5, 2010

* *All Discussion will take place in the Great Hall for the entire day*

8:45-8:50 A.M. TRIBAL OPENING

8:50 – 9:00 A.M WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS:
National Indian Health Board

MODERATORS:

Tribal Moderator:, National Indian Health Board
Federal Moderator: Richard Turman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resources and Technology

CROSSCUTTING ISSUE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The purpose of these sessions is to discuss issues that are important to Tribal members and involve multiple HHS operating divisions. Tribal representatives will have the opportunity to highlight successful programs in Indian Country and to work with OPDIV staff to determine what budget policies may need to be changed in order to replicate successes.

9:00 – 9:45 A.M. Cross Cutting Issue #1:
Federal Panel

Tribal Leader Presenter:

9:55-10:40 A.M. Cross Cutting Issue # 2:
Federal Panel

Tribal Leader Presenter:

10:50-11:35 A.M. Cross Cutting Issue #3:
Federal Panel

Tribal Leader Presenter:

11:45-12:30 P.M. Cross Cutting Issue #4:
Federal Panel

Tribal Leader Presenter:

12:30-1:15 P.M. **TRIBAL LEADERS AND HHS BUDGET ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

The purpose of this discussion is to provide an opportunity for Tribal representatives, OPDIV leadership and budget staff, and senior HHS leadership to engage in a discussion about the findings from the Tribal Budget Consultation, and to work together to determine how Tribal budget priorities can best be addressed into the overall HHS budget.

1:15-1:20 P.M. HHS WRAP-UP

1:20 – 1:30 PM. TRIBAL CLOSING