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Subject: HHS Announcements: Consultations, Funding and Stakeholder Teleconferences

Below is a list of announcements from the Department of Health and Human Services. Please see the attachments for further detail on all.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

Regional Stakeholder Engagement Teleconference with CMS on Health Insurance Marketplace & Expanded Insurance Options

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) invite you to a regional teleconference with CMS staff to:

- Update you on the latest information regarding implementation of the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchanges), part of the Affordable Care Act.
- Start discussing strategies to educate the uninsured, under-insured, and small businesses about expanded insurance coverage options.

Registration is required

Phone lines are limited. See the teleconference schedule below for call details and registration information. If you are unavailable on the date for your region, you may attend any of the other regional sessions. Please see the attached document for registration, date and call information.

ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) wants to consult with tribal leaders regarding a proposed initiative for our 2013 Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) funding, authorized under Section 803(a) of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (NAPA), 42 U.S.C. 2991b. ANA will host a teleconference call on this matter on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Eastern)**. The purpose of the call is to discuss running a special competition promoting economic development under the Social and Economic Development Strategies CFDA# 93.612 for Fiscal Year 13. ANA wishes to seek input on the program areas of interest and any scoring criteria for this special competition. Please see the attached Letter for more information.

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

The Health Resources and Services Administration's will be conducting a Tribal listening session at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Consumer Meeting on **September 24, 2012, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., at the Denver Sheraton in Denver, Colorado**. In addition, if you are unable to travel to Denver for the listening session, we will have a toll-free conference phone line available for your participation. Tribal leaders may also send comments and questions to AIANhealth@hrsa.gov before and after the listening session.

Stacey L. Ecoffey, MSW (Oglala Lakota)

Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs

Immediate Office of the Secretary

Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs

Department of Health and Human Services

**“Our Lives Begin To End the Moment We Become Silent about Things That Matter”
Martin Luther King, Jr.**



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Teleconference Schedule

**All times are expressed in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

CMS Host Region/City	State	Teleconference Date and Time*	Registration information
I / Boston	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont	Tuesday, September 11, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmsbostonhie.eventbrite.com
II / New York	New Jersey and New York	Thursday, September 13, 2012 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmsnewyorkhie.eventbrite.com
III / Philadelphia	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia	Thursday, September 13, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmsphiladelphiahie.eventbrite.com
IV / Atlanta	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee	Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmsatlantahie.eventbrite.com
V / Chicago	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin	Thursday, September 6, 2012 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmschicagohie.eventbrite.com

VI / Dallas	Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas	Friday, September 14, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmsdallashie.eventbrite.com
VII / Kansas City	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska	Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmskansascityhie.eventbrite.com
VIII / Denver	Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming	Monday, September 10, 2012 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmsdenverhie.eventbrite.com
IX / San Francisco	Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Pacific Territories	Friday, September 14, 2012 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmssanfranciscohie.eventbrite.com
X / Seattle	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington	Friday, September 7, 2012 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT	Please register at http://cmsseattlehie.eventbrite.com

Please forward this invitation to any partners and stakeholders who may want to participate.

We look forward to your participation!

We value the work you do to ensure that every American is aware of and enrolled in health insurance.

For more information on the Affordable Care Act and the Health Insurance Marketplace, visit www.healthcare.gov/exchanges or www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/HIMarketplace.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20447

August 15, 2012

Dear Tribal Leader:

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As many of you may already know, the SEDS program supports the principle that social and economic development are inter-related and essential for the development of healthy, self-sufficient Native American communities. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) emphasizes social and economic development projects that promote the establishment and maintenance of diversified local economies, the preservation of Native American cultures, and programs and services that safeguard the health and well-being of Native Americans.

Grant awards made under this Funding Opportunity Announcement are for projects that promote economic and social self sufficiency for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American Pacific Islanders from American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ANA is particularly interested in projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, and decrease the high rate of social challenges caused by the lack of community-based business, and social and economic infrastructure.

Examples of the program areas of interest that we would like to encourage are listed below.

Economic Development: Promoting the physical, commercial, technological, industrial, and agricultural components necessary for a sustainable local economy.

Economic Stability: Strengthening an organization's capacity to deliver workforce training, financial literacy, and home ownership services.

Economic Competitiveness: Creating, expanding, and retaining businesses to reflect distinct economies, both in mature and emergent sectors, operating in rural and urban areas.

Agriculture: Creating, developing, or enhancing agricultural enterprise and sustainable farming projects.

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Infrastructure: Developing infrastructure (transportation, communication, technology, etc.) to support the local workforce or those faced with transportation/communication challenges, e.g. elderly, disabled.

Subsistence: Enhancing subsistence activities to retain or revitalize traditional native food sources and practices for local and commercial markets.

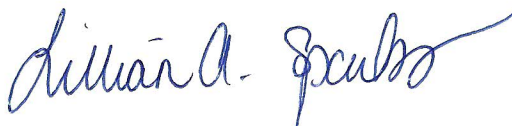
Commercial Trade: Strengthening the local economy and demand for agriculture, aquaculture, lumber, and traditional arts and crafts.

These are just the examples that we have been able to identify and would like your input to expand this listing to be more inclusive of the many examples you may find for economic development possibilities within your communities.

Please join me on this call and let me hear your ideas. The call in number is 866-763-4038 and the passcode is 354503 followed by the pound (#) sign.

Due to this short consultation notice, this will be the only notice you will receive regarding this call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lillian A. Sparks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lillian A. Sparks
Commissioner,
Administration for Native Americans



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Dear Tribal Leader:

As part of the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) ongoing commitment to Indian Country's healthcare needs, I am pleased to announce that HRSA will be conducting a Tribal listening session at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Consumer Meeting on September 24, 2012, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., at the Denver Sheraton in Denver, Colorado. I invite you to join me at this listening session to share your comments on HRSA's programs and their impact on the healthcare issues in Indian Country. The listening session will allow us to have an interactive exchange of ideas and information. Additionally, the listening session will allow HRSA to receive your input to help us plan for a full HRSA Tribal consultation meeting in March 2013, in conjunction with the Annual HHS Tribal Budget Consultation in Washington, D.C.

HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving access to healthcare services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable. We do this through grant funding to provide healthcare to uninsured people, people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and children, homeless individuals and families, and other populations. HRSA grantees train health professionals across the nation and work to improve systems of care in rural communities.

For your review, please see the enclosed draft of the agenda. Please know that there will be ample opportunity to provide us your feedback and questions on HRSA's programs during the listening session. In addition, if you are unable to travel to Denver for the listening session, we will have a toll-free conference phone line available for your participation. By September 10, 2012, we will post the listening session conference call information on the HRSA and NIHB websites. Tribal leaders may also send comments and questions to AIANhealth@hrsa.gov before and after the listening session.

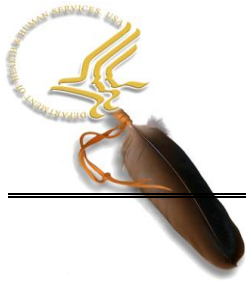
I look forward to seeing you in Denver to receive your input as we work to improve the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary K. Wakefield".

Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N.
Administrator

Enclosure



HRSA Tribal Listening Session

September 24, 2012

AGENDA

Sally H. Smith, Tribal Leader

Moderator

Please take individual breaks as you need

Monday, September 24, 2012

- 1:00pm – 1:10pm** **Tribal Opening**
- Invocation
 - Recognition of Elected Leaders, Health Board members, and Tribal, Federal and State Officials
- 1:10pm – 1:20pm** **Federal and Area Welcome**
- Regional Director, HHS Region
 - Area Indian Health Service Director, IHS
- 1:20pm – 1:30pm** **Welcome and Introductions**
- Tribal Leader –TBA
 - Stacey Ecoffey, Principal Tribal Advisor, Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs (Introduction of Dr. Mary K. Wakefield)
- 1:30pm – 1:50pm** **HRSA Updates**
- Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N., Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration
 - HRSA Budget, Priorities Update
 - Purpose
- 1:50pm – 3:50pm** **Open Tribal Leader Listening**
- Listening Session with Tribal Leaders
- 3:50pm – 3:55pm** **Wrap-up**
- Michelle Allender-Smith, Director, HRSA Office of Health Equity
- 3:55pm – 4:00pm** **Tribal Closing**
- Closing Prayer

