



January 5, 2012.

W. Ron Allen, Chairman
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
1033 Old Blyn Highway
Sequim, Washington 98382.

Dear Chairman Allen,

We take great pleasure in writing to let you know that you have been selected to serve on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) as the Alternate Representative from the Portland Area of the Indian Health Service.

The Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) is the first tribal advisory committee established to advise the Secretary in the history of HHS. It is an important next step towards creating a department-wide strategy to incorporate tribal guidance on HHS priorities, policies and budget and improve the Government-to-Government relationship between HHS and Tribes. Your membership as a Primary Representative on this committee is instrumental to moving this work forward.

Cheryle Kennedy, Tribal Chairwoman, The Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde currently serves as the Primary representative for the Portland Area. As the Alternate your role is to participate in any STAC activity that the Primary Representative designates as one that he is not able to attend or participate in. If travel is required in any such activity, HHS will support your travel.

It is the responsibility of the primary representative for your area to select a technical advisor to participate in the meetings. Please feel free to contact the primary representative if you would like to offer suggestions as to who the technical advisor should be.

We will host the next meeting of the STAC on January 17-18, 2012 at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave SW. Washington, DC 20201. You will be receiving an email and a packet via FedEx with information about the meeting including a set of forms that we will need you to fill out so that we can place you into our system for travel purposes. Most communication will be conducted via email so please provide us with the best email address to reach you.

Stacey Ecoffey, Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs, will be your point of contact. She can be reached at 202-690-7410 (office), 202-747-4501 (blackberry) or via email at Stacey.Ecoffey@hhs.gov. Please feel free to contact Stacey Ecoffey with any questions, and congratulations, again, on your selection as a STAC Alternate.

We look forward to working with you closely over the coming months.

Sincerely,

Sally Howard
Chief of Staff

Paul Dioguardi
Director, Office of Intergovernmental and
External Affairs