



NPAIHB

Indian Leadership for Indian Health

NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Update

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Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- ▶ **Welcome & Introduction:**
Chairman Lewis
- ▶ **NPAIHB Situation Report:** Celeste
- ▶ **Indian Health Service Update:**
Terry Dean
- ▶ **Leg and Funding Update**
 - ▶ Laura
- ▶ **State Partner Updates**
 - ▶ Washington - Lou, Tamara
 - ▶ Idaho - Joyce
 - ▶ Oregon - Julie
- ▶ **Questions/Comments**

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C-19 Emergency Response - NPAIHB

Situation Report: 9/22/20

▶ **Public Health and Clinical Support**

- ▶ Continue to expand our capacity in case investigation & contact tracing
- ▶ Working to enhance our COVID-19 surveillance & improving data access
- ▶ Continue to seek improved testing strategies
- ▶ Providing technical guidance & assessments - Environmental Health and Infection Control in facilities

▶ **Medical Countermeasure Planning**

- ▶ COVID-19 vaccine planning and annual influenza vaccination campaigns
- ▶ Partnering with AIHC, States of Idaho and Oregon on planning efforts

▶ **Communications and Outreach**

- ▶ Developing scripts and story boards for PSAs



Indian Health Service Update

Terry Dean



Legislative and Funding Update

Laura Platero

Health Resources and Services Administration

Upcoming HRSA Consultation on October 13, 2020

- Topics or questions due to HRSA by September 28th

Please contact Veronica Smith at

vsmith-contractor@npaihb.org or 360.224.4430 if you have any questions or recommended topics

House and Senate in Session

What we know:

- House will be considering a Continuing Resolution (HR 8319) this week (all below-listed programs extended 11/30-12/11)
 - SDPI
 - Community Health Centers
 - National Health Service Corps
 - Teaching Health Centers for Graduate Education
- Some negotiation over aid to farmers and SNAP benefits

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Testimony on Wednesday, September 23, 2020

- **S. 3126** amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize a special behavioral health program for Indians (GRANTS)
- **S. 3264** expedites and streamlines the deployment of affordable broadband service on Tribal land, and for other purposes
- **S. 3937** amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize special programs for Indians for providing services for the prevention and treatment of diabetes, and for other purposes (5 year SDPI reauthorization at \$200 million/year)

Comment Period until October 7, 2020

Upcoming Deadlines

- ▶ Veterans Administration Consultation comments due September 25
- ▶ CMS Proposal: Expand telehealth benefits permanently for Medicare (comments due October 5)
- ▶ HRSA Consultation: October 13, 2020

State Partner Updates

Washington (AIHC/DOH) - Lou and Tamara

Idaho (DHW) - Joyce

Oregon (OHA) - Julie

Questions & Comments

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