

NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Update

March 16, 2021

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Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Chairman Lewis
- NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report: Celeste Davis
- Indian Health Service Update: Dean Seyler
- State Partner Updates:
 - Washington: Lou Schmitz, Tamara Fife, Jessie Dean, and Tam Lutz
 - Oregon: Julie Johnson, Candice Jimenez, and Sue Steward
 - Idaho: Joyce Broadsword, Liz Coronado, and Jessica Leston
- Legislative and Policy Update: Liz Coronado and Candice Jimenez

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NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report

Celeste Davis



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C-19 Emergency Response - NPAIHB Situation Report: 3/16/21

#BeFierce – Congrats and Thank You, Deb Haaland! 

Get vaccinated, wear a mask, maintain distance, avoid crowds, wash hands

- Hitting the Pandemic Wall – How to Break Through...
 - Keep up the promotional messaging and risk communication
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npslO7OhdEM>
 - Incentivize COVID-19 vaccinations with “green passes” for special events
 - Adopt testing strategies for the vulnerable and not vaccinated, school-age children, workers not yet vaccinated, and events
 - Get mobile with the vaccinations
- All Americans to be eligible for the vaccine on May 1st
- Return to School: Get current on childhood vaccinations



Indian Health Service Update

Dean Seyler



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Legislative and Policy Update

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NPAIHB Update
virtual



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Legislative and Policy Update Agenda

- Happenings on The Hill
- Hearings on The Hill
- New and Pending Federal Policy Changes
- Upcoming Consultations
- Upcoming Regional and National Meetings



Happenings on The Hill

American Rescue Plan – Signed by President Biden

- \$20 billion in aid to tribal governments
- \$6.094 billion for tribal health programs
- 100% FMAP for Urban Indian Health Organizations (two years)
- 100% FMAP for Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems (two years)
- \$1b in recurring, annual funding for communities and tribal governments historically harmed by federal policies
- **TRIBAL CONSULTATION SCHEDULED FOR MAR 17, 2021**
at 9:30am
 - On the \$6.094 billion to IHS/Tribal health programs



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American Rescue Plan – Signed by President Biden

- \$900 million for the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- \$850 million for the Bureau of Indian Education
- \$750 million in support for Indian Housing Block grants
- \$10 billion for Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (states/tribal governments)
- \$250 million in a Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, available to tribal governments for “any governmental purpose deemed necessary”



Happenings on The Hill

- **H.R. 1859** Grant funding for State and tribal governments through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to establish unarmed 911 response programs
- **H.R. 1849** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding for core public health infrastructure
- **H.R. 1848** Funding for rebuilding and modernizing broadband infrastructure, drinking water infrastructure, and modernizing the electrical grid
- **H.R. 1835** [COVID Community Care Act](#) An additional \$400m for the Indian Health Service for implementation of a comprehensive COVID-19 response; funding through 2024
- **H.R. 1811** Amending the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize additional funding for hospitals and outpatient health care facilities
- **H.R. 1620** [Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021](#)



Hearings on The Hill

- **Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Pueblos of Laguna and Jemez)**
 - 51 – 40 vote, with four Republicans voting in favor of her confirmation
- **Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee**
 - Hearing on “Examining our COVID-19 Response: An Update from Federal Officials”
 - Mar 18, 2021 at 7am Pacific
 - Chaired by Patty Murray (D-WA)
- **House Energy and Commerce Committee**
 - Hearing on Biden Administration actions to increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations
 - Mar 17, 2021 at 7am Pacific
 - Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (R-WA) is the Ranking Member, Kurt Schrader (D-OR), and Kim Schrier (D-WA) are also on this Committee
- **Membership in the House Subcommittee for Indigenous People of the United States**
 - Cliff Bentz (R-OR) is the only Portland Area representative



New and Pending Federal Policy Changes

- **CDC Methods to Transfer Vaccines from States to Tribes**

- CDC developed methods to transfer vaccines from state jurisdictions to Indian/Tribal/Urban health systems without tribal health programs having to sign a separate enter into a provider agreement through the state/local jurisdiction

- **CDC FAQ on Funeral and Burial Services**

- CDC issued guidance for tribal leaders re funeral and burial health and safety during COVID-19 pandemic



Upcoming Consultations

- **Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation**

- Expedited time-frame for consultation on the American Rescue Plan
- Consultation focused on the \$6 billion in funds directed to tribes and the IHS
- Mar 17, 9:30am – 11am Pacific

- **Office of National Drug Control Policy Tribal Consultation**

- Nation-to-Nation Addiction Epidemic and other Substance Use Challenges, Tribal Consultation
- Mar 23, 2021 from 11am – 1:30pm

- **Health and Human Services Consultation on the Tribal Consultation Policy**

- Tribal input needed on strengthening and improving the tribal consultation policy
- Mar 25, 2021 from 11am – 2pm



Upcoming Regional & National Meetings

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| Mar 16 – 17 | Purchased/Referred Care Workgroup Email Veronica at vsmith-contractor@npaihb.org with PRC issues |
| Mar 17 | IHS Tribal Consultation re \$6 billion from American Rescue Plan Email Liz at ecoronado@npaihb.org or vsmith-contractor@npaihb.org for registration information or questions |
| Mar 18 | HHS Region 10 Tribal Call Email Liz at ecoronado@npaihb.org or Candice at cjimenez@npaihb.org to bring issues forward |
| Mar 23 | Office of National Drug Control Policy Consultation Email Liz at ecoronado@npaihb.org or Veronica at vsmith-contractor@npaihb.org for registration information or questions |
| Mar 25 | HHS Consultation on HHS Tribal Consultation Policy Email Liz at ecoronado@npaihb.org or Veronica at vsmith-contractor@npaihb.org for registration information or questions. |



American Rescue Plan

- \$2 billion for lost 3rd party revenue
- \$1.5m for testing, contact tracing, and other related activities
- \$600m for necessary expenses to plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, and track COVID-19 vaccines
- \$600m for construction, maintenance, equipment
- \$500m for additional health services, including PRC
- \$420m for mental health, substance abuse prevention
- \$240m for public health workforce
- \$140m for information technology, telehealth infrastructure, and IHS electronic health record

What are your priorities?



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Questions or Comments



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