

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE PORTLAND AREA DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



Dean M Seyler - Area Director
August 9, 2016
NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting
12 Tribes Resort Casino
Omak, WA



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- ❖ Portland Area Direct Service Tribes Meeting
 - ❖ July 6th & 7th
 - ❖ Review of the Area's services to the Direct Service Tribes
 - ❖ One-On-One Meeting – Action Plans Developed
- ❖ 13th Annual National Direct Services Tribes Meeting
 - ❖ Rapid City, SD
 - ❖ August 31st – September 1st
 - ❖ Holiday Inn Rapid City-Rushmore Plaza
 - ❖ <https://www.ihhs.gov/dstnm/>
- ❖ 2016 IHS National Behavioral Health Conference
 - ❖ August 9th – 11th
 - ❖ Portland, Oregon
 - ❖ <https://www.ihhs.gov/dbh/2016conference/>



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- ❖ IHS Contract Support Costs Workgroup Meeting
 - ❖ September 15th & 16th
 - ❖ Washington, D.C.
- ❖ IHS Directors Award Ceremony
 - ❖ Rockville, MD
 - ❖ Date to be determined
 - ❖ <https://www.ihhs.gov/inda/>
- ❖ Portland Area Fund Distribution Workgroup Meeting
 - ❖ August 25th
 - ❖ Portland, Oregon




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- ❖ Dear Tribal Leader Letters:
- <https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/triballeaderletters/>
- ❖ Purchasing Health Care Coverage ()
 - ❖ DTL dated July 18, 2016
 - ❖ Written comments by COB August 17th
 - ❖ Draft circular
- ❖ IHS Quality Framework
 - ❖ Improve health outcomes for patients receiving care
 - ❖ Provide a care delivery service all patients trust
 - ❖ Upcoming Tribal consultation
 - ❖ Written comments by COB September




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- ❖ PRC Rates
 - ❖ IHS Press Release New Medicare like rates (effective May 20, 2016)
 - ❖ <https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2016pressreleases/ihs-implements-new-regulation-for-tribes-to-negotiate-medicare-like-rates/>
 - ❖ Dear Tribal Leader letter
 - ❖ Tribes who wish to Opt in contact Denise Imholt at 503-414-5555 or at Denise.imholt@ihs.gov
 - ❖ If you wish to Opt out no action is necessary
 - ❖ Dear Provider Letter (send to all Providers)
- ❖ FY16 CHEF Balance –
 - ❖ \$37,547,141.00 as of 06/01/2016
 - ❖ 15 CHEF cases, all reimbursed at 100%
 - ❖ Total YTD \$288,954.00



To Improve the Quality of and Access to Care



- ❖ Purchase & Referred Care (PRC) Pool
 - ❖ Started in 2001
 - ❖ 8 Tribes participate
 - ❖ No claims or distributions in FY14 or FY15
 - ❖ Contact with Tribes will occur
- ❖ FY18 IHS Budget Formulation (Area Meeting)
 - ❖ Date – TBD
 - ❖ Location – TBD
 - ❖ Andy Joseph and Steve Kutz – Tribal Reps to National Mtg
 - ❖ CAPT Ann Arnett, Executive Officer – Area Rep



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❖ **New Staff:**

- ❖ Dr. Cheryl Sixkiller, DDS – Area Dental Consultant
 - ❖ Cheryl.sixkiller@ihs.gov
 - ❖ 503-414-5555
- ❖ Ms. Kristi Woodard, LICSW – Area Behavioral Health Consultant
 - ❖ Kristi.Woodard@ihs.gov
 - ❖ 503-414-5555

❖ **Current Vacancies:**



- ❖ Chief Contracting Officer
- ❖ Area Diabetes Consultant – Applicants being reviewed
- ❖ ISDEAA Specialist

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❖ **Request for Public Comment - Federal Register**

- ❖ Proposed Information Collection – Environmental Health Assessment of Tribal Child Care Centers
- ❖ ~40 Daycare and Head Start Centers
- ❖ Includes Routine Assessment of Environment as Conducted Annually by EHS, and Environmental Sampling for Lead, PCBs, Environmental Allergens, and Pesticides
- ❖ Follow-up Activities will include Outreach, Training and Technical Assistance
- ❖ <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/07/25/2016-17494/request-for-public-comment-60-day-proposed-information-collection-environmental-health-assessment-of>

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❖ **Implementing Section 1632 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act – Sanitation Deficiencies**



- ❖ The sanitation deficiencies review has been completed and has been reported to Congress as required.
- ❖ The initial 2017 list includes 91 projects with \$65 million of need.
- ❖ In recent years, Portland Area has been able to reach about \$1.8 million with IHS and EPA Set-Aside Funding.




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❖ **Federal Healthcare Facility Modernization**



- ❖ Wellpoint Service Unit
 - ❖ Improvements to Front Entry, Patient Registration, Primary Care, IT System, and HVAC System.
 - ❖ Scheduled Construction Contract Award – October 2016
 - ❖ 6 – Month Construction Performance Period
 - ❖ \$500,000 Investment
- ❖ Yakama Service Unit
 - ❖ Renovating Former Physical Therapy to Six New Primary Care Exam Rooms with IPC Medical Teaming Area.
 - ❖ Scheduled A/E Design Contract Award – August 2016. Construction to Occur in FY 2017.
 - ❖ \$300,000 Investment
- ❖ Warm Springs Service Unit
 - ❖ IHS and Tribe Collaborating to Develop Health Facilities Master Plan, Goal to Complete in FY 2017.
 - ❖ Master Plan will Guide and Prioritize Major Facility Improvements.

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❖ **Facility Condition Assessment Program**

- ❖ DHFE Provides this Service to Tribal Health Facility Programs with Retained Shares At Least Every 5-years.
- ❖ The Summary Report Provides Overall Facility Condition and is Useful for Prioritizing and Planning Facility Improvement Projects to Assure Reliable Facility Operation and a Quality Environment of Care.
- ❖ FY 2016 Progress - Conducted Visits to 13 Tribal Health Programs with Plans to Complete Three More by the End of FY.

Questions or Comments

Our Mission... to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

Our Goal... to assure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Our Foundation... to uphold the Federal Government's obligation to promote healthy American Indian and Alaska Native people, communities, and cultures and to honor and protect the inherent sovereign rights of Tribes.
