



Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to you to invite your input for the *HHS Strategic Plan FY 2018 – 2022*.

Every four years, HHS updates its Strategic Plan, which describes its work to address complex and ever-evolving health, public health, research, and human service issues, as well as strategic priorities for our Secretary, Thomas E. Price, M.D. The draft *HHS Strategic Plan FY 2018 – 2022* is available for public comment now, as required by the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-352), to enable stakeholders to provide input.

HHS values its relationship with Indian Tribes, and your input is important to us as we look to the future of the Department's work. I invite you to provide us with your comments by October 27, 2017. The draft Strategic Plan is available in a downloadable format through the HHS Web site and can be viewed online at: <https://www.hhs.gov/draft-strategic-plan>. If you do not have Internet access, a hard copy can be requested from Sarah Potter at (202) 260-6518.

We welcome your thoughts on the draft Strategic Plan; you may find the material under the following Strategic Goals and Objectives of particular interest.

Goal 2: Protect the Health of Americans Where They Live, Learn, Work, and Play:

- Objective 2.1: Empower people to make informed choices for healthier living
- Objective 2.3: Reduce the impact of mental and substance use disorders through prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support
- Objective 2.4: Prepare for and respond to public health emergencies

Goal 3: Strengthen the Economic and Social Well-Being of Americans across the Lifespan:

- Objective 3.2: Safeguard the public against preventable injuries and violence

HHS is hosting two conference calls for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations during the review period. Each of these calls will provide an overview of the plan and offer the opportunity for participants to share their preliminary thoughts and to ask questions.

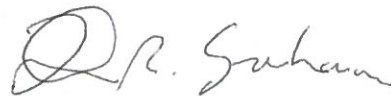
The calls will be held on October 16 and October 19, from 3pm to 4pm (Eastern time). The toll-free phone number for both calls is 1-866-738-2875. When prompted, enter passcode 5626986.

Comments can be submitted in several ways, by October 27, 2017:

Online: <https://www.hhs.gov/draft-strategic-plan>  
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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation  
Strategic Planning Team  
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Washington, DC 20201

Thank you for allowing me to share this information with you. I look forward to your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.R. Graham", written in a cursive style.

John R. Graham  
Acting Assistant Secretary for  
Planning and Evaluation