

Indian Health Service Portland Area Director's Update

Dean M Seyler - Area Director
July 16, 2019
Thunder Valley Casino Resort
NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting



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Portland Area P.L. 93-638 ISDEAA Orientaion

- ❖ July 23 – 24
- ❖ 8:00AM to 4:30PM
- ❖ Embassy Suites by Portland Airport
- ❖ Questions? Call Rena Macy (503) 414-7792 or e-mail at rena.macy@ihs.gov



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❖ Area Staff Changes

- ❖ CAPT Thomas Weiser, MD – Acting CMO
- ❖ CAPT Marcus Martinez, Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering
- ❖ Ashley Tuomi – Director, Office of Clinical Support
- ❖ CDR Roney Won – Acting Area Diabetes Consultant
- ❖ Currently Advertising for:
 - ❖ Area Chief Medical Officer
 - ❖ CEOs at Wellpinit and Warm Springs Service Units
 - ❖ Clinical Directors at Ft. Hall and Warm Springs Service Units
 - ❖ Area Diabetes Consultant



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Tribal Leader Letters

- ❖ July 5, 2019 – Tribal Leaders invited to provide updates to Facilities Master Plan
- ❖ July 3, 2019 – New appointments and updates to the IHS senior leadership team.
- ❖ June 21, 2019 – Consultation and Confer session on the Opioid Grant Program
- ❖ June 7, 2019 – Deadline extended on CHAP comment period
- ❖ May 24, 2019 – Update on IHS Sanitation Deficiency System
- ❖ May 15, 2019 – PRC Tribal Consultation results
- ❖ May 8, 2019 – Initiate Tribal Consultation on draft CHAP Policy
- ❖ April 23, 2019 – FY19 Small Ambulatory Program

❖ www.ihs.gov/newsroom/triballeaderletter/



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Portland Area IHS FY 2022 Budget Formulation Meeting

- ❖ Thursday, November 14, 2019
- ❖ Embassy Suites Portland Airport
- ❖ **Tribal Representatives for Portland**
 - ❖ Andrew Joseph, The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
 - ❖ Steve Kutz, Cowitz Indian Tribe
- ❖ **Technical Support Team**
 - ❖ CAPT Arnett, PAIHS, Executive Officer
 - ❖ Nichole Swanberg, PAIHS, Director, Division of Financial Management
 - ❖ Joe Finkbonner, NPAIHB, Executive Director
 - ❖ Laura Platero, NPAIHB, Policy Analyst



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FY18 Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund

❖ Status as of June 25, 2019

- ❖ 79 total cases
- ❖ 53 amendments
- ❖ \$3,277,045.00 in reimbursements
- ❖ \$66,291.49 pending reimbursements
- ❖ 98% Reimbursed
- ❖ FY18 CHEF Balance: \$ 582,067.00



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FY19 Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund

❖ Status as of June 25, 2019

- ❖ 21 total cases
- ❖ 2 amendments
- ❖ \$547,964.00 in reimbursements
- ❖ \$35,765.82 pending reimbursement
- ❖ 93% reimbursed to date



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CHEF Online Tool

- ❖ Fully automated paperless process for identifying, documenting and submitting CHEF cases for reimbursement.
- ❖ Implemented for Federal PRC Programs on May 1, 2019
- ❖ Tribal programs have the option to opt-in/opt-out
- ❖ Area Office is currently onboarding interested Tribal sites. If your site is interested, please contact:
 - ❖ Peggy Ollgaard, Director, Division of Business Operations
 - ❖ (503) 414-5598
 - ❖ Peggy.Ollgaard@ihs.gov



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Office of Environmental Health & Engineering (OEH&E) Staffing Highlights:

- ❖ CAPT Marcus Martinez, P.E., OEH&E Director Effective August 1.
- ❖ Jeffrey Esteban is an Environmental Engineer for the Olympic District Office, Effective June 23.
- ❖ Samantha Handrock Transferred to Yakama Field Office June 9. She is the New Environmental Engineer.
- ❖ Scotty Riddle is the New Project Accountant for OEHE, Effective April 14.



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Transitions in Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC):

CAPT Mathew J. Martinson, SFC Director transferred to EPA

- ❖ Served as the Director, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction for Over 6½ Years.
- ❖ As of July 1, Branch Chief at EPA Region 10 in Seattle, Overseeing Drinking Water, Infrastructure and Clean Water Act Permitting.

CDR Craig Haugland, P.E., will Serve as Acting Director Until the Position is Filled on a Permanent Basis.

- ❖ Project Engineer from the Port Angeles Field Office.
- ❖ 30-years Engineering and Project Management Experience



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Office of Environmental Health & Engineering (OEHE&E) Staffing Highlights (continued):

- ❖ **Acting Division Director for Sanitation Facilities Construction**
❖ CDR Craig Haugland, P.E., Acting Director, craig.haugland@ihs.gov
- ❖ **Spokane District and Fort Hall Field Office (Eastern Washington, Idaho)**
❖ CDR Steve Sauer, P.E., BCEE, District Engineer, steve.sauer@ihs.gov
- ❖ **Olympic District (Washington, West of the Cascade Mountains)**
❖ CDR Roger Hargrove, P.E., District Engineer, roger.hargrove@ihs.gov
- ❖ **Oregon District (Oregon Tribes + Yakama Field Office)**
❖ LT Derek Hancey, P.E., Supervisory Environmental Engineer, derek.hancey@ihs.gov
- ❖ **District Utility Consultant (Area-wide coverage)**
❖ CDR Ben Chadwick, P.E., District Engineer (Utility Consulting) - Arrives July 22nd



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- **FY 19 Facilities Appropriation Update**
 - ❖ Backlog of Essential Maintenance, Alteration, and Repair (BEMAR)
 - ❖ \$1.7M is Reserved for Tribal Facilities
 - ❖ Only Previously Reported Facility Deficiencies Are Eligible
 - ❖ DHFE Sent Request for Additional Info to THD's on Tribal Priorities, Due June 28th
 - ❖ PAFAC Assist with Prioritization, Final Fund Allocation by End of the FY
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 - ❖ Small Ambulatory Program (SAP)
 - ❖ Applications Were Due June 28th
 - ❖ \$2.0M Max Award
 - ❖ Timeline for Award Determination not Yet Established, Applicants will be Notified
 - ❖ Joint Venture Construction Program
 - ❖ New Announcement Under Consideration in Near Future, Nothing Official
 - ❖ If Interested, Focus on Getting Projects "Shovel Ready" (Site, Funding, Preliminary Design)



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CMO Updates:

- ❖ Recent Special General Memos
 - ❖ [SGM 19-01](#) Assuring Access to Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
 - ❖ [SGM 19-02](#) Hepatitis C Universal Screening and Treatment
- ❖ Other
 - ❖ [Circular 19-03](#) Wait Times for Primary Care Visits in IHS Direct Care Facilities



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Medical Epidemiologist Updates

- ❖ Immunizations
 - ❖ State-led Tribal Immunization Summits
 - ❖ Updates to RPMS
- ❖ Measles
 - ❖ Highest number of cases in 1 year since measles declared eliminated in the US in 2000
 - ❖ Recent outbreaks in WA, OR and 1st cases in ID in 20 yrs
 - ❖ No Tribal communities or facilities involved so far



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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.

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