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# NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Update

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# Information for Today's Call

## Agenda

- ▶ Welcome & Introduction:  
Chairman Lewis
- ▶ NPAIHB Situation Report
- ▶ Indian Health Service Update:  
Dean Seyler
- ▶ Leg and Funding Update
  - ▶ Veronica
- ▶ State Partner Updates
  - ▶ AIHC/HCA - Lou, Tamara, Jessie
  - ▶ Idaho - Joyce
  - ▶ Oregon - Julie, Danna
- ▶ Media Team Update - Stephanie
- ▶ Questions/Comments

## Guidelines

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# NPAIHB Situation Report: Update, 9/8/20

- ▶ Ongoing Technical Assistance and Support
  - ▶ Contact tracing - Shoshone-Bannock
  - ▶ COVID-19 ECHOs
- ▶ Site Visit
  - ▶ Facilities evaluations, reviews of administrative, clinical, and community health protocols and plans - Nez Perce
- ▶ Medical Countermeasure Planning
  - ▶ COVID-19 Vaccine and annual influenza vaccination campaigns
- ▶ Communications and Outreach
  - ▶ Bigfoot Promo Options! Place your choice in chat (include Tribe) or email Sheila Hosner [shosner@cdcfoundation.org](mailto:shosner@cdcfoundation.org)

# Indian Health Service Update

Dean Seyler



# Legislative and Funding Update

Veronica Smith



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# **Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Leg and Policy Update**

September 8, 2020

# Health Resources and Services Administration

## Two Requests for Information

1. Public input on Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) scoring
2. Public input on Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area criteria

Comments are due September 18, 2020

Please contact Veronica Smith at [vsmith-contractor@npaihb.org](mailto:vsmith-contractor@npaihb.org) if you would like to provide feedback on HSPA scoring criteria

# Congress Returns

## September 8, 2020

What we know:

- There are 56 days until the election
- McConnell proposal will be introduced next week
  - Liability protections for businesses and healthcare workers
  - Extension of unemployment insurance
  - Funding for the postal service
  - \$45b for Public Health Emergency Fund (\$500m to IHS as coordinator)
- Short term funding legislation (CR) in September
  - Skinny COVID funding may be attached
  - Health extenders like SDPI may be attached



# NPAIHB Policy Strategy Session

## September 9, 2020 at 3pm

Letter to Congress should be focused in scope:

- Fully fund Indian Health Service
- Target funding
  - Public Health Emergency Fund - Tribal Set-Aside
  - Preventive Health - Public Health Nursing
  - Maintenance and Improvements/Sanitation/Facilities
- Reduce restrictions on current COVID funds
- Invest in tribal public health department staffing and resources
- Improve Loan repayment programs for providers

Next Steps

- SurveyMonkey under review

# Coming Up

- ▶ Leg and Policy Session: September 9 at 3pm
- ▶ STAC Meeting: September 9-10 - Any issues not covered in Region X consultation?
- ▶ Leg and Policy Strategy Session: September 14 at 11 am (2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays)
- ▶ CDC Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program comments (9/14)
- ▶ HRSA RFI comments (9/18)
- ▶ Veteran's Administration comments (9/25)
- ▶ CMS Proposal: Expand Telehealth Benefits Permanently for Medicare (Due 10/5)

# State Partner Updates

AIHC & Washington - Lou, Tamara and Jessie

Idaho - Joyce

Oregon - Julie and Danna

# Social Media Team Update

Stephanie Craig Rushing

Please provide comments to Sheila Hosner [shosner@cdcfoundation.org](mailto:shosner@cdcfoundation.org)





# Polling Question

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