

Indian Health Service

NPAIHB-QBM – ZOOM MEETING

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Office of Clinical Support- Behavioral Health Consultant

- ❖ **Suicide Prevention Training (virtual & in person)**
 - ❖ **Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) . A 90 minute virtual training with co-facilitators.**
 - ❖ **Adult Mental Health First Aid (Adult MHFA) . Blended course of 2.5 hours of pre-work and then 5.5 hours of in-person instruction.**
 - ❖ **Youth Mental Health First Aid (Youth MHFA). Blended course of 2.5 hours of pre-work and then 4.5 hours of in-person instruction.**

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- ❖ **Zero Suicide Initiative (ZSI)**
 - ❖ In FY 2022, IHS anticipates funding a new cohort of Zero Suicide projects through a competitive grant application process.
 - ❖ For more information sign up on the ZSI List Serve and/or contact new ZSI National Program Coordinator, LCDR Monique Richards:
https://www.ihs.gov/listserv/topics/signup/?list_id=345
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Office of Clinical Support- Health Promotion, CHR, Health ED:

- ❖ **Upcoming Activities: Virtual/limited capacity in-person**
 - ❖ **Basic Tobacco Intervention Skills Certification for Native Communities-commercial tobacco cessation intervention training in collaboration with the Cowlitz Tribe of Indians:**
 - ❖ **July 26, 2021 Spokane Tribe of Indians (closed)**
 - **Aug 10-12, 2021 open to all Portland Area I/T/U programs**
 - **Aug 24-26, 2021 SIHB/Urban Indian Health Institute grantees (closed)**
- ❖ **Suicide Prevention training in collaboration with PAO Behavioral Health**
 - ❖ **July 13-15, 2021, Burns Paiute Tribe (closed)**
 - ❖ **July 27-29, 2021 Spokane Tribe of Indians (closed)**
 - ❖ **August 16, 2021 Hoh Tribe (closed)**

- ❖ **Participates in monthly HPDP, CHR and Health ED conference calls**

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Office of Clinical Support- Diabetes Consultant:

- ❖ One time grant supplement application open until August 13, 2021
- ❖ 2022 grant cycle to open late this time around – first part of August is date hopeful to have applications available. Ample time will be given to submit them for review acknowledging the delay.
- ❖ Upcoming trainings:
 - ❖ Wednesday July 21, 2021 Physical Activity: Little Changes for Big Results
 - ❖ Wednesday August 11, 2021 Diabetes Prevention Strategies: Evidence, Experience & Outcomes
- ❖ Area ADC selected to serve on Headquarters Diabetes Audit Committee

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Office of Clinical Support- Area Dental Consultant, Privacy Coordinator

- ❖ CHAP Expansion
 - ❖ In calibration with NPAIHB, reviewed and revised the Dental Health Aides Standards and Procedures to prepare for the Portland Area CHAP Certification Board meeting in August.
- ❖ Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center
 - ❖ 2021 Dental Area Meeting – 8/25/21 (virtual)
 - ❖ Minimally Invasive Dentistry Initiative implementation Fall of 2021
- ❖ Washington Dental Therapy Training Program (Swinomish and Skagit Valley College)
 - ❖ Assist with curriculum development
 - ❖ Assist with preparation for the CODA Mock Survey (7/19-22/21)

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Office of Clinical Support- Vaccine Update

❖ Vaccines Distributed (as of 07-15-21)

- ❖ 97,045

- ❖ Some vaccines also received from outside of IHS jurisdiction

❖ Vaccines Administered (as of 07-15-21)

- ❖ 71,477

- ❖ Vaccines not accounted for include wastage, and vaccines transferred outside of IHS jurisdiction

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Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction

- ❖ The Portland Area DSFC is expecting an additional \$8M in funding for projects this year through the American Rescue Plan Act.
- ❖ This would raise the total FY21 IHS appropriation for DSFC projects to 19M. The total funding for DSFC projects including all contributions would be over \$29M.
- ❖ Field staff will be working with Tribal liaisons in the coming months to identify additional projects for funding.
- ❖ Field staff are also supporting active construction and working with Tribes to identify new projects for FY22 funding.

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Office of Tribal and Service Unit Operations

- ❖ **Fiscal Year Negotiations 2022**
 - **Title I – Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) execute by Oct 1, 2021**
 - **Title V – Confirm funding tables with ALN by Oct 1, 2021**

- ❖ **2016 CSC Closeout – All payments or collections need to be completed prior to Sept 30, 2021**

- ❖ **Contract Support Costs FY20 & FY21 – Need information on COVID related expenses to complete reconciliations.**

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- ❖ **The Patient Experience Program was established in June 2018 with the PAIHS Director's intent to ensure patient advocacy on behalf of American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and enhance the quality of health care delivery at all six Federal SU's in the PAIHS.**

- ❖ **The Patient Experience Program ensures:**
 - ❖ Patient concerns are thoroughly reviewed and resolved
 - ❖ Patients have an additional venue to receive support when navigating complex referrals in and out of the IHS system
 - ❖ Quality improvement occurs based on trends in patient feedback
 - ❖ Patients have a variety of access to provide feedback including surveys, committees, and individual meeting opportunities

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- ❖ **The Patient Experience program is operated out of the Portland Area Office under the supervision of the Patient Experience Director and facilitated at the Service Unit level by Patient Advocates. There are currently five (5) Patient Advocates and a Patient Experience Director:**
 - ❖ Kevin Seyler, Patient Experience Director – Portland Area Office
 - ❖ Pam Leslie, Patient Advocate – Yakima Service Unit
 - ❖ Teressa Martinez, Patient Advocate – Wellpinit Service Unit
 - ❖ Shelli Martinez, Patient Advocate – Colville Service Unit
 - ❖ Shawnetta Yahtin, Patient Advocate – Warm Springs Service Unit
 - ❖ Casey Cavanaugh, Patient Advocate – Western Oregon Service Unit

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Finance

American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 Title XIS

- ❖ \$1.8 billion of the approximately \$6.1 billion appropriated to the IHS for various activities in the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, 135 Stat. 4 (Mar. 11, 2021) (ARPA)
- ❖ Purpose of Funds: Necessary expenses to establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, other public health workforce related activities, and for the purposes described in section 11001(a)(1)(E) and (F).
- ❖ Available until expended.
- ❖ Reference DTLL dated June 22, 2021

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FY20 Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF)

Status as of July 16, 2021

71 Total Cases

46 Total Amendments

\$2,738,916.00 Reimbursed

\$89,511.39 Pending Reimbursements

96% Total Reimbursed

FY20 CHEF Balance: \$1,900,000

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FY21 Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF)

Status as of July 16, 2021

31 Total Cases

17 Total Amendments

\$1,356,002.00 Reimbursed

\$244,744.88 Pending Reimbursements

84% Total Reimbursed

FY21 CHEF Balance: \$48,000,000

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Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF) Online Tool Authorization to Operate (ATO)

The IHS Chief Information Officer has approved the Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF) Online Tool Authorization to Operate (ATO). This means that we can now roll-out the use of the CHEF Online Tool IHS-wide

The Portland Area PRCO will schedule four-hour training sessions on using the online tool.

We will notify all sites of the training dates. Please contact Peggy Ollgaard

At Peggy.Ollgaard@ihs.gov or Salena Massey at Salen.Massey@ihs.gov

For additional information.

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Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction

❖ Positions Filled

- Construction Inspector, Spokane District Office: Jay Brown
- Environmental Engineer, Port Angeles Field Office (starting Aug 1): Brandon Ellerman

❖ Positions Pending

- Sr. Environmental Engineers (6): 1 each at each office
- Project Management Specialists (3) – Bremerton, Spokane, Portland
- Environmental Engineers (2) – Bremerton, Spokane
- Administrative Support Clerk – Bremerton

❖ Positions Vacant

- (Coming soon): District Engineer – Spokane
- Engineering Technicians (2) – Spokane, Portland

- ❖ Contact: Alex Dailey, Portland Area DSFC Director, 503-414-7780 alexander.dailey@ihs.gov

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Division of Environmental Health Services

- ❖ CDR Christopher Fish MPH, CIH, REHS, Director, DEHS. Area Emergency Management Point of Contact, Area Infection Control Officer, Area Safety Officer. Contact: 503-414-7779
- ❖ LT Joshua Liles, REHS, Senior Environmental Health Specialist at the Yakama Field Office –direct EH services to Kalispel, Klamath, Puyallup, Shoshone-Bannock, Stillaguamish, and Yakama. Contact: 509-865-1776.
- ❖ DEHS Intern Alex Sjoboen, University of Washington started on 7/11
- ❖ Childhood Facility Pesticide Program in partnership with EPA extended and will be ending at end of fiscal year 2021.

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Division of Environmental Health Services

- ❖ 149 environmental health and safety inspections were conducted for tribes.
 - Yakama: 6 inspections.
 - Worked with Yakama Nation to assess COVID-19 protective measures at 95 Tribally-operated facilities, provided summary report
 - Stillaguamish: 12 inspections
 - Shoshone-Bannock: 14 inspections
 - Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (buy-back): 10 inspections
 - Federal Facility: 12 inspections

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Division of Health Facilities Engineering

- ❖ American Recovery Protection Act
 - Allocated a Portion of ARPA Funds for Facilities
 - Portland Area Allocations (Rounded) –
 - Maintenance and Improvement - \$23,400,000
 - Medical Equipment - \$1,600,000
 - Individual Distribution Amounts are Being Determined

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Division of Health Facilities Engineering

- ❖ Small Ambulatory Program (SAP)
 - ❖ Congratulations to Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
 - ❖ Grand Opening for New Health Center Planned in August
 - ❖ Funding Package Included \$2.0M of SAP Funds (2017)
 - ❖ New SAP Funding Opportunity Expected in FY22
 - ❖ More Information: <https://www.ihs.gov/dfpc/programs/>



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CMO Updates

- ❖ **Former Rear Admiral Michael Toedt, CMO IHS retired July 1, 2021**
- ❖ **Rear Admiral Gregory Woitte, Acting CMO IHS**
- ❖ **Portland Area Clinical Director's meeting was held June 25, 2021**
- ❖ **"We Can Do This" HHS initiative to increase COVID-19 vaccine confidence and encourage vaccination initiated April 2021**
- ❖ **Practice Guidelines for the Administration of Buprenorphine for treating Opioid Use Disorder**
 - ❖ **Exemption from federal certification requirements to increase access to care**
- ❖ **Other: Region 10 Virtual Opioid Summit August 3-5, 2021**

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Epidemiology Updates

- ❖ IHS National Pediatric Immunization Improvement Project
 - ❖ ***Safeguard our Future: Protect Tomorrow, Vaccinate Today!***
 - ❖ Monthly Webinars, twice weekly town hall presentations, monthly blog posts, provider/caregiver toolkit
 - ❖ Quality Improvement Component: contact CAPT Weiser or Ashley Tuomi to learn more
- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccines
 - ❖ Important to reassure patients regarding vaccine effectiveness and safety concerns
 - ❖ Vaccinations for children: Ages 12-18 Pfizer only. Additional vaccines (Moderna, Janssen) will be considered in the coming weeks; younger ages may be recommended in the coming months.
- ❖ COVID-19 Infections
 - ❖ Greatest risk is among those yet to be vaccinated; delta variant is rapidly increasing

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Epidemiology Updates

- ❖ New CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer coming to Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center
- ❖ Ethan Bornstein, MD will be starting with us in August. He was most recently serving as an IHS Physician on the Navajo Nation at Chinle Service Unit.
- ❖ He will be our 4th EIS Officer trained at the NWTEC, supervised by CAPT Weiser, Dr. Victoria Warren-Mears and Dr. Tom Becker
- ❖ He will be assisting with outbreak investigations, data analysis and clinical case consultation on Indian Country ECHO among other activities
- ❖ And he is a proud new dad!



