



NATIONAL ♦ INDIAN ♦ HEALTH ♦ BOARD

1st Annual National Tribal Health Appropriation Summit

March 6, 2008

Washington, D.C.

Location:

Hyatt Regency Washington
Room: Congressional A
400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Program Agenda:

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| 8:00 AM | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30 – 8:40 AM | Blessing and National Anthem
Robert Moore, Tribal Council Representative
Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Mission, SD |
| 8:40 – 9:00 AM | Welcome, Introductions, Overview of the Summit
H. Sally Smith, Chairman
National Indian Health Board (NIHB) |
| 9:00 – 9:10 AM | Discussion of Facilitator Role
Dom Ruscio, Government Affairs Representative
Cavarocchi-Ruscio-Dennis Associates, LLC, Washington, DC |
| 9:10 – 9:40 | Congressional Budget Process
Dom Ruscio, Government Affairs Representative
Cavarocchi-Ruscio-Dennis Associates, LLC, Washington, DC |
| 9:40 – 10:00 AM | Role of the Authorizing Committee
U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Vice-Chairman
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Introduced by H. Sally Smith, Chairman
NIHB |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM | The First Step: Preparing the President's/Administration's Budget
How the Budget is Prepared: Trends Over Time
Rosetta Tracy, Appropriations Liaison Coordinator
Indian Health Service (IHS), Rockville, MD |
| 10:30 - 11:00 AM | Case Study: Impact of Administration Budget Proposal on the Urban Indian Health Programs
Geoff Roth, Executive Director,
National Council of Urban Indian Health, Washington, DC

Gregg Smith, Counsel
National Council of Urban Indian Health, Washington, DC |

11:00 – 11:15 AM Break

11:15 – 11:45 AM Panel: Contract Support Costs (CSC)

Lloyd Miller, Esq.

Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP, Anchorage, AK

Ron Demaray, Associate Director of Self-Determination Services,
Indian Health Service, Rockville, MD

11:45 – 12:15 PM Panel: Contract Health Services

Garfield Littlelight, Associate Area Director

Indian Health Service, Billings Area Office, Billings, MT

Robert Moore, Tribal Council Representative

Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Mission, SD

12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch

12:45 PM

Luncheon/Keynote Speaker:

U.S. Representative Norman Dicks (D-WA-6), Chair

House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment and
Related Agencies

- Role of the Appropriations Committee

1:30 – 2:30 PM Panel: How Authorizing Committees Do Their Work

Moderator:

Dom Ruscio, Government Affairs Representative

Cavarocchi-Ruscio-Dennis Associates, LLC, Washington, DC

Panel:

Cindy Darcy, Majority Deputy Staff Director (Invited)

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Washington, DC

Rhonda Harjo, Minority Deputy Chief Counsel (Invited)

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Washington, DC

Marie Howard, Staff Director of the Office of Indian Affairs (Invited)

House Committee on Natural Resources, Washington, DC

Janet Erickson, Counsel to Office of Indian Affairs

House Committee on Natural Resources, Washington, DC

2:30 – 3:00 PM Panel: Facilities Construction

Priority System for Construction

What Appropriations Look Like Over Time

James Crouch, Executive Director

California Rural Indian Health Board, Sacramento, CA

Randall Simmons, JD., Government & Legislative Affairs Associate

Navajo Nation, Washington, DC

Gary Hartz, Director

Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Rockville, MD

**3:00 – 4:00 PM Setting the Path for American Indian/Alaska Native Health
Care Appropriations: Tribal Political Appropriations Strategy**

Dom Ruscio, Government Affairs Representative,
Cavarocchi-Ruscio-Dennis Associates, LLC, Washington, DC

- What is the Agenda? Top 3 Priorities
- Agreeing to pursue a national Tribal message and stick to it
- Telling your story: Local knowledge applied to a national theme

4:00 – 4:45 PM

House Appropriations and the Indian Health Service Account

Mike Stevens, Subcommittee Clerk for Majority Staff

House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment and
Related Agencies, Washington, DC

- What is the Appropriations Subcommittee's budget for its whole portfolio?
- What other accounts does Indian Health compete with?
- How can Indian Country gain significant increases in its health care appropriations?
- "Pay go" and what it means for us.

4:30 – 5:00 PM

Appropriations Tool Kit for Tribal Leaders

Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director

National Indian Health Board

4:45 – 5:15 PM

Closing Comments, Questions, Next Steps

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Closing Prayer