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Welcome to the 7th Annual
Direct Service Tribes National Meeting!

On behalf of the Direct Service Tribes (DST) Advisory Committee, thank you for joining us for a week filled with information on today's top policies, inspiration to improve your health and the wellness of your community, and innovations to improve the delivery system at your local facility.

Our theme for this meeting is "Direct Service Tribes 2010: A New Era in Health Care." This theme signifies the DST Advisory Committee’s expectations for an improved Indian health care system that will lead to improved health and wellness for all DST. Our daily themes focus on the top issues of policy, wellness and local services.

As we meet during this historic year for healthcare, the DST Advisory Committee would like to ensure that all of our stakeholders are aware of what the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) means for us. We look forward to our keynote address from Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H., who leads the Indian Health Service (IHS) in implementing many of the provisions contained in the IHCIA Reauthorization and Extension Act of 2009.

This year we are also pleased to present one full day focused on personal health and community wellness. The DST Advisory Committee has developed a program demonstrating ways to incorporate movement into our daily activities while providing sessions on Diabetes, Behavioral Health, Community Health, Health Promotion / Disease Prevention, Pain Management and more.

Our final day begins with a keynote presentation from Dr. Everett R. Rhoades and Milburn H. Roach who educate and motivate us to improve the health care delivery system around us. Following their address, we focus on innovations in Contract Health Services, Meaningful Use, and the IHS partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We conclude our meeting with the DST Advisory Committee Recognition and Appreciation Awards presented during the DST luncheon.

In closing I would like to thank the DST Advisory Committee, Billings Area IHS and the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council for their commitment in planning and organizing this successful event. I also thank you for your support and I hope you enjoy all that our meeting and the Billings Area has to offer!

Sincerely,

George E. Howell, Chairman
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
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## Direct Service Tribes National Meeting
Billings, MT  
August 24-26, 2010

### Direct Service Tribes 2010: A New Era for Health Care

#### Tuesday, August 24 – “A New Era for Policy”

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4:45  Q/A

5:00  Adjourn for the Day

Wednesday, August 25 – “A New Era for Wellness”

8:00 am  Call to Order, Opening Prayer and Announcements
          Billings Area Tribal Leader Welcome

9:00  Health and Wellness for Indian Country  Susan V. Karol, MD
          IHS Chief Medical Officer

9:45  Inter-Tribal Wellness Center  Myron Little Bird, Director, Inter-Tribal Wellness Center

10:15  Health and Wellness Activity  Clayton Small, PhD
          Chief Executive Officer, Native PRIDE

10:45  Break

11:00  Special Diabetes Program for Indians  Tammy L. Brown, MPH, RD, BC-ADM, CDE
          Nutrition Consultant, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, IHS

11:15  Tribal Wellness Program with a Focus on Diabetes  Eastern Shoshone Tribal Health Department

11:45  Breakout Information

12:00 pm  Lunch (on your own)

1:30 pm  Break Out Sessions 1

Health Promotion / Disease Prevention and Childhood Obesity
• Marlene Saraficio, Tohono O’odam Nation, Taking Ownership to Wellness Coalition
• Monica Lopez, Tohono O’odam Nation, Taking Ownership to Wellness Coalition
• Joe W. Law, Health Promotion Coordinator, Portland Area IHS

Improving Patient Care
• Lyle Ignace, MD, MPH, Acting National Improvement Advisor, IPC
• Juan L. Lopez, RN, MSN, San Simone Health Facility, Tucson Area IHS
• Laura Herbison, Director of Nursing, Northern Cheyenne Service Unit

Behavioral Health and the Methamphetamine, Suicide Prevention Initiative
• CAPT Jon T. Perez, PhD, National Behavioral Health Consultant, IHS
• Don Wetzel, Jr., Director, Planting Seeds of Hope Program

Community Health
• Director, Community Health Representative Program, Blackfeet Nation
• Karen Sandoval, HP/DP Program Specialist, Shiprock Health Promotion Northern Navajo Medical Center
3:00  Break

3:15  Break Out Sessions II
Health Promotion / Disease Prevention and Childhood Obesity (repeat)
• Marlene Saraficio, Tohono O'odam Nation, Taking Ownership to Wellness Coalition
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Pain Management
• Leroy A. Clark, MD, Clinical Director, Rapid City Indian Hospital
• Neil Irick, MD, Pain Committee, Phoenix Indian Medical Center

Traditional Medicine within IHS
• Phil Smith, Director, Division of Planning, Evaluation and Research, IHS
• Ernest Harry Begay, Traditional Health, Navajo Nation
• Wilson Wewa, Traditional Healer, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
• Leland E. Spotted Bird, Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux Tribes

5:00  Adjourn

TBD  Evening Cultural Activity

Thursday, August 26 – “A New Era for Local Services”

8:00 am  Call to Order, Opening Prayer and Announcements
Billings Area Tribal Leader Welcome

8:45  Keynote Address

DSTAC Chairman-Elect

9:45  Break Out Sessions III

Contract Health Services: Educating Providers on Capturing Unmet Needs, Payor of Last Resort and Vendor Education
• Brenda Jeanotte-Smith, Director, Contract Care Services, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, IHS
• Terri S. Schmidt, RN, Director, Contract Health Service, Oklahoma City Area IHS
• Travis L. Scott, RD, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, Pawnee Service Unit, Oklahoma City Area IHS

Meaningful Use, Electronic Health Records and Telemedicine
• Mark Carroll, Director, Telehealth Program, IHS
• Stephanie Klepacki, Information Technology Specialist, Office of Information Technology, IHS
Indian Health Service – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Partnership to Enhance Third Party Collections
- Lindsey Cometa, Tribal Affairs Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Cynthia Gillaspie, Lead Native American Contact, Consortium for Medicaid & Children’s Health, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Carl L. Harper, Director, Office of Resource, Access and Partnerships, IHS
- Garfield Littlelight, Assistant Area Director, Office of Administrative Support, Billings Area IHS

IHCIA at the Local Level

10:45  Break
11:00  Break Out Sessions IV

Contract Health Services: Educating Providers on Capturing Unmet Needs, Payor of Last Resort and Vendor Education (repeat)
- Brenda Jeanotte-Smith, Director, Contract Care Services, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, IHS
- Terri S. Schmidt, RN, Director, Contract Health Service, Oklahoma City Area IHS
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- Cynthia Larsen, Program Analyst, Office of Resource, Access and Partnerships, IHS

Personal and Quality Service Excellence
- Garland Stiffarm, Billings Area IHS
- Gary Wabaunsee, Chief Executive Officer, Red Lake Service Unit, Bemidji Area IHS

12:00 pm  Hotel Check out

12:30  DSTAC Recognition and Appreciation Awards Luncheon

2:00  Closing Remarks – IHS  Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH, Director Indian Health Service

Closing Remarks  George E. Howell
Chairman, DSTAC

Closing Ceremonies
Drum, Honor Guard,
Retiring of Colors, Prayer

3:00  Adjourn
Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H.
Director
Indian Health Service

Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H., a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, South Dakota, is the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS). Dr. Roubideaux was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as IHS Director on May 6, 2009, and she was sworn in on May 12, 2009. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As the IHS Director, Dr. Roubideaux administers a $4 billion nationwide health care delivery program composed of 12 administrative Area (regional) Offices. The IHS is responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community health care to approximately 1.9 million of the nation’s 3.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in hospitals, clinics, and other settings throughout the United States.

Dr. Roubideaux previously worked for IHS for three years as a clinical director and medical officer at the San Carlos Service Unit on the San Carlos Apache Indian reservation in Arizona, and she worked for one year as a medical officer at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Indian Hospital on the Gila River Indian reservation in Arizona.

Dr. Roubideaux recently served as assistant professor of family and community medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Dr. Roubideaux has conducted extensive research on American Indian health issues, with a focus on diabetes in American Indians/Alaska Natives and American Indian health policy. Dr. Roubideaux served as the co-director of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians Demonstration Projects, in which 66 American Indian and Alaska Native communities are implementing diabetes prevention and cardiovascular disease prevention initiatives. She also served as director of two University of Arizona programs designed to recruit American Indian and Alaska Native students into health and research professions.

Dr. Roubideaux received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1989 and completed a residency program in primary care internal medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston in 1992. She completed her Master of Public Health degree at the Harvard School of Public Health in 1997. She also completed the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy before transitioning to a career in academic medicine and public health.

She is a past president of the Association of American Indian Physicians and co-editor of the American Public Health Association’s book “Promises to Keep: Public Health Policy for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the 21st Century.” She has authored several monographs and peer-reviewed publications on American Indian/Alaska Native health issues, research, and policy.

Everett Rhoades, M.D., FACP

Dr. Rhoades, a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, received an MD degree from the University of Oklahoma, College of Medicine in 1956. Following postgraduate medical training and a tour in the US Air Force, Dr. Rhoades served as Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Infectious Diseases Section at the OU Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) until 1982 when he was appointed the first American Indian Director of the Indian Health Service. Following his retirement in 1993, he served in several academic positions at the OUHSC and Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Senior Consultant to the Center for American Indian Health Research of the OUHSC. Dr. Rhoades has served in many local, regional and national Indian and scientific organizations. He served on the Kiowa Tribal Business Committee 1967-1970 and 1974-1981. He is President of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma City Urban Indian Clinic and serves as a volunteer consultant to the Southwest Oklahoma Intertribal Health Board.

Dr. Rhoades has published more than 125 scientific papers and chapters dealing with infectious diseases, public health, Indian health and history of medicine. He is the editor of the popular text “American Indian Health—Innovations in Health Care, Promotion and Policy” published by the Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore. He is married to the former Bernadine H. Toyebo. They reside in Oklahoma City.
Milburn H. Roach

Milburn H. Roach currently serves as an advisor to the Southwest Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Health Board, an advisory board to the Lawton Service Unit in Lawton, Oklahoma. Prior to advising the health board, Mr. Roach briefly served as the Tribal Administrator for the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Mr. Roach is retired from the Indian Health Service where he worked for almost 30 years. Mr. Roach began his career with IHS as a budget analyst and achieved greater levels of responsibility first as the Chief of the Budget Formulation and Presentation Section, Chief of the Financial Management Branch and Associate Director for the Office of Administration and Management. Mr. Roach retired as the Executive Assistant to the Director, IHS, serving as the senior advisor to the Director addressing management activities within the IHS and continuing to advise the Director on budgetary matters involving Tribal governments, the US Congress and the Executive Branch of government.

Mr. Roach is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He attended Cameron State Junior College and graduated from the Accounting School at Oklahoma State University School of Technical Training. His management training includes Harvard University and the Federal Executive Institute.

Ernest Harry Begay

Ernest Harry Begay (Ern) is a fifth generation descendant of a Mescalero Apache girl who was taken by the Navajos at Fort Sumner, New Mexico and taken to the Navajo Reservation in the fall of 1868. That makes Ern a Navajo/Apache. He was raised in a traditional Navajo Hogan fifty miles southeast of the popular Monument Valley at a place called Rock Point, Arizona. He was taught at Nataani Tsoh Academy of Traditional Education (NTATE). The traditional teaching of Child Development and other Oral Traditions he shares with people was learned at NTATE.

For the Philosophy of Western Education he went to an Elementary Boarding School and Public School for Jr. High and High School. He studied Political Science at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. He served in the United States Army National Guard for six years. Ern has taught Elementary for two years and High School for four years. He was the Navajo Oral Traditions Specialist at Rock Point Community High School. He also taught courses for the Dine College in Tsailé, AZ.

In 1980, Ern began to be recognized for his knowledge of Navajo Oral Traditions. He applied this knowledge when he received his first child, Ernnon Quanah and continued with all of his children. He encourages people to utilize these teachings to raise fine disciplined children.

He has presented at many conferences. The National Education Association, the National Indian Education Association, the National Head Start Association, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Association, and the National Judicial College sponsored some of the conferences. It is amazing that information not learned in a Philosophy of Western Education environment can be very valuable in this day and age to all people. Ern learned the sweat lodge ceremonial songs from his father and paternal grandfather. He has practiced this ceremony for 30 years. It includes prayers for different physical and mental ailments affecting patients. Ern is also a diagnosti­cian using a crystal gazing approach to determine the illness or problems of patients. He learned from an uncle and has been practicing this ceremony for 12 years. Ern conducts sacred tobacco ceremonies in a corrective approach for patients for a variety of affects in culturally sensitive issues. He has been practicing this particular ceremony for the past 20 years. The most common tobacco ceremony he conducts is for people affected by domestic violence, abandonment, sexual molestation and sexual abuse victims.

Ern is also a Native American Church Roadman. He has been a lifelong member and has been Roadman since 1978. He has tended to many different serious physical and mental illnesses during his tenure as a Roadman. These illnesses include a variety of cancer, HIV-AIDS, high blood pressure, leukemia and brain tumor.

Currently, Ern is a Traditional Practitioner at the Navajo Regional Behavioral Health Center (NRBHC) in Shiprock, New Mexico. He has been there for the past 6 years. He is the author of the Traditional Healing Component Policies and procedures. He also authored the Traditional Healing Component Curriculum for the Traditional Counseling and Cultural Education.

He conducts all of the ceremonies that he learned to help people with different substance abuse problems, mental health problems and different illness. He provides cultural education, sweat lodge ceremonies, traditional counseling (individual, family, group and marital) and cultural activities throughout the year at the NRBHC and on a consultant basis throughout the United States. Ern is a certified member of the Dine Hataali Association as a Traditional Practitioner / Counselor. The Dine Hataali Association is the Traditional Practitioners Association.

Ern can be contacted at ernbahozhoni@hotmail.com. His contact by phone is at 928-399-9355. His address is Box 356, Rock Point, Arizona 86545.
Alice Benally  
Vice-Chairwoman  
Health and Social Service Committee  
Navajo Nation Council  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Navajo Area  

Alice W. Benally is a member of the Navajo Nation, and is currently serving a second four year term as a Council Delegate representing eastern Navajo Nation (New Mexico). In her leadership role representing the Navajo Nation, she serves as the Health and Social Services Committee Vice Chair. In that capacity, she was selected by the committee to serve as the Alternate Navajo Nation Tribal Advisory representative to the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC), and the National Behavioral Health Tribal Advisory Committee. At the local level, Ms. Benally is an alternate member of the Navajo Area Indian Health Board, and served as chapter Vice President. Ms. Benally is extremely committed to community service, which she fulfills as Navajo Peacemaker for the Crownpoint Judicial District, and serves as advisor to the Eastern Navajo Agency Fair Board. Professionally, Ms. Benally worked for 25 years with the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services as General Assistant Caseworker and Child Protection Service Worker. Family values is a personal strength for Ms. Benally, who has been married to Julian for 30 years, they have two children and one grandchild.

Mike Bongo  
Secretary / Treasurer  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Bemidji Area  

Mike Bongo is currently serving as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. He has served as the primary representative to the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee for the Bemidji Area since 2008.

Rodney M. Bordeaux  
President  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Aberdeen Area  

Mr. Rodney M. Bordeaux is currently serving in his second term as the President of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe overseeing 76 tribal programs with over 700 employees; carrying out resolutions, ordinances and instructions of the Tribal Council; and initiating a program to help elders and a program to preserve the Lakota language and culture.

Previously Mr. Bordeaux served 12 years as a Tribal Council Representative for the Rosebud Community. As a councilman he attended Council, Committee and Community meetings; participated in the decision making process that affected the membership of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe; provided information to his constituents; and served as the catalyst to transmit resolutions and concerns from the community level to the Committees and the Tribal Council.

During this time Mr. Bordeaux served on the Budget and Finance Committee which oversees all budgets of the Tribe; the Governmental Affairs Committee to develop or amend tribal laws as necessary; and the Land and Natural Resources Committee which oversees the use and development of Tribal lands.

Prior to his term as a Tribal Council Representative Mr. Bordeaux served as an Administrator on the local Indian Education Board in Rosebud, South Dakota. In this capacity Mr. Bordeaux provided education assistance to students throughout the Rosebud Sioux reservation.

Mr. Bordeaux earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and his Master’s Degree in Tribal Administration and Leadership from Oglala Lakota College in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Mr. Bordeaux also received an award from the Sicangu Council of Elders recognizing his work with elders.
Tammy L Brown, MPH, RD, BC-ADM, CDE
CAPTAIN, U.S.P.H.S
Nutrition Consultant
IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention

Tammy Brown has 30 years work experience as a Registered Dietitian and 19 years specializing in diabetes prevention, management and education. CAPT Brown joined the Indian Health Service in 1991 and has been with the IHS Division of Diabetes in Albuquerque since 2001. In her positions with the IHS diabetes programs (1991 to the present), she has presented to patients, families and communities, lay health workers, and professionals on a variety of topics related to diabetes management and nutrition and as the Nutrition Consultant for the IHS Division of Diabetes she has had the opportunity to design approaches, develop policies and collaborate with a variety I/T/U health care professionals and Indian organizations to address diabetes prevention, treatment, care and education with particular attention to nutrition. In addition, CAPT Brown represents the Division of Diabetes at meetings with other DHHS agencies, private organizations and tribal entities.

Amy Cesspooch
Council Member
Ute Indian Tribe
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative
Phoenix Area

Amy Cesspooch is a Ute Tribal member from the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation located in Ft. Duchesne, Utah. She is currently serving her first year with the Direct Service Tribes tions and tribal entities. Advisory Committee representing the Phoenix Area. She has been employed through the SDPI grant as a Fitness/Nutrition Coordinator for approximately 10 years. She is a certified physical fitness trainer for special populations, and also, received certification through Central Arizona College as a Diabetes Educator Assistant.

Ms. Cesspooch also serves on the Ute Indian Tribe Health Board.

Janice Clements
Chair
Health/Welfare Committee
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative
Portland Area

Janice Clements is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Prior to her current position, Ms. Clements began her career in 1960 as a volunteer with the Head Start Program and later became a teacher. Since 1980 she has served on the Warm Springs Health & Welfare Committee and is currently the Chair. Ms. Clements has served on the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board since 1999 and is currently the Treasurer. Ms. Clements is responsible for reviewing grant applications and proposals prior to final tribal council action. Ms. Clements works closely with the tribal council regarding health issues of the Warm Springs tribal members and is responsible for meeting with the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal Health Departments. She participates and makes recommendations in interviews of IHS applicants. She is currently an active member of the National IHS Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee. Ms. Clements speaks on behalf of the Tribe on health issues and is a representative at health related conferences and meetings.

Among other honors, Ms. Clements is a recipient of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Delegate of the Year Award. Following high school, Ms. Clements is self-educated and has excellent on the job training.

Lindsey Cometa

Lindsey Cometa joined the Tribal Affairs Group at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in July 2008. She’s served in a variety of management and consultant positions at CMS in the areas of partnership development, beneficiary customer service, organizational development, training, strategic planning, website management, and recruitment. Before joining CMS, she managed training at the Social Security Administration’s Office of Disability and International Operations. Her responsibilities included managing the Federal benefits training for Consular Officers and Foreign Service National employees at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas.
Brenda Shemayme Edwards  
Chairman  
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Oklahoma City Area  

Brenda Shemayme Edwards is the Chairman of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, with the tribal headquarters located in Binger, Oklahoma. She is completing her first year as Tribal Chairman, and serving her fifth year on the Tribal Council.

Cheryl Frye-Cromwell  
Councilwoman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Nashville Area  

Cheryl is a Tribal Councilwoman for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. As a Tribal Government Representative, Tribal Health Liaison and an active Tribal Education Committee member Cheryl is dedicated and committed to contributing positive and productive energy to her people and their future. Since Mashpee’s Federal Recognition in 2007, Cheryl has been working on behalf of the tribe as a liaison to the Indian Health Service and other federal, state and local agencies to build the capacity and resources for health care services for the tribe. Cheryl works diligently as a team with the Health Director, Health Advisory Committee, Indian Health Service and other federal, state and local agencies. She serves as a member of the USET -United South and Eastern Tribe and NCAI- National Congress of American Indian Organizations. Cheryl is the project manager of a newly funded SAMSHA grant that provides resources for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment for her tribal members and coordinates the Harvard Medical Native American High School Summer program at Harvard Medical School. As a Tribal Education Committee member for the past 10 years, Cheryl worked closely and diligently with the committee in developing the tribe’s first Tribal Education Department. Cheryl collaborates with educational institutions to provide opportunities for higher learning and trainings to promote self-esteem and employment sustainability. Cheryl was recently appointed to the DSTAC to represent the Nashville Area Direct Service tribes and is very instrumental in implementing health care services to her tribal members by opening their first Direct Service Tribes Health Clinic.

Cyndi Gillaspie  

Cyndi Gillaspie is a Technical Advisor to the Medicaid and Children’s Health Consortium of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and the Lead Native American Contact for the Regional Offices. Gillaspie has worked at CMS since 1998 in the Medicaid and CHIP Programs and American Indian/Alaska Native Medicaid and CHIP policy. Prior to working at CMS, Gillaspie was a County Eligibility Worker, County Eligibility Supervisor and Medicaid Eligibility Consultant with the State of Wyoming for eleven years.

Carl L. Harper  

Carl L. Harper, a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, is the Director for the Office of Resource Access and Partnerships for the Indian Health Service (IHS). Mr. Harper began his career with the IHS in 1988 as a management analyst with the IHS Headquarters Office of Administration and Management in Rockville Maryland. Previously, he worked five years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and a number of years in the private sector. As Director of the Office of Resource Access and Partnerships (ORAP), Mr. Harper is responsible for providing direction and leadership in the areas of contract care, business office; third party collections and partnerships with other Agencies and organizations. The ORAP Office was formed in the 2004 IHS reorganization to concentrate on supplementing funds provided by the IHS with other Federal, State and private sector resources and to enhance Federal and tribal access to those resources. The ORAP Office consists of the Division of Contract Care and the Division of Business Office Enhancement and deals with over $1.5 billion in collections and contract care funds. Mr. Harper serves as a senior advisor to the IHS Director and executive staff. He formulates Agency strategies and policies and oversees the many functions of ORAP such as policy/regulation development, legislative review, resources allocation and collections, contract care, management controls and liaison to Tribes and other Federal Agencies and outside organizations.
Franklin B. Heisler  
Former Secretary / Treasurer  
Chippewa White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians  
Former Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Bemidji Area  

Mr. Franklin B. Heisler is the former Secretary/Treasurer for the Chippewa White Earth Tribal Council. He was elected to the office in 2002 and was re-elected in 2006 to another four-year term. Mr. Heisler is responsible for financial affairs, records and integrity of the White Earth Tribal Government to its constituents of approximately 20,000 members. He previously served as the Service Unit Director for the Indian Health Service White Earth Health Center from 1980 to 1998. He retired from the Federal Service in 1998 with 34 years of service.

Mr. Heisler earned an AA Degree from the University of Wisconsin in Stevens Point, Wisconsin in 1979.

George Howell  
President, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma  
Chairman, Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee  

George Howell is the President of the Pawnee Nation Business Council, the governing body of the Pawnee Nation. President Howell has served two terms in office from 2003 to 2005 and from May 2007 until present. His record as a leader and as a President stands on its own merits. Under his leadership, the Business Council spearheaded the initial $100,000 funding of the Pawnee Nation College. As a visionary, he continues to work with the Pawnee Tribal Development Corp. as they move forward to expand gaming and grow economic development for the Pawnee Nation.

Before returning to Pawnee to serve his Nation, President Howell spent twenty five years as a Chief Executive Officer of USPHS- Indian Health Service government hospitals and clinics. His prior experience also includes University Instructor, University of Utah; Nationwide recruiter of American Indians for Utah School of Social Work; American Indian Center Director, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Howell has been honored with industry awards: Managerial Excellence; and CEO of the Year, Aberdeen Area.

President Howell holds a Masters in Social Work, Administration/ Community Planning and has completed additional graduate hours in Hospital Administration at the University of Minnesota. President Howell earned a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science at Westminster College in Utah and also earned a diploma in Accounting from Oklahoma State Technical College. President Howell is a Veteran of the US Air Force where he served after graduating from high school in Clinton, OK.

President Howell’s civic and community involvement includes serving as a lecturer on alcoholism among American Indians; serving as the Oklahoma representative for Indian Health Service Direct Service tribes. In addition, he is requested to serve as Master of Ceremonies for powwows nationwide.

Dr. Neil Irick  

Dr. Irick came to the Indian Health Service from the private practice of pain management in Indiana, where he also served as a hospice medical director, taught palliative medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, was a member of the Indiana Drug Utilization Review Board for 14 years.

His experience has ranged from mission work in Africa, to rural areas in the Midwest and inner city clinics in the United States. He presently serves as the consultant for the Pain Service at Phoenix Indian Medical Center and chairs the Pain Committee there. His interest is the development of pain templates for the HER, assisting with pain prescribing policy for the Indian Health Service, and the improvement of telehealth pain programs to make better pain control available to all we serve.
Brenda Jeanotte-Smith
Director, Contract Health Services
Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, IHS

Brenda Jeanotte-Smith is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians located in Belcourt, North Dakota. She grew up on the reservation and attended both grade school and high school in Belcourt. She moved to California where she worked and studied nursing and received her LVN licenses in 1980. She worked at Long Beach Memorial Hospital and the Veterans Administration Memorial Hospital located in Long Beach. Ms. Jeanotte-Smith then worked at IHS Headquarters in the CHS Branch as Assistant Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Project Officer, before she became the FI Project Officer and then selected as the Director for the contract Health Services.

Andrew Joseph, Jr.
Chairman, Human Services Committee
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Vice-Chairman
Portland Area

Andrew Joseph, Jr. has served on the Colville Business Council for 3 terms. He is a Nespelem District Representative, serves on the Executive Committee, Veterans Committee as 1st Vice, Health & Human Services Committee as 1st Vice, Tribal Government Committee as 1st Vice, Culture Committee as 1st Vice. Andy is also a voting delegate of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the National Congress of American Indians and Chair of the Northwest Portland Indian Health Board. 

Hello, I was born in Portland OR on September 23, 1959. When my parents were relocated during the Relocation Act; I moved home to the Colville Reservation in the spring of 1968. In 1970, my Father ran for Tribal Council - with my Grand Aunt Lucy Covington. Also, in 1970 our Tribe won the battle against Termination of our Reservation.

From 1977-79 I served in the US Army 2nd of the 75th Airborne Ranger Battalion. I have been happily married to Lori Lynn since December 18, 1983 and we have 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

In 1997, I was elected to the Nespelem School Board. In July 2003, I was sworn into my Tribal Council and appointed as Chairman of the HHS Committee and serve as the Tribe’s Delegate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB). In January 2005, I was elected as the Vice Chairman of NPAIHB.

In July 2007, I was elected Vice Chairman of the IHS Direct Services Tribes Advisory Committee. On January 22, 2009 I was appointed the Chairman of NPAIHB.

I come from the blood of many Chiefs and have been mentored by my Father who served on the Tribal Council for 17 years; my mother and her parents, Gorge and Celestine Friedlander. Gorge served on Tribal Council, as well as his sister, Lucy Covington. As a youth I listened to other Tribal leaders; Mel Tonasket and Shirley Palmer. While on the Portland Area Indian Health Board I have been mentored by Pearl Capoceman-Baller, Bob Brisbois, Willy Jones, Linda Holt, Janice Clements and Bernice Mitchell.
Susan V. Karol, M.D., was selected in September 2008 as the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the Indian Health Service (IHS). She is a member of the Tuscarora Indian Nation. Dr. Karol previously served in the IHS from 1988-1990 as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Public Health Service while holding the position of Chief of Surgery and Anesthesia at the Shiprock Indian Hospital, Shiprock, New Mexico.

As the IHS CMO, Dr. Karol provides medical advice and guidance to the Office of the Director and staff on American Indian and Alaska Native health care policies and issues. She serves as the primary liaison and advocate for IHS field clinical programs and community-based health professionals.

Dr. Karol also provides national and international health care leadership and representation for the agency. In addition, she ensures that patient care and medical standards and concerns are represented in the decision-making process of the agency.

Dr. Karol came to the IHS from the Essex Surgical Associates, PC, in Beverly, Massachusetts. She founded Essex Surgical Associates, PC, in 2004. From 1991 to 2003, she worked at Beverly Surgical Associates, Inc. From 1991 to 2008, Dr. Karol also served as the Medical Director of The Hunt Breast Center, Hunt Hospital, Danvers, Massachusetts, and as an active staff member of the Beverly Hospital. From 1996 to 2008, she served as Chief of Surgery at the Beverly Hospital. Her other appointments included serving as an assistant Professor of Surgery at Tufts Medical School; Trustee of the Northeast Health Systems, Inc., Beverly Hospital; and as Assistant Medical Director of Specialty Care of the New England Community Medical Group.

Dr. Karol graduated from Dartmouth College with an A.B. in biology and received her M.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her postdoctoral training included work as a Clinical Fellow in Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital; Chief Resident and General Surgery Residency, University of Massachusetts Medical Center Coordinated Surgical Program; General Surgery Resident, St. Mary’s Hospital and Medical Center; and Categorical Surgical Resident, University of Massachusetts Medical Center Coordinated Surgical Program.

Dr. Karol is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a fellow of the American College of Physician Executives. She also is a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons, Association of American Indian Physicians, Essex Surgical Society, and the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Lt. Governor Jefferson E. Keel

Jefferson E. Keel is the fourth elected lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He is a retired US Army officer with over 20 years active duty service, including two tours of duty as a combat Infantryman in Viet Nam. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for valor, two awards of the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Air Medal and numerous awards for meritorious service. He also served over five years as an instructor in the elite US Army Rangers. After Viet Nam, he returned home to pursue his education. He earned an Associates Degree from Murray State College and entered the ROTC program at East Central University where he earned the George C. Marshall award as the distinguished military graduate. Upon graduation with a Bachelors Degree, he was commissioned a Field Artillery officer and returned to active duty. As an officer, he served as the commander of a large unit, as a nuclear targeting and operations and plans officer in Europe and as a tactics and fire support instructor in the US Army Aviation center. He holds a Masters Degree from Troy State University, with post-graduate studies at East Central University and East Texas University. Upon retirement from active service, he returned to work for Indian people. As an elected tribal leader, he has been selected to serve on several national boards and committees. He also serves as the President of the National Congress of American Indians. He is a Master Mason and member of Trinity Baptist church of Ada. He and his wife Carol have three children and eight grandchildren.
L. Jace Killsback
Councilmember
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative
Billings Area

Lawrence Jace Killsback, "Voaxaa’e Nestoohe (Howling Eagle) is a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and is a direct descendant of Chief Dull Knife. He is currently serving his second term as the Busby District Representative of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council. Prior to his role as a young tribal leader, Mr. Killsback taught Native American Studies and Cheyenne Studies at Chief Dull Knife College while coaching the Lame Deer Morning Stars varsity boy’s basketball team. Now a veteran of Tribal Government, he has gained considerable leadership experience in Indian Country at the local level, regional, and national levels.

Since 2004, Mr. Killsback has been the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and the Land Authority Committee and has been actively involved with Governor Brian Schweitzer’s State-Tribal Economic Development Commission and as a part of his Tribe’s own State Compact Negotiating Team.

Mr. Killsback is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health for the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and the Area Representative for National Indian Health Board and the IHS Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC). He has served as the Billings Area representative on the American Indian Alaska Native Health Research Advisory Council, the IHS DSTAC, and the Tribal Technical Advisory Committee for the Center of Disease Control. He has also served as past Treasurer for both the Council of Large Land-Based Tribe and the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council.

Mr. Killsback graduated from Colstrip High School in 1997 and in 2002 earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native American Studies from the University of California, Berkeley.

Joe Law

Wak’li’si- my name is Joe Law and I am the Health Promotion Coordinator for the Portland Area Indian Health Service. I have been in this position since 2005. My tribal affiliations are; Klamath/Siletz from my mother’s side, and Northern Cheyenne from my father’s. I have a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Secondary Education and Interdisciplinary Studies from Western Oregon University. I am married (Joyce) and have four children; Britt (24), Karly (17), Jessica (13), and Jacob (5). I also have one grandchild, Trey (3).

Prior to working for the Indian Health Service, I worked in the following positions; Regional Training Coordinator for the Western Tobacco Prevention Project at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board; Community Health Educator for The Klamath Tribes; and taught Physical Education/Health/Coached at Chemawa Indian School.
Juan J. Lopez, RN, MSN

Juan J. Lopez is a member of the Tohono O'odham Tribe, Sells, Arizona, is the Nursing Supervisor for the San Simon Health Center (IHS). San Simon Health Center is a part of the Tucson Area IHS. Juan was hired in August, 2007. The clinic started full operation in September, 2008 using the Improvements In Patient Care concepts, Electronic Health Record management and the Family Practice Model.

Previously, Juan worked in Phoenix, Arizona at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center as a Public Health Nurse. Prior to that, he worked at various private sector hospitals while working on obtaining his Masters' Degree.

Juan's nursing career started in the mid 70's. Initially, he started work as a Nurses Aide ( orderly), at the Maricopa County Hospital in Phoenix and since then has worked his way up the ranks in Nursing. After working as an orderly he eventually obtained a Practical Nurse license. He then went for more schooling and became an Associates Degree Registered Nurse, then, eventually, as a Bachelors' and Masters' prepared nurse. He currently holds a Masters' Degree in Nursing and is the only male from his Tribe to hold this stature. Much of his nursing experience has been within the private sector until recently when he started at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center as Public Health Nurse.

Juan's passion in nursing is working with the elderly population. Though he is a nursing supervisor for the San Simon Health Center, he continues to keep in touch with the elderly in the village of San Lucy where he was the Public Health Nurse.

An important feature, at this time, for Juan, is getting the Community members educated. With the help of the Community Educator and a small group of San Simon Health Center Staff members, they visit the different Health Fairs, Council meetings, and any other events within the districts, to educate the members on how to better access care at the San Simon Health Center.

Juan has been involved with the Improvements in Patient Care initiative since coming on board and thanks the Administration, Nursing, and all the other departments involved within the Sells Service Unit to making this effort a success.

Ken Lucero  
Assistant Tribal Administrator  
Pueblo of Zia  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Secretary-Treasurer  
Albuquerque Area

Mr. Ken Lucero is a tribal member of the Pueblo of Zia. He has served on the Tribal Council since 1999 and is the Tribal Council’s designated health representative. Mr. Lucero also worked as the Assistant Tribal Administrator of Zia Pueblo for the past 8 years. He currently works as the Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Native American Health Policy at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Mr. Lucero also serves on various Tribal, State and Federal boards and committees. Mr. Lucero serves on the All Indian Pueblo Council’s Health Committee. He is also the Zia Pueblo representative to the Indian Health Service Albuquerque Service Unit Indian Health Board. Mr. Lucero serves on the Executive Committee for the Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center. In the State of New Mexico, Mr. Lucero co-chairs the Department of Health’s American Indian Health Advisory Committee, and has participated on the State-Tribal Consultation Protocol Development Workgroup, and the Indian Affairs Department Legislative Bill Analysis Workgroup. Nationally, Mr. Lucero is a member of the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC). On behalf of the DSTAC Mr. Lucero participates on the National Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act National Steering Committee.
Michael Mahsetky

Michael Mahsetky, Juris Doctorate of Law, a member of the Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma, is the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Mahsetky began his career with the IHS in 1988 as Chief of the Legislative Branch in the Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Legislation at the IHS Headquarters. Before joining the IHS legislative team, he served 7 years as a staff attorney with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

As the Director of Legislative Affairs, Mr. Mahsetky and his staff are responsible for reviewing proposed and pending legislation for the impact it might have on IHS funded programs. His staff is the point of contact for congressional offices and is called upon by those offices to provide technical assistance as well as to present briefings on IHS programs and issues facing the agency. He is also called upon to brief senior staff, Operating Divisions of the Department, and senior staff at the White House on legislative matters affecting Indian health care. His staff is a key component in the advocacy role of the agency in ensuring that legislation that will benefit Indian country is promoted and enacted into law. His staff is also responsible for overseeing the budget formulation process of the agency.

From 1969 to 1980, Mr. Mahsetky worked in the Dallas, Texas, area before entering law school. He helped establish the Dallas Inter-Tribal Health Center in Dallas, Texas, and later served as its director. He also served on numerous health and human rights advocacy organizations such as the Greater Dallas Human Relations Commission and the Goals for Dallas Task Force on Family. In 1978, he was recognized as one of 10 outstanding citizens of Dallas for his contributions to improving the lives of Indian people. The State of Texas also recognized him for his work in children’s health care. He also served on the Board of Directors for the American Indian Health Care Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and presented testimony in Congress on the need for health care funding for urban Indians, and later he worked on the first authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. While living in Dallas, he helped establish the Dallas Minority Repertory Theater and later served as its Executive Director. The theater promoted ethnic and minority actors, playwrights, and stage technicians.

Mr. Mahsetky attended the University of Oklahoma and later the University of Texas, earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration. He earned his law degree from the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Mahsetky has received numerous awards for his accomplishments, including recognition from his own Tribe for his work with the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. He has been acknowledged by the Governor of Maryland for his work in promoting cultural diversity in the State; he received the Recognition Award from the University of Michigan School of Law for his work in the field of Indian law, and he has received recognition awards for his work in the IHS. He is a member of the Pi Sigma Epsilon Professional Marketing Fraternity, the Native American Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, where he is a past co-chair of the Health Committee and the Women and Minority Committees. He formerly served on the community board of the Arena Stage Theater in Washington, D.C., and the Education Opportunity Center, University of Texas in Austin, Texas, and as a board member on the KERA Television Film Advisory Board, Dallas, Texas.

Michelle Ortega

Councilwoman
Legislative Council
Tohono O’odham Nation of Arizona
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative
Tucson Area

Michelle Ortega is an enrolled member of the Tohono O’odham Nation. She is originally from Hickiwan Community, Tohono O’odham Reservation and currently resides in Ajo, Arizona. Ms. Ortega serves as an elected Representative from the Hickiwan District to the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council (TOLC); serves as the Chairwoman of the TOLC Rules Committee with oversight of tribal enrollment and elections; and is a member of the TOLC’s Health and Human Services and Judicial Committees. Ms. Ortega also serves as an alternate representative to the Health Research Advisory Committee and is the Tribal Alternate to the national IHS Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee.

Ms. Ortega’s hobbies include spending time with her family and learning about traditional values and practices, i.e., ceremonies, traditional food, and visiting sacred sites for the Tohono O’odham Nation.
Sandra Ortega  
Councilwoman  
Legislative Council  
Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Tucson Area

Sandra Ortega is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona and serves as the Tohono O'odham Legislative Representative. Ms. Ortega has been on the Legislative Council for ten years. She currently serves as the primary representative on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Direct Serve Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC) for the Tucson Area. Ms. Ortega is also the Vice Chair for the Health & Human Services Committee, which provides oversight to the Tohono O'odham Tribe's Health Programs and the IHS Facilities; and serves on the Human Resources Development Committee, oversight to the education department, and schools on the Tohono O'odham Nation. Ms. Ortega also participates on the Cultural Preservation Committee, which oversees cultural programs, cultural issues, and preservation of sacred sites. She has worked with the Community Health Representatives (CHR) Program for 16 years and has received her 5, 10, and 15 year service awards at the National CHR Conferences. Ms. Ortega was inducted into the Poetic Society in 1994 and continues her membership in this organization.

Jon T. Perez, PhD

Jon T. Perez, Ph.D., has been a member of the IHS Division of Behavioral Health for over 8 years and remains active across a wide range of programs and initiatives. He began his career as a USPHS officer with IHS in 1992, and has remained with the Agency since that time. His first assignment was under an Intergovernmental Agreement, to the White Mountain Apache Tribe in central eastern Arizona. He directed the Tribe's Behavioral Health Services from 1992 through 1999, where he was instrumental in developing community mobilization models for suicide prevention which continue to be used throughout Indian Country. He then accepted a position in December of 1999 with the Indian Health Service at Phoenix Indian Medical Center, where he became the Chief of their Behavioral Health Services in early 2000.

From October 2002 until May 2006, he directed behavioral health services for IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, where he provided leadership for and management of behavioral health services for IHS, including budget, policy, and program management for four years. Due to his wife's battle with cancer he had to leave the position to care for his family and he is now the National Behavioral Health Consultant for the Division, splitting his time between direct clinical work at PIMC in Phoenix, AZ, and his ongoing national duties. He is also the Team Leader for the US Public Health Service's Mental Health Disaster Response Team II, which provides emergency behavioral health services during times of national and international crisis.

Dr. Perez provides national leadership, as he has for almost twenty years, in the areas of American Indian and Alaska Native behavioral health issues. Additionally, he is well known for developing programs for disaster response networks and international health diplomacy efforts, in particular his leadership during initial U.S. relief efforts in Banda Aceh, as well as his interventions with programs from Hurricane Katrina and Ike, to ongoing missions in Afghanistan and Liberia.

In addition to academic, volunteer and civic honors, Dr Perez is a recipient of a Secretary’s Distinguished Service award for his disaster relief work; a letter of commendation from the President of the United States for his work with families during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; the 1994-95 U.S. Public Health Service - Indian Health Service Outstanding Mental Health and Social Service National Award; and the Jack Krasner Award as the Distinguished Young Psychologist 1993-94 from the American Psychological Association.
Mr. Darryl Red Eagle was raised on the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Reservation. Following college he returned to the reservation in 1999 and worked for the Fort Peck Tribes until 2005 when he was elected into office as a tribal leader.

Mr. Red Eagle became very involved in the mission for better health care for Indian people. He was nominated to represent the Billings Area on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Budget Formulation Workgroup. During the Fiscal Year 2011 National Budget Formulation Work session held in Washington, D.C., Mr. Red Eagle was re-elected Co-Chairman of the Workgroup, and testified on the importance of "real change, which demonstrates the U.S. government is sincere in its desire to eliminate the health disparities separating its first citizens from the rest of our neighbors."

Mr. Red Eagle presently serves on the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board and chairs the Fort Peck Health and Education Committee. He has previously served as the Billings Area representative to the national Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC) and currently remains a tribal liaison to the DSTAC.

Mr. Red Eagle attended the United Tribes Technical College in Fort Yates, North Dakota, and the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. He majored in Social Work and Indian Studies.

James C. Roberts

Jim C. Roberts is a Hopi/Sioux tribal member that is enrolled with the Hopi Tribe at Shungopovi, Arizona. He has worked in American Indian governmental and health issues for over twenty-five years. Currently, Mr. Roberts serves as the Policy Analyst for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), an organization that represents 43 federally recognized tribes throughout the Pacific Northwest on health policy and budget matters. Jim works to advise federal and state governments from the perspectives of the tribal governments and Indian health care consumers. Mr. Roberts provides technical expertise to Tribal leaders on health policy, governmental, and legislative matters. Mr. Roberts facilitates state/tribal relationships in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. He has worked to get important legislation passed that benefits Tribes at the state and national levels. Prior to joining the NPAIHB he worked for the National Indian Health Board and with American Indian Technical Services. He completed his education at Metropolitan State College of Denver with degrees in Economics and Business Management.

Donald Rogers

Chief
Catawba Indian Nation
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative
Nashville Area

Since July 2007, Donald Rodgers has been serving as Chief of the Catawba Indian Nation. Chief Rodgers also serves as the Program Director for our Bureau of Indian Affairs 638 Self-Determination Contract. He manages and oversees the operations of our Economic Development, Social Services, Real Estate, and Aid to Tribal Government Departments. Chief Rodgers also assists in the management of EPA, seniors and DHEC grants. Chief Rodgers has worked diligently to assist the Tribe in becoming self sufficient in providing much needed guidance in dealing with the Tribe’s debts. Prior to serving in this capacity, Donald was the Coordinator of Community Development for Alliance Credit Counseling for three years. In this role, he instructed 501(c)(3) organizations on money management, financial budgeting, identity theft and debt management. A few of his clients include Charlotte Mecklenburg Women’s Commission, Florence Crittenton Services, and Safe Passage. Donald also worked and coordinated programs with the South Carolina Employment Security Commission to assist unemployed individuals with managing their lives with less. Prior to this, Donald was the Cultural Programs Director at the Catawba Cultural Preservation Project for ten years. In this capacity, he was responsible for business development and presentations of cultural curriculum to educational entities, touring groups, and government agencies providing a positive image to the community about Catawba culture and heritage. Donald was and still is an avid traditional storyteller, where he enjoyed sharing the culture of the Catawba Indian Nation.
Karen Sandoval

Karen is Navajo, and her clans are: Towering House People clan, born for Zuni People clan, Maternal Grandfather is Salt clan, and Paternal Grandfather is Red Cheek clan. Karen is a community facilitator and trainer with Shiprock Health Promotion. She works with Navajo communities to organize and plan health and wellness activities in their communities, based on community identified health priorities and local community strengths, under the guidance and direction of the community members themselves. Karen has her Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Colorado State University, and 16 years of experience as a facilitator and trainer of group participatory methods. She previously worked with a national tribal organization and as a consultant, working with multiple Native and Tribal communities across the country and Canada. Twelve years ago, she made the decision to return home to Shiprock and surrounding areas to work with health promotion. Since then, she has helped with the development of group facilitation methods and community wellness planning training offered to people working with Navajo communities for wellness. She has also been a part of the development of the Healthy Native Communities Fellowship, as well as various other local wellness efforts, coalitions and activities. With these experiences, Karen was asked to participate on the committee working to update the Restoring Balance – Community-Owned Wellness manual. Her work is based on participatory consensus building, strategic planning, community wellness planning, open space technology, world café, and appreciative inquiry methodologies.

Terri S. Schmidt, RN

Terri S. Schmidt is a native of Oklahoma and a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. Ms. Schmidt graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Nursing in 1984 and began her career in IHS in 1989 as a Clinical Nurse at the Clinton Service Unit.

Ms. Schmidt is currently a Management Analyst for Indian Health Service in the Office of Resource and Partnership, Rockville, Maryland. Her career includes serving in various positions: CHS Supervisor, Public Health Nurse, Chief Nurse Executive, Chief Executive Officer for Clinton Service Unit, followed by Contract Health Service Officer for the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service. She received the National Council of Chief Executive Officers Managerial Excellence Award in 2005 and 2008, Superior Support Service Award for successfully coordinating the design and construction of a new facility, IHS Directors Award for outstanding performance, dedication and commitment to the mission of the Indian Health Service, and Oklahoma City Area Director’s Award for personal dedication, commitment and accomplishments towards the mission of the Indian Health Service. Ms. Schmidt serves as faculty for the IHS CEO Boot Camp, is a member of the CHS Operational Workgroup and IHS National Succession Planning Advisory Council.

Travis L. Scott, RD, MPH

Travis L. Scott is the Chief Executive Officer of the Pawnee Service Unit. The Pawnee Service Unit provides services to a User population of 15,227 patients. Travis assumed the CEO position in July 2009, prior to that was the Ambulatory Care Manager at the Claremore Indian Hospital, and has a total of 8 years experience in Indian Health Services. He began his career as a Registered Dietitian at W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah Oklahoma. He earned his bachelors degree in Dietetics from Oklahoma State University and he earned a Masters of Public Health, Health Administration and Policy from the University Of Oklahoma.
Erma Vizenor  
Chairwoman  
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Bemidji Area

Erma Vizenor is the Chairwoman of the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians. She is currently serving her first year with the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee representing the Bemidji Area.

Thomas Walker, Jr.  
Chairperson  
Health and Social Services Committee  
Navajo Nation Council  
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Representative  
Navajo Area

Mr. Walker serves as the Navajo Nation Council delegate for Tolani Lake, Bird Springs, and Leupp chapters. He is also the Chairperson of the Health and Social Service Committee. Mr. Walker has served as the primary representative to the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee since 2007.

Don Wetzel, Jr.

Don Wetzel Jr. is a member of the Blackfeet Tribe, husband and father of 2 with another on the way. Don graduated in 1998 with a BS in Business Administration-Computer Information Systems and received his Masters in Public Relations in 2010 from Montana State University-Billings. He is the project director of the suicide prevention and youth empowerment program for the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council titled the Planting Seeds of Hope.

Don’s work with the Tribes of Montana and Wyoming has been constant for over a decade as he has worked on Native Empowerment initiatives and IT development projects. Many of the components being utilized focus on community building, resource and youth development. This strategy has been instrumental in building bridges and empowering these communities to Honor Life through cultural revitalization and self-efficacy.

Wilson Wewa

Wilson Wewa is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in Oregon. His experience with the traditional ways of his people started at an early age; under the tutelage of his grandparents and other tribal elders. Wilson learned the importance of prayer and the use of traditional medicine used throughout the Great Basin and the Columbia River Plateau.

A few of his teachers were revered healers well known in the region for the use of the laying on of hands, use of plant medicines and other sacred objects as part of the ceremonies to heal the physical, mental, psychological and most importantly the spiritual being of the people.

Throughout this learning process he traveled with the elders to other reservations and heard the use of various songs; with and without drums, the use of medicine sticks and stories that assisted in curing the dis-ease among the Indian people.

Today, Weyawewa, as he is called in Indian country and among his people, tries to the best of his ability to continue the work that was left behind by his Elders. As with many that are the keepers of the traditions, his work is not recognized or monetarily compensated.

The current resurgence of interest in Indian medicine by native peoples in the northwest will continue to grow and it is important to Wilson that these traditions be acknowledged by those who practice western medicine, in this case, the Indian Health Service.
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