

Washington, D.C. 20201

March 9, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am inviting you to the 24^{th} U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Virtual Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (ATBC) on April 6-7, 2022. This year's ATBC will be held on ZoomGov.

The ATBC will provide a forum for Tribes to collectively share your views and priorities with HHS leaders on national health and human services funding priorities and make recommendations for the Department's FY 2024 budget request. The consultation is intended to provide a venue for a two-way conversation between Tribal leaders and HHS officials on program issues and concerns that will lead to recommendations for action.

The Department understands the importance of hearing from Tribes on national and regional issues, in addition to Tribal-specific concerns. As in previous years, HHS will host 1-hour planning sessions for the consultation. During these sessions, agenda topics and the structure for the 2-day consultation will be discussed and finalized. Please register to attend a session HERE

Our schedule of planning calls is:

- Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 1:00 PM ET
- Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 1:00 PM ET
- Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 1:00 PM ET

You can register for the 2022 Annual Tribal Budget Consultation by signing up HERE.

As we do every year, HHS will accept *Written Testimony* for the official record from Tribes. Testimony should be submitted by *Wednesday*, *April 7*, *2022*. Testimony can be emailed to <u>consultation@hhs.gov</u>. The consultation record will remain open for 30 days after the virtual session wherein additional testimony will also be accepted. Final written testimony will be due *Tuesday*, *May 8*, *2022*.

Thank you for your continued support of the consultation process. We look forward to your participation and ongoing partnership. Please contact Devin Delrow, Associate Director of Tribal Affairs, at (202) 868 - 0013 or at consultation@hhs.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Marvin B. Figueroa

Director

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