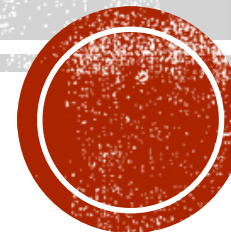


DIRECT SERVICE TRIBES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ODSCT Update

Monthly Call

December 16, 2021



AGENDA

- Roll Call – Ms. Verly Fairbanks, Program Analyst, ODSCT
- Welcome & DSTAC Updates – Mr. Greg Abrahamson, DSTAC Chair
- IHS/ODSCT Updates – Ms. Terri Schmidt, Director, ODSCT
- Credentialing In-Service – CAPT Dione Harjo, Credentialing Program Coordinator, Office of Quality
- Area highlights (Brief report 1-2 minute) – DSTAC/Federal
- Other business – ***2nd DSTAC Quarterly Meeting, Thursday, February 17, 2022***



DSTAC UPDATES

- **Welcome!**
 - Welcome All DSTAC Members, Tribal Leaders, Federal Liaison's and staff joining today's call.
- **DSTAC Quarterly Meeting (FY-2022):**
 - 1st Quarter, October 22, 2020, 97 participants
 - Next - 2nd Quarter, February 17, 2022
- **DSTAC Monthly Call (recap)**
 - On November 18, 2021, rescheduled due to schedule conflict
 - Today, December 16, 2021, CAPT Dione Harjo, Credentialing Officer, Office of Quality will provide Credentialing in-service w/ Q/A
- **Contract Support Cost Advisory Group (CSCAG)**
 - Meeting scheduled today, 12/16/21, and ongoing meeting in 2022
 - Greg Abrahamson volunteered to serve
 - Extend other DSTAC members to volunteer to participate on CSCAG
- **Information System Advisory Committee (ISAC)**
 - Rescheduling meeting to August 2021.
 - Greg Abrahamson & Donnie Garcia serving on ISAC
- **Tribal Consultation Advisory Workgroup**
 - Hosting Workgroup tentative meeting August-October 2021.
 - Greg Abrahamson & Jordan Joaquin serving on workgroup.



ODSCT/IHS UPDATES

Terri Schmidt, Director, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes, IHS

- **Biden Administration Invests Additional \$1.8 Billion in American Rescue Plan Funding to combat COVID-19 in Indian Country. Those highlights are:**
 - \$610 Million for COVID-19 Related Facilities Activities
 - \$240 million for Public Health Workforce Activities
 - \$420 million for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
 - \$500 million to Detect, Diagnose, Trace, Monitor, and Mitigate COVID-19 Infections
 - \$610 Million for COVID-19 Related Facilities Activities
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Listening Session – Session 1: Purchased Referred Care. On 12/16/21, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration will host two listening sessions regarding our collaborative efforts to administer VA’s Indian Health Service/Tribal Health Program (IHS/THP) Reimbursement Agreement Program (RAP) and implement Public Law 116-311, Proper and Reimbursed Care for Native Veterans Act. Inclusion of PRC into the program will require adopting a new agreement template. A tribal consultation will be held at a future date that incorporates information obtained from these sessions. Public Law 116-311 amends Section 405(c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1645) by clarifying the authority to reimburse for services regardless of whether they are provided directly by the Service, an Indian tribe, or tribal organization, through purchased/referred care, or through a contract for travel described in section 213(b). POC: Kara Hawthorne, VA, (202) 461-7400**



ODSCT/IHS UPDATES CONTINUED

- **URBAN CONFER:** On IHS Allocation of Additional Funding Sources: American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Build Back Better Act. The Indian Health Service invites you to a virtual Urban Confer Session to share your input regarding the allocation of \$210 million in additional Areas. The funding to the IHS from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2, 135 Stat. 4 (March 11, 2021), \$3.5 billion appropriated to the IHS in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. No. 117-58 (November 15, 2021), and \$2.35 billion currently under consideration by Congress in the Build Back Better Act (BBBA), H.R. 5376, 117th Cong. (2021). The three new funding sources are described in a November 22, 2021-dated letter to Urban Indian Organization Leaders. POC: Rose Weahkee, OUIHP, (301) 443-1555
- **Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board December 2, 2021 Virtual Meeting,** POC: Daniel Shuman, (202) 699-2225
- **Tribal Consultation Session - Designating the State of Arizona as a Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Indian Health Service** seeks Tribal leader recommendations and guidance on the implications of establishing a Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area for the entire State of Arizona. Two virtual tribal consultation sessions will be held – the first will be held on November 30 and the same presentation will be repeated on December 8. POC: Felicia Roach, ORAP, 301-443-0097



ODSCT/IHS UPDATES CONTINUED

- Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Virtual Meeting, TLDC is a Tribal leader advisory group to the IHS Director on chronic disease issues and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) grant program. POC: Carmen Hardin, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, IHS, 844-447-3387
- TRIBAL CONSULTATION: On 12/14/21, IHS Allocation of Additional Funding Sources: American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Build Back Better Act, The Indian Health Service invites you to a virtual Tribal Consultation Session to share your input regarding the allocation of \$210 million in additional funding to the IHS from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2, 135 Stat. 4 (March 11, 2021), \$3.5 billion appropriated to the IHS in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. No. 117-58 (November 15, 2021), and \$2.35 billion currently under consideration by Congress in the Build Back Better Act (BBBA), H.R. 5376, 117th Cong. (2021). The three new funding sources are described in a November 22, 2021-dated letter to Tribal Leaders. POC: Terri Schmidt, Director, ODSCT, 301-443-4973

ODSCT Recruitment Updates:

- Dr. Chris Poole, Acting Deputy Director, ODSCT for 120 day detail
- Mr. Ken Coriz, Policy Analyst, October 10, 2021
- CSC recruitment pending



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TOPIC:
Credentialing



AREA HIGHLIGHTS — DSTAC/FEDERAL

- Albuquerque -
- Bemidji –
- Billings –
- Great Plains -
- Nashville -
- Navajo -
- Oklahoma -
- Phoenix -
- Portland -



OTHER BUSINESS

- Other business – ***2nd Quarterly DSTAC Meeting, February 17, 2022***
 - *18th National Meeting TBA*
- Next DSTAC Monthly Call scheduled for January 20, 2022

