



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

POLICY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2017-18

GOAL	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES
<p>Conduct tribal consultation meetings with Arizona tribal authorities on a semi-annual basis, or more frequently, as needed.</p>	<p>Provide regular opportunity for tribal input on policy topics and information sharing.</p>	<p>Four ADHS quarterly tribal consultation meetings were held. The date, place, and topics discussed were:</p> <p>(A) 7/27/17 - Twin Arrows, Navajo Nation, EMS Certificate of Necessity, Opioid/Drug Overdose, State Oral Health Plan.</p> <p>(B) 10/18/17 - Phoenix, ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV Surveillance, TB Prevention & Control, Infectious Disease Reporting, Immunization.</p> <p>(C) 1/11/18 - Phoenix, Environmental Health Tracking Program, Opioid Public Health Emergency.</p> <p>(D) 4/19/18 - Twin Arrows, Navajo Nation, Arizona Opioid Epidemic Law, Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System Program, Women’s Health Program. Reports for all meetings are posted on the ADHS Native American Liaison’s website at: https://azdhs.gov/director/tribal-liaison/index.php#conference-and-meeting-presentations.</p>
<p>Ensure state services and resources are available to all eligible state citizens residing in Arizona tribal communities to the same extent that such services are available to all other eligible state citizens.</p>	<p>Inform and seek input from tribal representatives on Women’s and Children’s programs</p>	<p>The Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health (BW&CH) hosted a Child Passenger Safety Training on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) on 10/20/17. In February 2018, the Bureau assisted Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) staff to become National Child Passenger Safety certified. On April 23-24, 2018, Bureau staff initiated a collaborative effort with the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation on a Mountain States Regional Genetic Network Project. The Bureau contracted with Tohdeasshai Committee Against Family Abuse, located on the Navajo Nation, for Domestic Violence Services. In June 2018, the Bureau contracted with ITCA to perform a community assessment to identify the needs for maternal and child health.</p>

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	<p>Inform and seek input from tribal representatives on Tobacco and Chronic Disease programs</p>	<p>The Bureau of Tobacco & Chronic Disease (BT&CD) conducted the 11th Annual Tribal Cancer Collaborative Conference on May 1-3, 2018, in Flagstaff, and 65 participants attended. The Bureau and three tribal partners were successful in securing a National Governor’s Association grant to improve screening rates for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer. The Bureau staff provided technical assistance to the Hopi Tribe in the development of a Hopi Tribal Cancer Coalition.</p>
	<p>Inform and seek input from tribal representatives on State Laboratory programs</p>	<p>Bureau of State Laboratory Services (BSLS) staff attended a meeting on 9/15/17 in Chinle, Navajo Nation; the Arizona Biomedical Research Centre provided a presentation on the Arizona Public Cord Blood Program. The Bureau worked with the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) on increasing Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever surveillance. Two Indian Health Service facilities established contracts with the BSLS to perform Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) newborn screening testing.</p>
	<p>Inform and seek input from tribal representatives on Nutrition and Physical Activity programs</p>	<p>The Bureau of Nutrition & Physical Activity (BN&PA) continued its partnership with the Navajo Nation and ITCA Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs to develop the Arizona WIC Programs Food List. This Food List is provided to all participants and vendors. The Bureau shared with the Navajo Nation WIC Program an in-house mobile application called EzWIC. The app allows WIC participants to check their eWIC card balance at any time and to scan a food’s barcode to determine if a food item is WIC approved.</p>

	Provide support to tribal programs, inform and seek input from tribal representatives on current public health concerns	The Native American Liaison (NAL) attended Navajo Nation planning and exercise meetings in regards to the Navajo Nation’s goal to establish their own Medical Countermeasures System. The system would allow for direct medical supply delivery from the federal government to the Navajo Nation. The NAL coordinated three ADHS Tribal Opioid Work Group meetings in August, December, and May. The group’s purpose is to provide tribal input into the ADHS Opioid Prevention and Control Initiatives. Starting in December, the NAL chaired a planning committee for a Tribal STD/HIV Conference.
Regular and ongoing communications with the elected leaders of each tribe and the tribal health department in Arizona.	Support tribal Emergency Medical Services Medicaid reimbursement rates	BEMS&TS staff on 1/16/18 attended an ITCA, AHCCCS, ADHS meeting at ITCA to discuss increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for tribal EMS providers.
	Seek input on grant application	The BT&CD conducted a tribal conference call on 5/18/18 to provide an opportunity for tribal representatives to provide input on two grant applications for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control.
	Provide educational opportunity for elected tribal leadership	The Native American Liaison per the ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy coordinated a Newly Elected Tribal Leaders Orientation Meeting on 11/06/17. Six elected leaders attended from the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and the Tohono O’odham Nation.
	Attend Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC) meetings	The NAL, representing the ADHS Director, attended regular meetings of the AACIHC. By state statute, ADHS is a member of the Council.
ADHS will seek, when appropriate, to enter into Memorandums of Understandings, IGAs, or other appropriate agreements with tribes.	Continue tribal funding agreements for Public Health Emergency Preparedness	The ADHS Bureau of Public Health and Emergency Preparedness continued IGA funding agreements with the following 12 tribes: Cocopah Indian Tribe, CRIT, Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe, GRIC, Hopi Tribe, Kaibab-Paiute Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Quechan Indian Tribe, SCAT, TON, WMAT. In addition the Bureau provided funding to support the Arizona Tribal Health Care Coalition.

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	Continue MOU agreement with the Navajo Nation for WIC Program collaboration and technical assistance	The BN&PA continued its MOU with the Navajo Nation WIC Program for participation in the Health and Nutrition Delivery System (HANDS) Consortium. The Arizona WIC team worked with the Navajo Nation in successfully implementing eWIC, a transition from a paper based system to electronic benefit transfer.
	Provide licensing courtesy survey for Non-IHS/638 Medicaid providers per tribal MOUs	The Division of Licensing Services, under Licensing MOUs for Non –IHS/638s Medicaid Providers with the Navajo Nation and TON, received one request for a courtesy survey each from the Navajo Nation and TON. The Division staff provided Courtesy Survey assistance for behavioral health services per a request from the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
		Performance measures for all activities were sharing of program information and obtaining tribal input.

Challenges: Multiple priorities and limited staff

Tribal Consultation Policy: http://azdhs.gov/documents/director/tribal-liaison/ADHS_TribalConsultationPolicy.pdf.

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