



# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

## POLICY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

### ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2019-20

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>A formal tribal consultation meeting was held in November at the White Mountain Apache Tribe Hon Dah Resort-Casino Conference Center. The agenda topics were: ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy, State Health Assessment and Arizona Health Improvement Plan, Bureau of Chronic Disease &amp; Health Promotion Programs, and Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Program.</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 health programs</p>	<p>The Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health (BW&amp;CH) Strong Families Arizona sponsored an annual Tribal Home Visiting Conference. The Bureau’s Maternal Health Innovation Program (MHIP) hired a Tribal Maternal Health Program Manager who will work on culturally-appropriate initiatives to decrease maternal morbidity and mortality among Arizona’s tribal communities.</p> <p>The Bureau’s Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System participated in Navajo Nation Maternal Child Health Advisory Council monthly meetings. The Bureau’s Primary Care Office administers workforce programs (e.g., National Health Service Corps [NHSC], State Loan Repayment Program [SLRP]) that aim to improve recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals. During this reporting period, the NHSC program had 142 of 443 total obligated providers and the SLRP program had 6 of 154 obligated providers serving in IHS/tribal 638 sites.</p>
	<p>Inform and seek input from tribal representatives on emergency medical services programs</p>	<p>Dr. Cara Christ, ADHS Director approved a Certificate of Necessity for the San Carlos Apache Tribe Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program. This is the first Arizona tribal EMS program to receive a CON designation. This will result in increased Medicaid reimbursements for the tribe. The Bureau of EMS and Trauma System</p>

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	<p>Inform and seek input from tribal representatives on chronic disease programs</p>	<p>The Office of Chronic Disease coordinated seven meetings with the Community Health Workers Voluntary Certification Advisory Council per HB 2324. Tribal CHRs were participants in the meetings.</p>
	<p>Inform and seek input on state laboratory program services</p>	<p>The Arizona State Public Health Laboratory (ASPHL) provided 6,348 Covid-19 testing kits and 2,500 specimen bags to institutions providing testing for tribes. 1,097 Covid-19 testing samples were processed from tribal communities. 16.1 cases of Remdesivir were sent directly to tribal medical facilities, enough to treat 107 patients. <a href="#">Four rapid test Abbott ID Now machines were provided to two tribes and one IHS hospital.</a> The ASPHL worked with CDC, and tribal agencies to improve specimen collection for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.</p>
	<p>Inform and seek input on epidemiology and disease control services</p>	<p>The Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Control Services assigned an epidemiologist for Covid-19 tribal epidemiology support, provided RMSF dog collaring, tick assessment, home spraying, home owner education on two tribal reservations, worked with a multi-agency planning committee to sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Statewide American Indian STD/HIV/STD Conference, provided technical assistance and training to five tribes. Two tribes joined the state data base for STD case management and surveillance.</p>
	<p>Inform and seek input on delayed birth certificates service and assistance.</p>	<p>The Office of Vital Records provided subject matter expertise to tribal communities registering for tribal delayed birth certificates.</p>
<p>Regular and ongoing communications with the elected leaders of each tribe and the tribal health department in Arizona.</p>	<p>Non-Covid-19 communications</p>	<p>The ADHS Native American Liaison participated in monthly meetings of the tribal CHR Directors, coordinated a tribal round table meeting with CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield , attended Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care meetings, coordinated planning for an American Indian Suicide Prevention Summit which had to be canceled due to Covid-19, coordinated a tribal</p>

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		Vaping outbreak conference call, coordinated a tribal Naloxone conference call, attended a San Carlos Apache Tribal Council meeting in reference to the EMS Certificate of Necessity.
	Covid-19 communications	The ADHS Native American Liaison provided regular communication updates to tribal health directors, participated in daily Navajo Unified Command Group calls and coordinated Tri-State testing and contact tracing coordination calls, participated in the ADHS Tribal Fatality Management calls, <a href="#">coordinated a tribal ventilators need survey</a> , coordinated a testing information call with CRIT Tribal Chairman Dennis Patch, coordinated information sharing on the ADHS surge line for emergency transports, and coordinated team meetings with Hopi Tribal Chairman Nuvangyaoma for testing support.
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 Bureau of Public Health Emergency Preparedness continued to provide direct funding to thirteen tribes for tribal public health emergency preparedness, provided Covid-19 supplemental funding to the 13 tribes, assisted in the request for a Federal Medical Station for the Navajo Nation, and <a href="#">provided Covid-19 personal protective equipment assistance to requesting tribes</a> .
	Continue tribal funding for home visiting services	The BW&CH continued to provide Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting funding directly and indirectly to four tribe and Health Start direct funding to one tribe
	Continue MOU agreement with the Navajo Nation and ITCA for WIC program collaboration and technical assistance	The Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity in collaboration with the Navajo Nation and ITCA WIC programs developed the Arizona WIC Program Food List. This list is provided to all participants and vendors. Bureau staff teamed up with ITCA WIC staff to certify self-check-out cash registers at shared vendors.
	Continued funding for prevention of commercial tobacco use.	The Office of Tobacco Prevention and Cessation continued IGA funding with two tribes and one tribal non-profit. The funding in-part provided sponsorship of Youth Coalitions.

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	Data sharing agreements	The Bureau of Public Health Statistics renewed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Navajo Nation allowing for the Navajo Nation Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention Program and the ADHS Arizona Cancer Registry to perform data linkages and share information. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Hopi Tribe allowing for the Hopi Cancer Support Services Program and the ADHS Cancer Program to perform data linkages and share information.
	Continued funding for teen pregnancy programs	The BW&CH Teen Pregnancy Program continued to fund ITCA to subcontract with two tribes to implement teen pregnancy prevention educational programs for American Indian youth, ages 11 -19.

Covid-19 Challenges: Delays in getting IGAs for emergency funding processed in a timely manner.

Tribal Consultation Policy: [http://azdhs.gov/documents/director/tribal-liaison/ADHS\\_TribalConsultationPolicy.pdf](http://azdhs.gov/documents/director/tribal-liaison/ADHS_TribalConsultationPolicy.pdf).

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