



April 28, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

I write to invite you to the 2022 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Regional Tribal Consultation sessions that will be held virtually and in-person, with written testimony provided to HHS by e-mail. HHS remains committed to strengthening the government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes. These sessions are designed for Tribal leaders to have the opportunity to address HHS on how the Department can improve Tribal outreach and coordination, and to discuss programmatic and policy issues and concerns with Tribes.

The consultation sessions will provide Tribes opportunities to focus on regional specific issues with their respective regional HHS counterparts. The sessions also provide an opportunity for Tribal Leaders to consult with HHS headquarters leadership on national level issues. To see a list of HHS Regions, please visit: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/iea/regional-offices/index.html>.

Please see below for the dates of each respective consultation session, a link to register for the events in advance (where applicable), and the Regional Contact:

- **May 19, 2022: HHS Region 2**
 - Central New York Community Foundation's Community Ballroom
431 East Fayette Street, Syracuse, 13202
 - <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscuysqj4jGh6p84SNEIcRAYr9yHJffVY>
 - Contact: Sean Hightower; Sean.Hightower@hhs.gov

- **June 7–8, 2022: HHS Region 8**
 - https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSf-CoqD8iEzG2WbuRUsl7urxQ1EK6j_4
 - Contact: Elsa Ramirez; Elsa.Ramirez@hhs.gov

- **June 15-16, 2022: HHS Region 4**
 - <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlTf-6sqTojG3Rul0EFo2Fp8uytCcm15EU>
 - Contact: Natalia Cales; Natalia.Cales@hhs.gov

- **June 21–22, 2022: HHS Region 3**
 - <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-mopj0jGWEIJcueKSQMwymK0WBArVw>
 - Contact: Melissa Herd; Melissa.Herd@hhs.gov

- June 28, 2022: **HHS Region 1**
 - <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsfuGspzgiEngy-hLYPNRGbp9RiuY77og>
 - Contact: Paul Jacobsen; Paul.Jacobsen@hhs.gov
- July 12–14, 2022: **HHS Region 7**
 - Haskell Indian Nations University
155 E Indian Ave, Lawrence, KS 66046
 - <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsfuuvpzkthWYLS9bkoLTk5ipQwKuF1Gw>
 - Contact: Kit Wagar; Kit.Wagar@hhs.gov
- July 19-20, 2022: **HHS Region 5**
 - Little River Casino Resort
2700 Orchard Hwy, Manistee, MI 49660
 - https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsf--opz0vHzQpmer1i0T7UOe_eJoMupE
 - Contact: Gregg Ross; gregg.ross@hhs.gov
- July 26–28, 2022: **HHS Region 9**
 - https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsf-iqrzosH7M4gdSZUKXYOmjjk3_rLeI
 - Contact: Schuyler Hall; Schuyler.Hall@hhs.gov
- August 16–17, 2022: **HHS Region 6**
 - https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdOurrDIiGy_7IHoeEQOjKIH7yuYu6nUE
 - Contact: Julia Lothrop; Julia.Lothrop@hhs.gov
- August 22–24, 2022: **HHS Region 10**
 - <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsfOisrzssE6YqK1XKWqL-naa4n9UZmCA>
 - Contact: Priya Helweg; Priya.Helweg@hhs.gov

Tribes will also have an opportunity to schedule individual one-on-one consultations through their Regional Offices by contacting the individual identified above. Additionally, if Tribes cannot make it to their respective regional consultation or have specific concerns they would like raised, they can submit written testimony to consultation@hhs.gov by Friday, September 2, 2022.

Sincerely,



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