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Health Committee Report

Met under the direction of: Co-Chairs Cameron Chase and Dr. Teri McHale

Tribal Nations Represented: 15

Committee members: 15 w/ 7 alternates

DAY ONE:

Topics Discussed

Outcomes

USET SPF Policy Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHS Appropriations • HHS Bill Highlights • IHS Realignment/ Director Role 	Discussions around IHS funding with only increase for SDPI FY 2027 funding cycle requests USET SPF advocating for 3 rd round of tribal consultations around realignment before releasing new structure IHS request for more qualitative data to retain certain funding
USET OERM Food Sovereignty	Food and culture ties to health areas Technical assistance/offerings and site visits
Federal and Legislative Updates with HSDW LLP	HHS OIG DOJ Office of Legal Counsel Slip Opinion analysis OB3A impacts on Medicaid and Medicare Programs RTF Rural Transformation Fund discussion TTAG Legislative and Admin Priorities and Requests
Grant Implications and Updates	Appeals and language adjustments for avoiding grant termination Connecting Impact and visibility of grant dollars and spending down existing funding
USET	RPMS sustainability/mortality data repository, technical assistance, certification support and offerings, Community Health Assessment, OD Map, subrecipient agreement considerations, Workforce Development pilot plan, behavioral health grant pursuits; Epi: successful impacts of surveillance within member Tribal Nations, infrastructure advances, sexuality harm reduction efforts, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), USET STRONG

Next Steps / Actionable Items / Responsible Party: SPF: send template for HRSA 340B Rebate Pilot Program for tribal comments, send reminder for the Strategic National Stockpile listening session comments, send RTF abstract; all other deliverables completed onsite 3/10



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DAY TWO:

Topics Discussed	Outcomes
VHA IHS-Tribal Health-Urban Reimbursement Program	Direct Care and PRC Offerings and Rates Eligibility and Program Requirements
NIH THRO Updates	HHS/DOI Tribal Coordination Intramural Policy for Research and Biospecimen Reintegration on Tribal Land
CDC DNPAO Updates	Program Overview High Obesity Program (HOP) GHWIC TPWIC TECPHI recipients and access
IHS NAO Updates	IHS Proposed Realignment, Hiring Initiatives PRC Updates Environmental Health & Engineering Considerations and Division of Facilities Engineering Service Unit Updates
THI Updates	Revenue Cycle Optimization Services and Coding Backlogs and Coding Accuracy Provider Enrollment Support
Traditional Medicine State Waiver Template	Timeline and Proposal New Mexico Turquoise Care OR Tribal Based Practices
Data Sovereignty	RPMS Changes Mortality Data Preservation
WFD Strategic Approach	Workplan and Needs Focus Group Discussion
HC Closed Session Discussion	Committee Realignment <i>HC Closed Discussion</i>

Next Steps / Actionable Items / Responsible Party

VHA information sent to HC for follow up, THRO follow up on implementing data on GLP1s and harm reduction, IHS send contact list during realignment for points of contact (Attempt 4, Pending Request since 1/9)



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OTHER Business:

Continue conversations about RTF, IT Modernization and EHR planning/data sovereignty

At A Glance Topics for Next Meeting:

- Continuing Federal Partner Updates and Ongoing Conversations with Agencies
- Combined Committee Sessions

Election Results:

N/A

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