

# Nashville Area Updates

United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)

Health Committee

March 11, 2026 | Arlington, Virginia

# Opening Remarks

- Recognition and appreciation for USET leadership
  - Acknowledgment of continued partnership and advocacy

# IHS Proposed Realignment

- Nashville Area actively engaged in realignment efforts
  - Weekly leadership coordination with Headquarters
  - Focus on improving healthcare delivery and coordination

# IHS Hiring Initiative

- Agency-wide effort to fill mission-critical positions
  - Vacancies in Monacan, Mashpee, Mid-Atlantic, Catawba; additional locations and positions posting soon.
  - 35% vacancy rate (242 positions; 85 vacancies)
    - Area Office: 16 vacancies
  - Next phase: Area Office & OEHE recruitment

# Leadership Transition

- RADM Chris Buchanan retired
  - Dr. Beverly Cotton assumed Area Director oversight (12 regions)

# Office of Tribal Affairs

- Health Committee meeting – March 11, 2026
  - 2 Title I contracts; 2 pending negotiations
  - 638 technical assistance provided to 3 Tribes
  - Temporary assignments covering key vacancies

# FY2025 Highlights

- User Population: 57,173 (draft)
  - CMOP: 1,038 enrolled; 16,869 prescriptions filled
  - \$157M Title V | \$55M Title I | \$5M Urban Programs

# Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

- 84% reduction in 2024+ Undelivered Orders
  - Prior-year balance reduced 23% (\$25M → \$20M)
  - Recurring fund utilization increased 80–100%

# Environmental Health & Engineering

- 230+ EHS surveys; 200+ training activities
  - 13 SFC projects (\$3.8M); 20 backlog projects closed
  - Mohegan partnership – safe water for 6 homes

# Division of Facilities Engineering

- 50 projects completed; 7 in progress
  - Mashantucket Pequot SAP – \$3.5M
  - Passamaquoddy Renovations – \$418K

# Service Unit Updates

- Mashpee – AAAHC survey completed
  - Monacan – Pharmacy soft opening planned
  - Mid-Atlantic – Expanded services; pharmacy launching
  - Unity Healing Center – Referral-only model under review, recruitment focus on 16 vacancies (23 total)

# Additional Updates

- Tribal Budget Formulation participation
  - National PRC Workgroup representatives identified
  - Micmac nominations supported for Advisory Board, notifications went out 03/10
  - Rural Services Grant rollout support