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Tribal Consultation Policy: Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) issued its Tribal Consultation Policy in September 2006. Copies were distributed electronically to all Arizona Tribal Health Directors, Urban Indian Health Directors, Navajo, Phoenix, and Tucson Indian Health Service Area Directors and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Executive Director. This 5 page policy is posted on the ADHS Native American web site at <http://azdhs.gov/phs/tribal/pdf/tribalconsultationpolicy.doc>. The ADHS Native American Liaison has been delegated the responsibility to coordinate implementation and oversight of this policy and as such is the principle point of contact for tribal issues. His contact information is:

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Department Overview: ADHS is the Public Health Agency for the State of Arizona. ADHS has an employment force of approximately 1,800 employees and has a budget of approximately 2 billion dollars for FY 2010. ADHS provides four primary services which are: 1) delivery of Medicaid and state behavioral health services provided through managed care contracts with Tribal and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (TRBHA/RBHAs), 2) management of the Arizona State mental health hospital, 3) delivery of public health emergency preparedness and public health prevention services provided through joint working and contracting relationships with tribal nations and counties, and 4) licensing of health care and child care facilities.

Tribal Consultation Activities: Major tribal consultation activities conducted during this reporting period were: 1) ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy review, 2) Co-sponsorship of nine tribal Involuntary Commitment Training workshops, 3) Collaboration with tribal nations and Indian Health Services on distribution of H1N1 vaccines, 4) Support of development of Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Strategic Plan 2010-13, 5) Participation in a Tri Agency Tribal Budget Presentation, and 6) Co-Sponsorship of first statewide Arizona American Indian Behavioral Health Forum. Each event/activity will now be discussed.

Tribal Consultation Policy Review: On September 2, 2009 ADHS held a Tribal Consultation Session seeking input from tribal representatives on ADHS' tribal consultation policy. The meeting was held in conference room 005 of the ADHS 1740 W. Adams building. 24 individuals attended the meeting comprised of representatives from the Navajo Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA), Governor's Office, and Advisory Council on Indian

Health Care (ACOIHC), ADHS, and AHCCCS. This session was jointly planned with AHCCCS to maximize tribal involvement while minimizing time commitment and travel costs. AHCCCS held their Tribal Consultation Policy meeting in the morning and ADHS held its Tribal Consultation Policy meeting in the afternoon. Invitation letters jointly signed by Will Humble, ADHS Director and Anthony D. Rodgers, AHCCCS Director were mailed out to Tribal Leaders on 8/04/09 notifying and inviting them or a member of their staff to the Tribal Consultation Sessions. The September 2, 2009 session was preceded by three working group meetings comprised of ADHS, AHCCCS, tribal, Indian Health Service and Inter Tribal Council of Arizona personnel. The working group created three subcommittees which were Inter Government Agreement contract language, federal state agreements, and consultation procedures. Input received by the tribal representatives will be used to update ADHS' Tribal Consultation Policy. A final report of the session is being compiled. When completed it will be distributed to tribal leaders and posted on the ADHS Native American web site.

Involuntary Commitment Training Workshops: During October and November 2009 ADHS' Division of Behavioral Health Services in conjunction with ITCA, the ACOIHC, and the TRBHAs and RBHAs (Navajo RBHA, Apache Behavioral Health Services, Gila River TRBHA, Pascua Yaqui TRBHA, Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority, Magellan Health Services, Cenpatico, and Community Partnership of Southern Arizona) conducted nine training sessions focusing on ARS 12-136, Indian tribal courts; involuntary commitment orders; recognition. The training recognized tribal sovereignty and its effect on the involuntary commitment process of American Indians residing on tribal lands. These trainings were preceded by a year long collaborative curriculum development effort by ADHS, state Attorney General Office, and ITCA personnel. The nine training sites were at Tucson, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, San Carlos, Yuma, Sacaton, Pascua Yaqui, Hon Dah, Flagstaff, and Chinle. A preliminary review of the training evaluations is that additional training is an identified need. A final report is forthcoming. When completed it will be distributed to tribal leaders and posted on the ADHS Native American web site.

Distribution of H1N1 Vaccines: During September 2009 through February 2010 ADHS' Division of Public Health Services worked with tribal, IHS and county representatives in the distribution of H1N1 vaccines to tribal communities. Director Will Humble committed 10% of all H1N1 vaccines coming into the state from federal sources to be dedicated to tribal communities due to early statistics showing that American Indians were being disproportionately impacted by a ratio of 4 to 1 by H1N1. ADHS hosted tribal specific conference calls to coordinate vaccine distribution on 8/25/09, 9/25/09, and 10/23/09.

During the 9/25/09 conference call tribal representatives agreed to a distribution system for the dispersal of H1N1 vaccines to tribal communities through state delivery of vaccines through the IHS Area Offices. The Area Offices in turn distributed the vaccines to tribal and IHS facilities. Tribal and IHS representatives were invited and did participate in statewide weekly update conference calls hosted by ADHS. The collaboration experience gained during this joint effort will be extremely useful for any future Pandemic Influenza outbreaks (or other public health emergency).

Support for development of Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Strategic Plan 2010-13: During the period of April 2009 through January 2010 ADHS' Division of Public Health Services supported the Arizona Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinators in the development of a strategic plan. ADHS supported the effort by approving travel costs for Tribal PHEP Coordinators to attend strategic planning meetings. ADHS also supported the effort by staff attending strategic planning meetings providing advice and guidance. The final plan was presented to Director Will Humble in January 2010. Director Humble signed a support letter which is included in the strategic plan. The plan was presented to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee on 1/26/10 in Atlanta, Georgia by Tribal PHEP Coordinators representatives. This plan will guide the collaborative and contractual relationships between ADHS and the tribal PHEP programs. The strategic plan is posted on the ADHS Native American web site at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/tribal/TribalPreparedness.htm>.

Participation in a Tri Agency Tribal Budget Presentation: On January 26, 2010 Will Humble, ADHS Director participated in a tri-agency (AHCCCS, Arizona Department of Economic Security and ADHS) FY 2010-11 state budget presentation to tribal representatives, held at the AHCCCS building. In addition to presenting overall budget status information Director Humble informed the tribal attendees about changes developing on the state's behavioral health delivery system and Governor Brewer's behavioral health proposal.

Co-Sponsorship of the First Statewide Arizona American Indian Behavioral Health Forum: On February 11-12, 2010 ADHS along with a multi-agency Planning Committee hosted the first Statewide Arizona American Indian Behavioral Health Forum. The Forum was held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of the Governor's Executive Tower with breakout sessions held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room and at conference rooms in the ADHS 1740 and 150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue buildings. Invitation letters were mailed out to Tribal Leaders the first week of January 2010 notifying and inviting them or a member of their staff to attend. 108 participants attended the Forum with the following break down; 46 tribal representatives, 5 Urban Indian representatives, 4 IHS representatives, 2 ITCA representatives, 18 state government representatives, 14 RBHA representatives, and 19 other entities representatives. In preparation for the Forum the multi-agency Planning Committee conducted 8 planning meetings prior to the Forum. Input received from the tribal representatives will be used to guide ADHS' working relationship and behavioral health service delivery system for American Indians in the state. A full report is forthcoming. When completed it will be distributed to tribal leaders and posted on the ADHS Native American web site.