



**TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY ANNUAL REPORT**

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**AGENCY OVERVIEW:** The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is the public health agency for the Arizona State Government. Services provided are categorized into three main service areas which are: (1) Public Health Services, (2) Behavioral Health Services, and (3) Licensing Services. Public Health Services is comprised programs to prepare the state to respond to public health emergencies and to enhance the overall health of individuals and communities. Behavioral Health Services is comprised of programs to manage the state's Medicaid behavioral health service delivery system and the management of the Arizona State Hospital. Licensing Services is comprised of programs to license and regulate the majority of medical and day-care facilities operating in the state. For detail information on the department visit [www.azdhs.gov](http://www.azdhs.gov) and for detailed information on the department's Native American activities visit [www.azdhs.gov/diro/tribal/](http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/tribal/). Note: Thorough approved action by the state Legislature and approval by Governor Ducey, the ADHS behavioral health program responsibilities are being transferred to AHCCCS. The transfer is to be completed by 7/01/16.

**TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY:** The ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy was issued in September 2006. This policy was updated in May 2010. This five page document is posted on the ADHS Native American website noted above. The Goals, Objectives, Activities and Performance Measures of the ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy for this reporting period are provided below.

**GOAL 1: To Provide Reasonable Notice and Opportunity for Consultation with Indian Tribes before Implementing any High Level Policy Changes that Significantly Impact Arizona Indian Tribes.**

**Objective: Conduct Official Tribal Consultation Meetings**

**Activities and Performance Measures:** The following tribal consultation meetings were held:

7/18/14 Tribal Delayed Birth Certificates Tribal Consultation Meeting I. This meeting was held at the ADHS State Laboratory Auditorium. Twenty-seven individuals attended. Five tribes were represented which were the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Gila River Indian Community and Tohono O'odham Nation.

9/25/14 Tribal Delayed Birth Certificates Tribal Consultation Meeting II. This meeting was held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Phoenix. Twenty-six individuals attended. Seven tribes were represented which were the Navajo Nation, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and Tohono O'odham Nation.

The outcome of the two Tribal Delayed Birth Certificates Tribal Consultation Meetings was very positive resulting in the issuance of a Substantive Policy Statement (SPS) by former ADHS Director Will Humble on 9/26/14 and passage of SB 1393 by the state Legislature which was signed into law by Governor Ducey. SB 1393 put into law the SPS streamlining the process for American Indians born in Arizona before 1970 to obtain Delayed Birth Certificates.

3/30/15 Maternal & Child Health Title V Tribal Consultation Meeting. This meeting was held at the ADHS State Laboratory Auditorium. Twenty-two individuals attended. Three tribes were represented which were the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O'odham Nation.

6/24/15 Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood, Home Visiting (MIECHV) Tribal Consultation Meeting. This meeting was held at the Navajo Nation Twin Arrows Casino and Resort. Six tribes were represented which were the Navajo Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Cocopah Indian Tribe. One Urban Indian Health Program (UIHP) was represented which was Native Health.

The outcome of the two Maternal & Child Health Tribal Consultation Meetings allowed for tribal and UIHP input into the state Maternal & Child Health program allowing for more appropriate cultural relevancy. Several tribes and one urban program are pursuing Intergovernmental Agreements and a contract with ADHS to contract for MIECHV services.

Reports of these Tribal Consultation Meetings when ready are posted on the ADHS Native American website and distributed to Arizona tribal leaders, tribal/UIHP health directors, Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA).

**GOAL 2: To Improve the Quality, Availability, and Accessibility to Public Health Services and Behavioral Health Services by Eliminating Barriers to Care for American Indians in Arizona**

**Objective: Work with Tribes to Increase their Knowledge and Understanding of ADHS Programs and Policies.**

**Activities and Performance Measures:** In collaboration with Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs) four regional tribal meetings were held to inform tribal leaders and tribal health services staff about the implementation of the Greater Arizona RBHA contracts in which the RBHA geographical service areas (GSAs) was reduced from six to three. The date and location of the meetings were:

4/01/15 Twin Arrows (Navajo Nation), 5/18/15 Peach Springs (Hualapai Indian Reservation), 5/20/15 Parker (Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation), 5/28/15 Sells (Tohono O'odham Nation)

The outcome of the meetings was that over 158 tribal, ITCA and IHS personnel were educated on the status of the implementation of the reduction of RBHAs from six to three and the integration of behavioral health and acute care services for Seriously Mentally Ill patient/clients.

Ten tribal meetings were held to inform and train tribal leaders and tribal health services staff on the state involuntary commitment process to domesticate Involuntary Tribal Court Orders through the County Superior Courts to allow for admission of tribal members living on Indian reservations to the Arizona State Hospital. The date and location of the training sites were:

- 1/09/15 Globe, AZ
- 4/20/15 Phoenix, AZ
- 4/24/15 Parker, AZ (Colorado River Indian Tribal Reservation)
- 4/30/15 Window Rock, AZ (Navajo Nation)
- 5/01/15 Hon Dah, AZ (White Mountain Apache Reservation)
- 5/07/15 Pascua Yaqui, AZ (Pascua Yaqui Reservation)
- 5/08/15 Sells, AZ (Tohono O'odham Reservation)
- 5/15/15 Peach Springs, AZ (Hualapai Indian Reservation)
- 5/21/15 Camp Verde, AZ (Yavapai-Apache Nation)
- 5/22/15 Tuba City, AZ (Navajo Nation)

The outcome of the meetings was that over 400 tribal, ITCA, IHS, RBHA and Tribal RBHA personnel were trained on the state process of admission of reservation tribal members to the Arizona State Hospital for mental health treatment.

ADHS staff in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs participated in three Suicide Prevention meetings. The date and location of these meetings were:

1/02/15 Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day, Phoenix, Arizona, 5/07/15 Casino Del Sol (Pascua Yaqui Reservation), 5/21/15 Twin Arrows Resort (Navajo Nation)

The outcome of the meetings was that 170 tribal, ITCA, IHS, RBHA and Tribal RBHA personnel were educated in accessing prevention services including housing, recognizing signs and symptoms of suicidal thinking and communicating with individuals in crisis.

**GOAL 3: To Keep Abreast of Federal Health Programs and Policies Impacting Arizona Indian Tribes.**

**Objective: Participate in US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Regional Tribal Consultation Meetings to Include Indian Health Service Consultation Meetings.**

**Activities and Performance Measures:** The ADHS Native American Liaison attended the following two HHS Tribal Consultation Meetings.

4/02/15 San Francisco, CA, Region IX and 4/14/15 Window Rock, AZ Region VI, VIII and IX

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