

The Region 9 Federal Tribal Affairs Committee will be meeting on May 25 @ 1:00.

- Please see the notes from our March meeting below.
- Please send me agenda topics that you would like to share.

**\*\*Let me know if you need to be removed from this list. And please let me know if you would like to add people from your agency\*\***

Date: **May 25, 2017**  
Time: **1:00**  
Place: SF Federal Building  
90 7th Street  
Conference Room 5-010

**Call In Information:**

Call: 866-743-7943  
Pass code: 8517660 #

**Notes from March 15 meeting:**

**Attendees:**

**In Room:**

- Ruben Mojica, EPA
- Marisol Anaya, EPA
- Cindy Lemesh, HHS/CMS
- Allen Applegate HHS/HRSA
- Steven Wiener HHS/ACF

**On Phone:**

- Val Gallo, HRSA
- Ed Fluette, IHS-CA
- Carol Chicarello, HHS/IHS-PHX
- Loren Ellery HHS/IHS-PHX
- Ed Fluette, HHS/IHS-CA

**Discussion:**

Allen Applegate, HHS/HRSA:

- Tribal grant workshops are only proposed at this point. Still needs HQ approval. Probably not hosting till mid-late summer. CA and AZ.
- Allen's last meeting. Val Gallo will be stepping in for HHS/HRSA.

Cindy Lemesh, HHS/CMS:

- Training event in Gallup, NM.
- April 25-27 in Sacramento
- FY 18, 3 trainings approved.

Val Gallo, HHS/HRSA:

- TBD on training.

Ed Fluette, CA IHS

- March 1 opening of the YRTC in Hemet, CA. Rear Admiral Chris Buchanan is the Acting IHS Director.
- He will also be coming to the CA Director's meeting (sent earlier today)
- SSA, perhaps want a booth? Rachel.Harvey@ihs.gov

Loren Ellery, PHX IHS

- He will be attending the CA Director's meeting.
- NV: Biggest concern is what is going to happen w/ the budget and the ACA?
- Call from the Washoe Tribe (CA and NV): they want to attend the CA meeting.
- Sometimes NV Tribes come to sit in. Contact Rachel.Harvey@ihs.gov to RSVP.
- Special Diabetes Project in Las Vegas on March 27 or 28.
- The SURES Service unit has no more clinic operations. The Tribes have taken over. So there are 2 in NV and only the Elko one is still in play.

Carol Chicarello, PHX IHS

- Doing 2 jobs (business ops at HQ) in addition to her PHX job.
- Tribes are concerned about work requirements for the AZ ACCCHS (Medicaid) population. Huge issue and will likely be a topic of conversation for HHS Consultation.
- IHS partnership office. They do topic trainings—finance, quality mgmt. They have gotten this improved. Will engage w/ SSA/VA, and CMS. Week of June 19th in Denver.
- Training specific to IHS AZ staff. Patient benefit and coordination in Albuquerque the week of April of 17th.
- Outreach and educations: Series of webinars—new focus to target certain populations. Benefits that are available to those with disabilities. Would like to engage w/ all of us.
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EPA, Ruben

- ROTC is in SF—register on-line. May 2-4. In the SF office on Hawthorne. If folks would like to present, contact EPA.
- EPA offices are in the middle of a grant cycle.
- This is his last meeting, turning it over to Marisol.

Marisol Anaya, EPA

