



Dear Tribal Leader:

The Health Resources and Services Administration HRSA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency responsible for improving access to health care by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthy communities, and achieving health equity. HRSA's programs provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable.

As part of HRSA's ongoing commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native health care needs, this letter serves as official notice of HRSA's intent to consult with Tribes and to receive input on HRSA's Strategic Initiatives including: Improving Access to Quality Health Care and Services, Strengthening the Health Workforce, Building Healthy Communities, Improving Health Equity, and Strengthening HRSA Program Management and Operations. Members of HRSA's senior leadership will also be available to listen to feedback on HRSA programs and initiatives.

For your review, please refer to the enclosed draft agenda. The HRSA Tribal Consultation will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Monday, September 21, 2015, in conjunction with the National Indian Health Board Annual Consumer Conference in Washington, D.C. If you are unable to travel to Washington, D.C., for the consultation meeting, we will have a toll-free conference line available for those would like to participate. Tribal leaders and participants may obtain the toll-free number and agenda from HRSA's American Indian/Alaska Native website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html> or send a request to participate by teleconference to our HRSA Tribal e-mail, aianhealth@hrsa.gov. Additionally, Tribal leaders may send any comments and questions to the HRSA Tribal e-mail before and after the consultation meeting.

We look forward to working with you in Washington, D.C., to receive your input as we work to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Sincerely,

James Macrae
Acting Administrator

Enclosure