



March 5, 2019

Dear Tribal Leader:

I write to invite you to the 21st U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (ATBC) which will take place April 23 – 24, 2019, at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building at 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

The annual consultation provides a forum for tribes to collectively engage with HHS officials to share their views, priorities, and recommendations with HHS officials on national health and human services funding priorities for the Department's FY 2021 budget request. The consultation provides a venue for a two-way conversation between tribal leaders and HHS officials on program issues and concerns that lead to recommendations for action.

HHS is committed to working with you in through our consultation process. As in previous years, HHS will host planning calls with Tribes for the consultation. These calls are designed to discuss agenda topics and structure for the 2 day consultation. The planning calls will begin on **Wednesday, March 20th at 3:00 PM ET**. Please see below for a schedule for all planning calls:

- March 20, 2019 @ 3:00 PM ET
- March 27, 2019 @ 3:00 PM ET
- April 3, 2019 @ 3:00 PM ET
- April 10, 2019 @ 3:00 PM ET
- April 17, 2019 @ 3:00 PM ET

Conference Call Number (for every call)

Call In Number: 866-617-3597

Participant Code: 3464707

Tribal Written Testimony Submission

As we do every year HHS will accept written testimony from Tribes for the official record. Testimony should be submitted by **Thursday, April 18, 2019**. Testimony can be emailed to consultation@hhs.gov. The consultation record will remain open for 30 days after the formal face-to-face consultation session wherein additional testimony will also be accepted.

Thank you for your continued support of the consultation process. We look forward to your participation and ongoing partnership. Please contact Elizabeth Carr, Associate Director of Tribal Affairs, at 202-690-6060 or consultation@hhs.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jack Kalavritinos
Director

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