



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary
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Dear Tribal Leader:

We take great pride here at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in being a leader in the federal government's efforts to improve our partnership with Tribes. HHS respects the government-to-government relationship and is continuously striving to find innovative ways to work with you and improve the services we provide to members of your communities. One mechanism that we do this through is through our Tribal Consultation Policy (TCP). I am told that there are no Cabinet agencies who do more than HHS when it comes to direct consultation with Tribal governments and yet we are committed to seeking improvements.

In order to ensure that the HHS Consultation policy is meeting the needs of the Tribes, we collect feedback from you and we are committed to evaluating the policy periodically and thus the reason I write to you today. Tribal leaders have indicated their agreement with current HHS policy in previous evaluation periods, but we are always looking to make improvements. To that end, HHS is interested in your thoughts and views regarding our current TCP.

We ask that you please consider reviewing and evaluating the current TCP to provide your feedback on the consultation mechanisms that work, those that do not and what HHS can do to improve our activities to ensure an effective and meaningful TCP. At the conclusion of the comment period, the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee will convene to review comments and ensure tribal feedback is understood and included in any revision to the TCP. To review the current TCP, please visit the link below: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/iea/tribal/tribalconsultation/hhs-consultation-policy.pdf>

Please provide us with your feedback by submitting your comments by **Friday, December 19, 2018**. Comments can be sent to:

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If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact Stacey Ecoffey, Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs, via email at Stacey.Ecoffey@hhs.gov or via phone at (202) 690-6060.

Thank you in advance for your contribution and commitment to a strong HHS Tribal Consultation Policy. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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