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Native American Expert Meeting July 16, 1999

This Expert Meeting was designed to identify the health service delivery system issues affecting Native Americans (both on- and off-reservation) in preparation for one or more workshops sponsored by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, User Liaison Program. It was held in Washington, D.C., July 16, 1999.

Meeting Participants

Expert meeting participants included representatives of I/T/U¹ providers, tribal colleges, state Medicaid agencies, the National Indian Council on Aging, The White House Office on the President's Initiative for One America, the U.S. Indian Health Service, DHHS Office of Minority Health, HCFA, and private providers, as well as the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research and the National Academy for State Health Policy.

Target Workshop Audience

At the meeting, several potential audiences were identified:

- Tribal leaders
- State officials
- I/T/U providers
- Tribal college representatives

Since AHCPR is considering holding more than one ULP workshop on Native American issues, it will decide which of these audiences will be most appropriate for each.

Issues Identified for Potential Workshop(s)

Meeting changing skills-set needs/developing systems: More tribes are transitioning from IHS-operated systems to their own health care systems. To be successful, these tribes will need to

¹ The Indian health system is made up of three types of providers referred to collectively as I/T/U providers. These are: the U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS, the "I"), tribes (the "T") which operate their own facilities under contract or compact with IHS, and urban Indian programs (the "U") not affiliated with any one tribe. All receive block-grant funding from IHS. They typically provide primary and acute services, contracting out for specialty care.