



February 16, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

I write to invite you to the 25<sup>th</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (ATBC), which will take place in-person on April 18–19, 2023, at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building at 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, as well as to our 2023 Annual Regional Tribal Consultations held across the country. We will once again offer one-on-one consultation for individual tribes at the ATBC, as well as at each regional session.

As in previous years, HHS will continue to work with you to improve the consultation process. The Department understands the importance of hearing from tribes on national and regional issues, as well as tribal-specific concerns. Below you will find a brief description of the ATBC, and details for the Regional Tribal Consultation sessions. HHS will host biweekly planning calls for the ATBC starting Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 3:00 PM ET. Below is the schedule for the 2023 planning calls, and you can register to attend one of the calls at the following link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdO2vpj8uGNeqJCEDFyDUb9X7pRfF36A>.

- Wednesday, March 1 at 3:00 PM ET
- Wednesday, March 15 at 3:00 PM ET
- Wednesday, March 29 at 3:00 PM ET

**25<sup>th</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Annual Tribal Budget Consultation**

The ATBC will provide a forum for tribes to collectively share their views and priorities with HHS officials on national health and human services funding priorities and make recommendations for the Department's FY 2025 budget request. While the FY 2024 budget proposal is not yet published, you can review the FY 2023 proposal at: [HHS FY 2023 Budget in Brief | HHS.gov](#) We hope the consultation will provide a venue for a two-way conversation between tribal leaders and HHS officials on program issues and concerns that will lead to recommendations for action. The schedule for this year's consultation is as follows:

***Tribal Resource Session: Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

The Tribal Resource Session is designed to give an overview of the programs, grants, and services the Department provides to tribes. This session will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM ET and is particularly helpful for newly elected tribal leaders and others who want a comprehensive introduction to HHS.

***One-on-one meetings with HHS Divisions: Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

We will also be providing tribes with 30-minute timeslots from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM ET for one-on-one meetings at the Hubert Humphrey Building where tribal leaders can share their specific health and human service issues with HHS officials. Various HHS agencies will be available to listen and contribute to the conversation. Please note that all one-on-one meetings

are entirely in-person and availability will be determined by the volume of requests. To request a one-on-one meeting, please e-mail [consultation@hhs.gov](mailto:consultation@hhs.gov). All requests for one-on-one meetings must be received by 6:00 PM ET on Friday, March 17, 2023. In your e-mail, please indicate the HHS agency or agencies you would like to meet with.

***Annual Tribal Budget Consultation: Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

At 9:00 AM ET on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the consultation session. HHS will identify specific issues on which we would like to consult with tribes and will send them to you prior to the meeting so that you can prepare your thoughts, ideas, and recommendations. These issues will be identified in collaboration with tribes during the planning calls.

**2023 Annual Regional Tribal Consultations**

In addition to the ATBC, the Department will again host Regional Tribal Consultation sessions both in-person and virtually to address how the Department can continue to improve our outreach and coordination, and to discuss programmatic issues and overall concerns with tribes. Regional sessions will include one-on-one time with regional leadership. Additional details are forthcoming directly from each respective region to the Tribes in those regions. This information will include registration links, pre-meetings, draft agenda, and meeting locations. Below are the dates for the consultations.

<b><i>Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Regions</i></b>	<b><i>Format</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>
June 6	<a href="#"><u>Region 2</u></a>	In-Person	TBD
June 20 – 22	<a href="#"><u>Region 7</u></a>	In-Person	TBD
June 27	<a href="#"><u>Region 1</u></a>	In-Person & Virtual	TBD
June 28 – 29	<a href="#"><u>Region 9</u></a>	In-Person	TBD
July 19	<a href="#"><u>Region 3</u></a>	Virtual	Virtual
July 25 – 26	<a href="#"><u>Region 5</u></a>	In-Person	TBD
July 31 – August 3	<a href="#"><u>Region 8</u></a>	In-Person	TBD
August 9 – 11	<a href="#"><u>Region 10</u></a>	In-Person	TBD
August 22 – 24	<a href="#"><u>Region 6</u></a>	In-Person	TBD
August 30 – 31	<a href="#"><u>Region 4</u></a>	In-Person	TBD

Thank you for your continued support of the consultation process. We look forward to your participation and ongoing partnership.

Please contact Devin Delrow, Associate Director of Tribal Affairs, at (202) 868-0013 or [consultation@hhs.gov](mailto:consultation@hhs.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

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Director  
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