Agenda

IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)
November 3-4, 2026
Location: Embassy Suites, 900 10th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

ZOOM Information
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83198229977?pwd=cCtBbDArNm1BQnJqMVJ2NEFlZm9udz09
Meeting ID: 831 9822 9977 Passcode: 331597 +1 301 715 8592

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

9:00 – 10:00 am: Tribal Caucus

10:00 – 10:30 am: Roll Call & Introductions,
Opening Prayer
Opening Remarks
Chris Anoatubby, Governor, Chickasaw Nation and TSGAC Chair

10:30 -11:30 AM: Office of Tribal Self-Determination and Self-Governance (OSD) Update and Discussion

OSD will provide updates on recent activities, policy developments, staffing, and ongoing initiatives. This session will also provide an opportunity for open dialogue on current priorities, 2026 accomplishments, implementation challenges, OSD's future goals, and updates on consultations, Hiring Initiative, IHS Realignment, etc

Ben Smith, Deputy Director, IHS
Rena Macy, Acting Director, OSD, IHS

11:30 – 1:00 pm: Lunch/Executive Lunch *(lunch provided for TSGAC members, technical advisors, and invited guests) Director Cruz will join at noon.*

1:00 – 2:00 pm: IHS Priorities, Goals, and Objectives

This is an opportunity for the TSGAC to learn about the newly confirmed IHS Director's priorities, goals, and objectives and explore how TSGAC and IHS can strength its partnership to advance health care throughout Indian Country. IHS leadership and TSGAC members will discuss a range of key issues and priorities, including:

- Discussion Regarding Compliance, Technical Assistance, and Monitoring (October 14 letter to TSGAC)
- Self-Governance Expansion in HHS – Implementation Costs
- Other items identified by IHS and TSGAC members

Mark Cruz, Director, IHS

2:00 – 2:30 pm Update on IHS Efforts to Address the Governmental Accountability Office (GAO) High Risk List

IHS will provide an update on its Phase II Action Plan to address the systemic conditions underlying the GAO's high-risk designation.

IHS Rep TBD

Work in Progress

2:30 – 3:15 pm: Facilities Discussion
This is an opportunity for TSGAC to learn about the listening session held on October 20, 2026, on the IHS Health Care Facility Construction Priority System and remaining projects on the IHS Facility Construction Priority list as well as the status of Joint-Venture projects with planning phase timelines.

IHS Rep TBD

3:15 – 3:30 pm: Break

3:30 – 4:15 pm: Office of Resource Access and Partnerships Update
Program will provide an overview of the changes within the CHEF program that have been contributing to delays in reimbursement to Tribes.

Tracy Sanchez, Acting Director, ORAP

4:15 – 4:45 pm: Budget Update and Discussion
The IHS will provide an update regarding IHS funding including the Continuing Apprprations & Extension Act 2027; preparations of the FY 2028 budget; and arrangements for the FY 2029 IHS Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup. This session will offer TSGAC members an opportunity to discuss budget priorities, timelines, and the status of key funding initiatives affecting Tribal Self-Governance programs.

Jillian Curtis, Director, Office of Finance and Accounting, IHS

4:45 pm: Recess

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

9:00 – 9:30 am: TSGAC Committee Business

TSGAC Committee Business
- July 2026 minutes
- Nominations
    - Oklahoma City Area Alternate Rep.- Principal Chief Joe Tillman (Osage Nation)

9:30 am – 9:45 am: Affordable Care Act/Indian Health Care Improvement Act (ACA/IHCIA) Update

Cyndi Ferguson, Governmental Relations Advisor, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker
Elliott Milhollin, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker

9:45 am – 10:00 am: Tribal Self-Governance (TSG) Update

Jay Spaan, Executive Director, Tribal Self-Governance

10:00 am – 10:30 am: SDPI Consultation/Confer Update
Program Director will provide an overview of the SDPI consultation that took place regarding additional funding for the SDPI program and next steps

Carmen Licavoli, MSN, ANP-BC, Director, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, IHS

10:30am: Adjourn *Any TSGAC Technical Workgroup work will be handled via email.*

10:30am – 11:30am: Tribal Caucus

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