

**I. Budget Highlights – please refer to Monthly Financial Report**

Description of Budget exceptions: No budget exceptions to report. Government Resources, including Evaluation and Compliance, Self Governance and Grants Administration, is operating at approximately 50% staffing.

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. In brief:**

**1. Veterans Affairs:**

The CN Self Governance Office is continuing to coordinate negotiations for a reimbursement agreement with the Veterans Affairs department. The reimbursement agreement will allow Cherokee Nation Health Services to be reimbursed by the VA for services provided to Cherokee veterans at Cherokee Nation health facilities.

**2. Administration for Children and Families Tribal Advisory Council:**

Vickie Hanvey was nominated and selected to be a member of the U.S. HHS Administration for Children and Families Tribal Advisory Council. ACF is an important source of funding for Cherokee Nation and Indian Country. The ACF TAC held its first meeting and tribal consultation session from July 8-11 in Washington, DC. Topics covered at the first meeting included the ACF Tribal Consultation policy, proposed changes to the Child Care Development Fund regulations, reauthorization of the Native American Programs Act, and expansion of Self-Governance within HHS.

**3. Contract Disputes Act Litigation:**

Vickie Hanvey and staff are assisting the Cherokee Nation Office of the Attorney General with litigation against the United States Department of Health and Human Services for underpayment of contract support costs claims. Litigation will be filed in the District Court for the District of Columbia. The litigation is in response to IHS' inaction regarding Contract Disputes Act claims that were filed in 2012. Cherokee Nation's claim is for \$49,834,352. Staff is continuing to research and compile financial data and records in support of the Nation's claims for underpayment by the Indian Health Service. Staff research is cost effective and reduces legal fees paid to outside counsel.

**4. Affordable Care Act Training:**

Self Governance staff coordinated and scheduled Affordable Care Act Training on June 20-21. The Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board conducted and covered the costs training, which was held on the campus of Northeastern State University. Registration was free to all participants, which included both Cherokee Nation employees and representatives of several other tribes within Oklahoma. The training explained how the ACA will affect tribal, urban Indian, and IHS health facilities by providing opportunities for new revenue streams.

**5. Discussions with Māori Delegation:**

Representatives of Te Whanau o Waipareira, whom visited Cherokee Nation last October, reached out to Vickie Hanvey to explore potential ways to share best practices. Te Whanau o Waipareira is particularly interested in the Self Governance model of tribal funding and government in the United States. The Māori officials would like to learn more about Cherokee Nation's use of technology to preserve culture and deliver high quality health and social services to its citizens.

**6. Public Law 102-477 Plan:**

Self Governance staff coordinated the development and submission of the Nation's Three-Year PL 102-477 Plan with Human Services and Career Services staff. The plan was submitted to The Department of Interior and Department of Health and Human Services in late June. The PL 102-

477 Plan includes funding from the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor. The Plan allows Cherokee Nation to combine various federal programs into one plan, one budget, and one report, which provides flexibility and reduces administrative burden. Overall, approximately \$11,500,000 of federal funding is included in the Nation's 102-477 Plan.

**7. SGAC/TSGAC July Quarterly Meetings**

Self Governance staff participated in the July quarterly IHS Self-Governance Advisory Committee/DoI Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee meetings. Vickie Hanvey serves as a representative for the Eastern Oklahoma Region on the SGAC. IHS Director Roubideaux and Assistant-Secretary for Indian Affairs both attended the meeting to discuss the top priorities of Self-Governance tribes. Contract Support Costs and expansion of Self-Governance were two primary topics discussed on both Committees. Members of SGAC also participated in advocacy meetings in support of legislation to amend Title IV Self-Governance law.

**8. Delaware Tribe of Indians**

Vickie Hanvey has continued to work with the Cherokee Nation Office of the Attorney General regarding the Delaware Tribe's Aid to Tribal Government funding.

**9. Federal Tort Claims Act**

The Self Governance Office, in coordination with Health Services and Finance staff, have provided research assistance in support of a Federal Tort Claims Act case that the Cherokee Nation Office of the Attorney General is handling.

**10. DOI Negotiations**

- The Nation will begin negotiations for a new MFA on July 17, 2013.
- Agreement with DOI to address issue of Delaware funding through the CN compact.

**b. ARRA:**

**Reporting/Training:**

**1. Reporting to FederalReporting.gov.**

- Responded to various emails and comments from agencies regarding reports submitted.
- ARRA Section 1512 reports completed. See 6/30/2013 ARRA Summary for details.

**c. Brief on future plans/any new initiatives**

**IHS:**

1. Funding Allocation Analysis 2012
2. Update of IHS Carryover analysis.
3. Analysis and review of Area and Headquarters funding tables.
4. Review of the IHS CSC Shortfall report data.

**DOI:**

5. Working with EORO to close grants/contacts out of P638 system.
6. Real Estate Services to be incorporated into TDE project.
7. Update of DOI Carryover analysis.
8. PL102-477: A National workgroup has been assembled to address the reporting and auditing issues raised by HHS. Officials from OMB, DOI, HHS and DOL and tribal representatives continue to meet. Tribes are addressing these issues both administratively and legislatively.

**Other SG Participation:**

9. TIBC EORO Representative
10. Administration for Children and Families Tribal Advisory Council
11. National DOI Tribal Data Management pilot project.
12. National Title VI workgroup to further SG within HHS.
13. National HHS ACF Tribal Advisory Council
14. National Title IV workgroup with DOI SGAC.
15. National DOI CSC workgroup.
16. National DOI Funding Formula Matrix workgroup for SGAC.
17. Oklahoma SG Coalition representation of SG issues specific to Oklahoma.