

**Northern Plains American Indian Cancer Summit
Policy Workshop Notes, October 20, 2008
Best Western Seven Seas - Mandan, ND**

• **Participants**

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• **Agenda**

- 1:00 – 1:30: Introductions and Icebreaker
- 1:30 – 2:15: An Introduction to Cancer Policy
Dr. Lillian Tom-Orme, Research Assistant Professor, University of Utah
- 2:15 – 3:00: Policy in the IHS System
Deborah Broken Rope, Esq., Health Policy Consultant, Broken Rope & Associates
- 3:00 – 3:15: Break
- 3:15 – 4:00: A Case Study
Native American Partnership: Collaborating to Conquer Cancer on the Wind River Indian Reservation through Relationship Building and Policy Change
Kim Rogers, Program Manager, Wyoming Dept. of Health CCC Program
- 4:00 – 5:15: Discussion/Workgroup Session
- 5:15 – 5:30: Evaluation and Prizes

• Notes from the Discussion Session:

The group discussion potential priority issues for policy that the coalition could work on. Issues discussed included:

1. Potential Policy Area
 - a. Aberdeen Area Contract Health Service Priorities to include cancer
2. Potential Policy Area
 - a. IHS funding of Hospice
3. Potential Policy Area
 - a. IHS allowing specialty clinics on evenings/weekends for cancer screening
4. Potential Policy Area
 - a. Tribal employees to get time off to have screening/wellness appointments
5. Potential Policy Area
 - a. IHS clinics have policy to do more comprehensive appointments with all patients as is done with diabetic patients that includes cancer screening

Action Items:

- 1) Recruit individuals for a policy workgroup – individuals in each state with policy background/experience
- 2) Obtain background information including:
 - a) Cancer-related data {including GPRA and cancer infrastructure of IHS (i.e., what can IHS do in-house)}
 - b) Current IHS policies regarding cancer
 - c) How other areas do CHS priorities
 - d) Tribal policy initiatives in other regions
 - e) Medicare/Medicaid policies in each state and for IHS
- 3) Ask to provide input for group that does CHR priorities
- 4) Collaborate with States because of state funded Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Programs