

Template for District Health Department (DHD) Health Preparedness Coordination with Indian Tribes in Idaho

Scope of Work II.F.1.

Contract activity: *The DHD will document Indian tribal government participation in local preparedness planning and implementation.*

Indicator of completion: *Complete template (to be provided at the annual IDHW Health Preparedness Program meeting during Fall 2004) identifying the role Indian Tribal Health Departments or Indian Health Services have and will play in your DHD's planning and response efforts.*

Note: *Each DHD will be required to fill this survey out twice for the reporting periods ending 11/30/04 and 08/30/05. The second time each DHD will be asked to fill this out (for the reporting period ending 08/30/05) the DHD will only need to provide updated information to what was provided for the reporting period ending 11/30/04.*

Background

The guidance for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Cooperative Agreements on Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism includes the directive to coordinate preparedness planning with Indian tribes in Idaho. Both the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) and District Health Departments (DHDs) are being asked to include Indian tribal governments in the preparedness planning and implementation process.

Objective

This survey has been developed to assess the work that has and continues to be done between Idaho public health and Idaho's Indian tribes. The questions have been formulated to:

- identify areas that Idaho health preparedness needs to focus on in the future,
- prevent duplication of effort, and
- identify improvements in coordination efforts that can be reported back to CDC.

Instructions

Sections "A" through "D" need to be filled out with information about each Indian tribe in your DHD (i.e., if there are two Indian tribes located in your district, you will need to fill these sections out twice.). Certain survey questions may require input from the Indian tribe.

District Health Department (DHD)
Health Preparedness Coordination with Indian Tribes in Idaho
(Complete a Form for Each Indian Tribe in Your District)

DHD Name: Southwest District Health, District 3

Date Completed: 29 November 2004

A. Indian Tribal Description

1. What Indian tribe is located in your district? **Shoshone /Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley**
2. Where is the Indian tribe located? List county/counties
Borders Owyhee County, Idaho and Elko County, Nevada
3. What is the population of this Indian tribe within your district? Please provide the data source and date. **Idaho 655 and Nevada 1163 (Served by District 3 due to location). Bureau of Indian Affairs Census 2000.**
4. Is there an Indian health or tribal health hospital or health care center associated with the Indian tribe? If yes, please provide the name, location, and the population served.
Yes, Owyhee Community Health Facility, Owyhee, Nevada , located 4 miles south of Idaho State line.

B. General Coordination

1. Has your DHD worked with this Indian tribe and/or its representatives in the past?

Yes

No

- 1a. If yes, please describe.

**Memorandum of Understanding in place between Duck Valley and SWDH
SWDH Dietitian visits on 4days a month.**

C. Communication

1. Who are your main points of contact? Please provide contact information for each individual.

Name: **Allen Burgess**

Title: **Tribal Health Administrator**

Contact Info: **(775)**

Name:

Title: **Assistant Tribal Health Administrator**

Contact Info: **(775)**

Title: **EMS Director**

Contact Info:

2. How will the persons listed above be contacted in an emergency?
HAN, Blast Fax , State Communications Bridge call or personal contact phone call.
3. Has an Indian tribal representative been included in the process of reviewing health preparedness and/or public health communication messages?
 Yes
 No
- 3a. If yes, please describe. **HRSA**
4. Has a contact from this Indian tribe been included in the HAN system recipient list for your DHD?
 Yes
 No
5. Are there language barriers for working with Indian tribal members?
 Yes
 No
- 5a. If yes, please describe how are they being addressed.
6. How will important health messages be communicated to Indian tribal members?
Owyhee Community Health Services and Tribal Headquarters

D. Planning

1. Is the Indian tribe interested in health preparedness efforts?
 Yes
 No
 Indian tribe has not been approached to coordinate health preparedness planning efforts.
2. What barriers, if any, have you experienced in coordinating health preparedness efforts with the Indian tribe? If barriers exist, how do you plan to resolve them? **N/A**
3. Does the Indian tribe have its own preparedness and/or response plan for public health emergencies?
 Yes
 No
- 3a. If yes, briefly describe what activities the Indian tribe plans to undertake relevant to health preparedness efforts and how their plan integrates with your DHD plan?
JAYCO accreditation and review plan with District Health Planner
4. Does the Indian tribe participate in the HRSA Regional Health Care System Planning Group?
 Yes
 No

5. Describe how Indian tribes have been included in DHD planning for health preparedness activities and exercises; include the roles they play and any additional roles you would like them to play. **Duck Valley has MOU with Southwest District Health and are coordinating future plans for exercise involvement.**

E. Other Preparedness Needs

1. If cellular and telephone circuits were overloaded and electrical power was out, would a different strategy be employed to provide emergency message to Indian tribal members as compared to the general population? If so, please describe. **HAM radio operators.**
2. In the event that a mass dispensing site is set up, Indian tribal members would be served by:
- Clinic site **(Human Development Center)**
 - Mobile site
 - Other (Please describe) _____
- 2a. What modifications to the above need to be made to accommodate this population?
Generator for building: Action being worked.
- 2b. Have these modifications been included in your plan?
- Yes
 - No
3. What percentage of Indian tribal members relies on public transportation?
1% -Senior citizens use a Seniors Van, no local transit.
4. Please identify additional barriers to working with this population in an emergency.
- A. 160 miles from Southwest District Health**
 - B. Scattered population**
 - C. Everyone does not have a phone**
 - D. Possible Weather Conditions**
 - E. Ingress and Egress due to terrain**
 - F. Education / Outreach needed for population**
5. What percentage of Indian tribal members is homebound and need services brought to them?
.5- 1 % of population.