

Special Diabetes Program for Indians: FY 2017 and Beyond

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Presentation Overview

1. Legislative outlook for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians
2. Overview of the Federal budget process
3. Determining SDPI funding amount
4. How you can be involved as Tribal leaders
5. Questions?



Legislative Outlook for SDPI

- SDPI Expires on September 30, 2017
- Typical Legislative Vehicle not available
 - will know more in early 2017, likely CHIP
 - Opportunity to talk about long term/funding increases
- Just had a support letter move through Congress
 - 75 Senators
 - 356 House Members
 - 181 Democrats
 - 175 Republicans



Legislative Outlook for SDPI



- SDPI has had the same level of funding since FY 2004 – \$150 million
- Renewed in 1-2 year increments lately
- Problem for Tribes, IHS and other to retain staff, plan programming and expand services



Federal Budget Overview

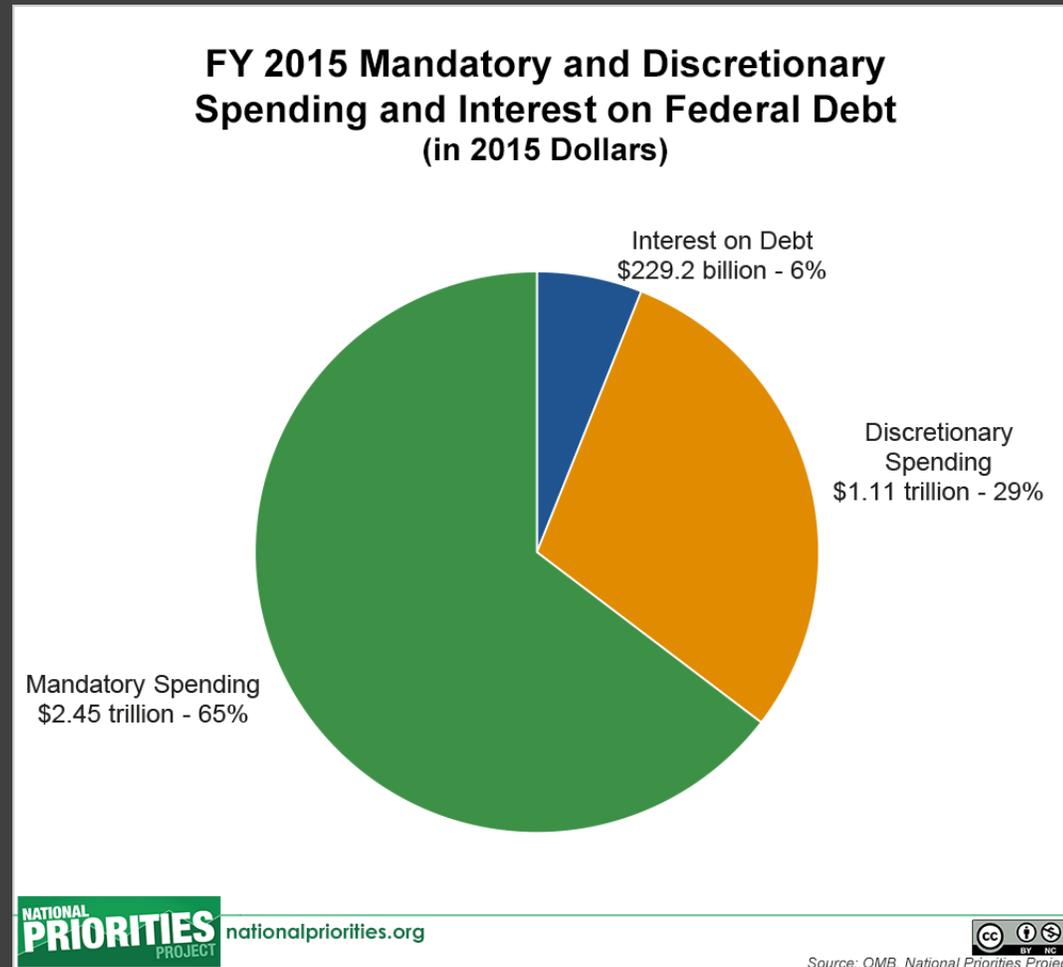
- Two Types of Federal Spending: Mandatory and Discretionary
- Discretionary: Annual Appropriations – Defense; Environment; Veterans Affairs; Indian Health Service; BIA; BIE; Transportation; FDA – most federal agencies
 - Benefits: Can change from year to year (increase); ALWAYS passes Congress so stability is there
 - Cons: Can change from year to year (decrease); Top-line discretionary spending getting cut – compete with other priorities

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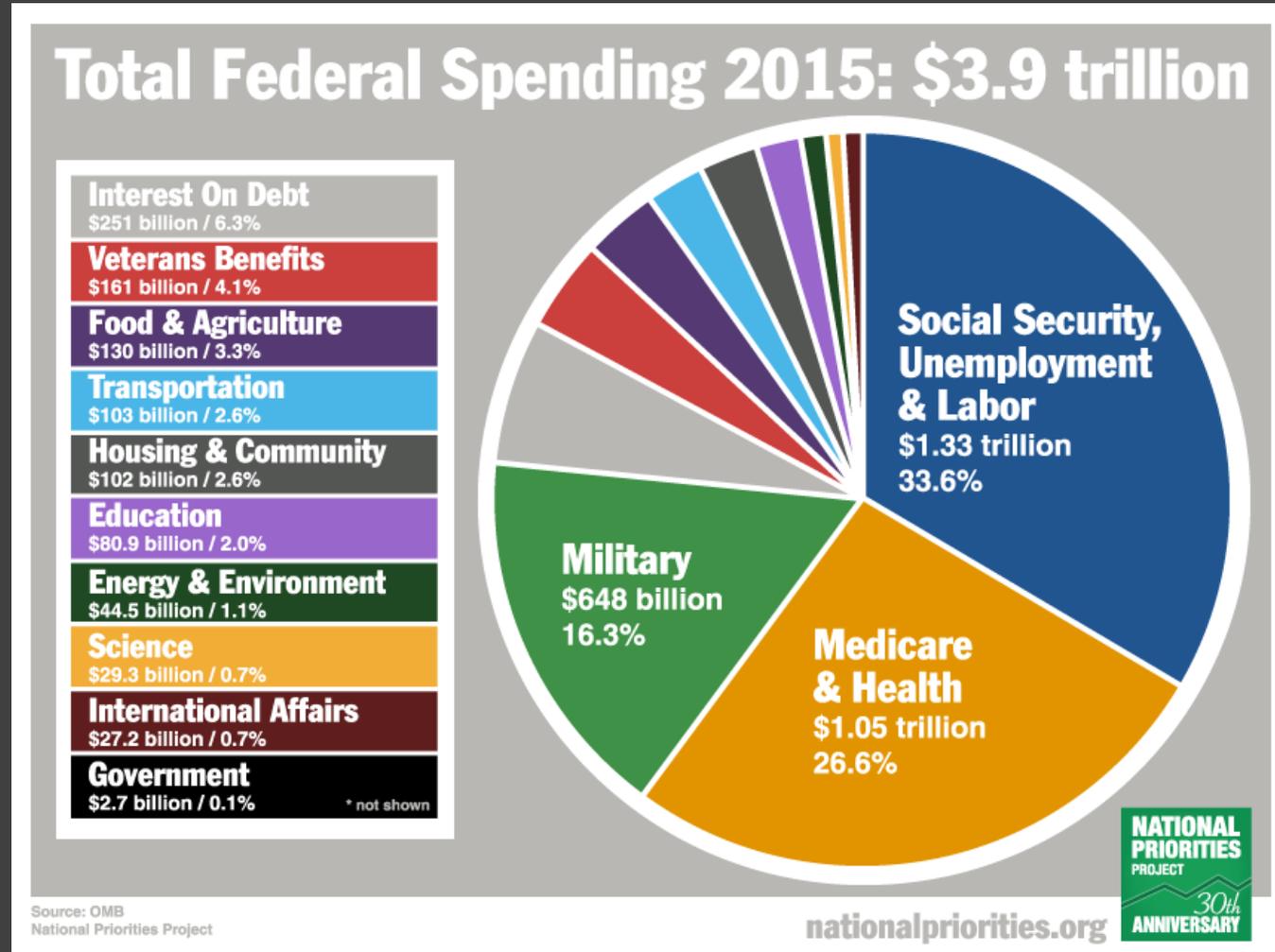
- Mandatory: Spending that Congress legislates outside of the annual appropriations process -- Social Security; Medicare, CHIP; Medicaid; SDPI
 - Benefits: Funding is more stable because authorization = appropriation
 - Cons: Must pass legislation to exist as a program; funding level is rigid



Mandatory vs. Discretionary Federal Spending 2015



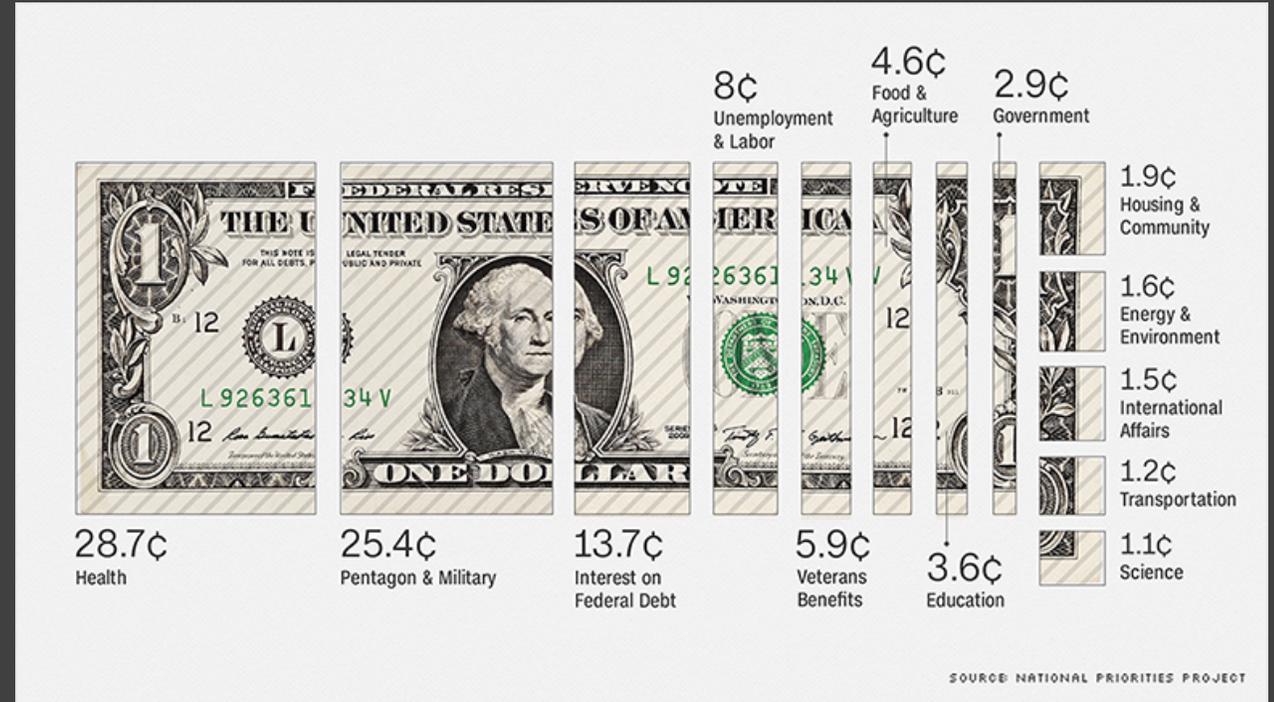
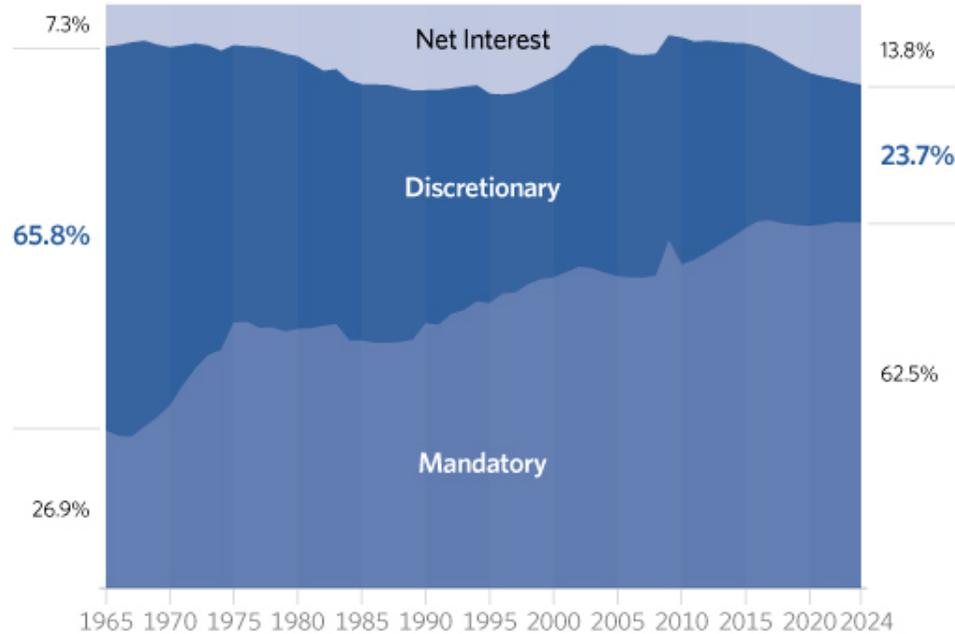
All Federal Spending 2015



The Federal Budget

As Entitlement Spending Grows, the Discretionary Share of the Budget Falls

SHARE OF TOTAL FEDERAL SPENDING

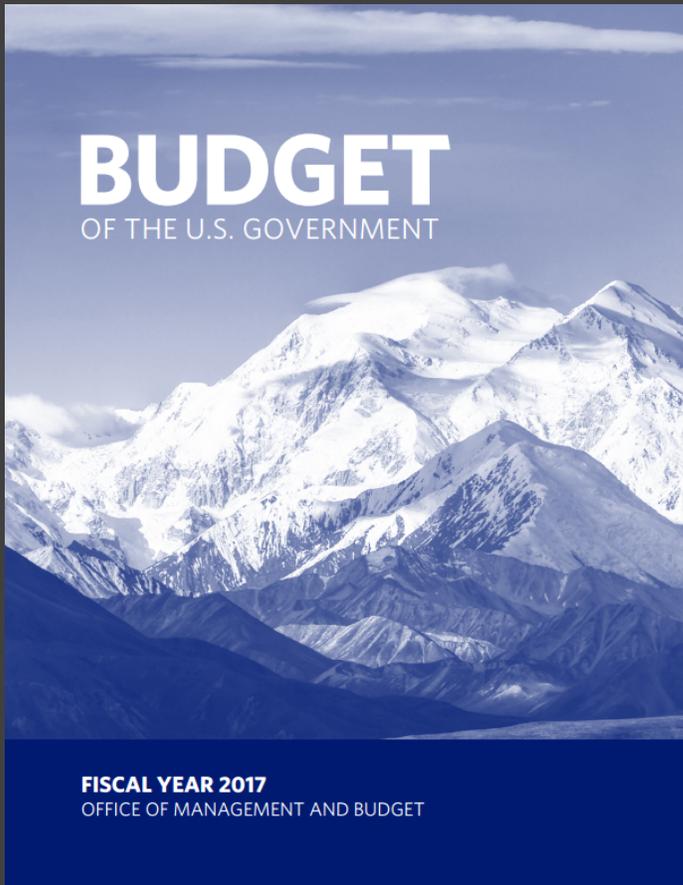


What does this mean for SDPI?

- SDPI is currently on the *mandatory* side of the budget
- Should we consider moving to discretionary?
 - If so, how much should we ask for?
 - What are the risks with this?
- President's budget still a factor for SDPI – what can Tribes do to take action?



Annual President's Budget Request



- February each year President issues annual Budget Request to Congress.
 - This is the outline of how the agencies think that the annual **discretionary** funds should be spent each year
 - Also includes policy / legislative proposals
- Does not typically involve mandatory funds which is funding that is automatic each year without Congressional approval
 - IHS has historically included SDPI program continuation as part of the Budget Request



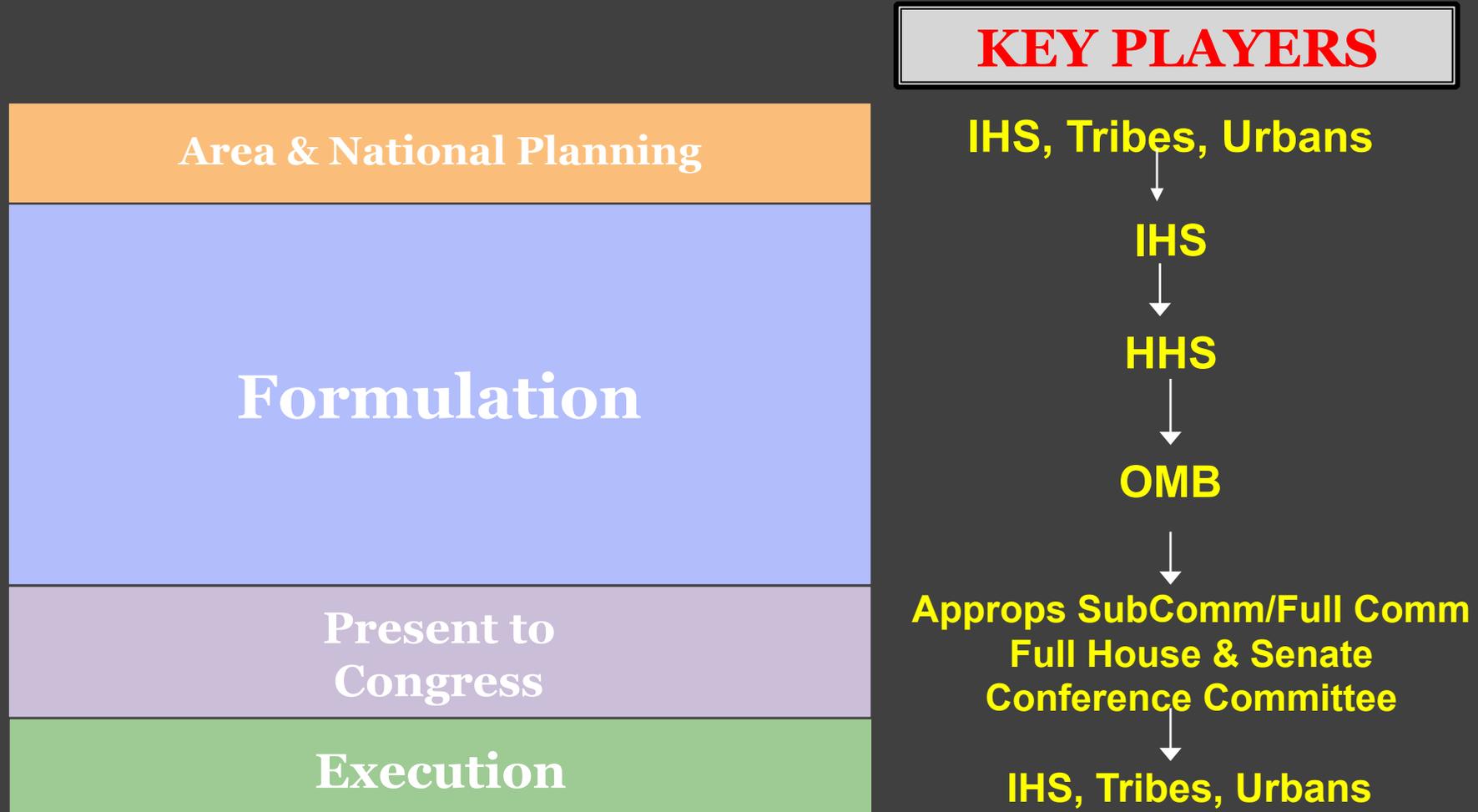
FY 2019?? Why NOW?

Federal agencies may deal with 4 fiscal years at the same time.

For Budget Years	Calendar Year											
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
FY - 1	Execution of FY - 1 Enacted Budget									Execution of FY - 2 Enacted*		
FY - 2		Congressional Action on FY - 2 President's Budget*										
FY - 3				Formulation of FY - 3 Budget Request								
FY - 4					Planning of FY - 4 Budget Request							

* Congressional activity varies each year and may impact the timing of an Enacted budget.

HHS/IHS Budget Formulation Phases



FY 2017 President's Budget Request for SDPI

IHS Congressional Justification, page 222-23:

IHS-2017

FISCAL YEAR 2017 DHHS LEGISLATIVE
PROPOSAL
Indian Health Service

Special Diabetes Program for Indians Permanent Reauthorization

Proposal: Permanent reauthorization for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) at \$150 million per year.

Current Law: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33, Section 4922) established the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) to address the need for diabetes prevention and treatment for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations. The SDPI, codified in the Public Health Service Act at 42 U.S.C. § 254c-3, has been reauthorized through September 30, 2017.

Rationale: Reauthorization of the SDPI beyond FY 2017 will be required to continue progress in the prevention and treatment of diabetes in AI/AN communities. Permanent reauthorization allows the programs more continuity and the ability to plan more long term interventions and activities.

- Same level of funding, permanently
- Previous requests were for 3 year renewal
- Little (if any) Tribal consultation on proposal

Appropriations Basics – Congress

- One Appropriations Committee in both the House and Senate
 - Appropriations Committee develops annual *discretionary* appropriations
- 12 Annual Appropriations bills must pass
- Interior, Environment and Related Agencies → IHS Funding
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies → other Health programs



Congressional Appropriations Timeline

- **Early February:** President releases his budget to kick off Appropriations
- **Late Winter/ Early Spring:**
 - Appropriations advocacy is key. Testify before appropriate committees; have meetings with staff/ deliver testimony
- **Summer**
 - Floor action on many bills
- **August RECESS**
 - Always invite your Member of Congress to your reservation!
- **September / October**
 - Key work still getting done. Final deals being made
- **November / December**
 - Must pass bills/ action taken

HOUSE CALENDAR
MAJORITY LEADER KEVIN McCARTHY 114TH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

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NOTE: POST-ELECTION SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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SDPI Renewal Roadmap

TRIBAL LEADERS can:

Work with Areas to determine financial need for SDPI

Coordinate a letter writing campaign to Congressional members

Communicate Area SDPI funding needs to NIHB for Tribal Ask to Congress

Conduct Hill visits with Congressional members

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TLDC MEMBERS can:

Attend Dec. 6 TLDC Virtual meeting, once approved

Attend Feb. 8-9 TLDC in-person meeting, once approved

Encourage Area SDPI sites to upload Local Impact Stories

Host a visit by your Congressional Representative to SDPI programs in your Area

Stay involved in your TLDC workgroup

Work with Areas to determine financial need for SDPI

- Work with Area contacts (*ADC, SDPI grantees, SDPI program participants*) to gather data and stories that:
 - Illustrate the burden of type 2 diabetes
 - Articulate the amount of funding needed for diabetes treatment and prevention based on user population
 - Who are you serving? Who are you **NOT** serving? What are the specific barriers to serving more people?
 - Show which Tribes in your Area are NOT funded by SDPI and what additional funding would be needed to fund them
 - Demonstrate positive clinical outcomes from current SDPI programs
- IHS Area Tribal Budget Formulation meetings or other IHS Tribal Consultations may provide opportunity for these discussions [usually held September – November]



Communicate Area SDPI funding needs to NIHB for Tribal “Ask” to Congress

- Work with Area Indian Health Boards, SDPI grantees, and Tribal leaders to establish consensus among the Tribes in your Area on how much funding is needed from SDPI
- Example:
 - Area X estimates a need for a X% increase in SDPI because there are X #people unserved by the program
 - Area X estimates that the Area will need a X% yearly increase due to medical inflation.
- Send Area-wide “ask” and justification to NIHB staff



Coordinate a letter writing campaign to Congressional members

- Your voice can make a difference in the policymaking process!
- Send a (electronic) letter to your members of Congress signed by Tribal leadership
- Resources and templates available:
 - [State fact sheets](#)
 - [Template letters](#)
 - Find your [House Members](#) | [Senators](#)



Conduct Hill visits with Congressional members

- Work with NIHB to schedule meetings with your Members in Washington DC or home District offices. NIHB can provide:
 - Advocacy training
 - “Leave behind” packets
 - Follow-up with Members
- National SDPI Hill Day in Winter 2017



Rosemary Nelson

Astariwi Band of Pit River Indians, California Area Tribal Leader



Ms. Nelson meeting with
Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler
(R-WA) in February 2015 to discuss
SDPI Reauthorization



Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Members

In your role as a TLDC members, you cannot lobby Congress for SDPI funding



Attend TLDC virtual and in-person meetings

- As per the TLDC charter
 - Recommend to the Director, IHS, a process for distributing SDPI funds and
 - Provide the IHS and Tribal leadership with an ongoing forum to discuss all matters related to diabetes and the impact to other chronic diseases on AI/AN communities.

Encourage Area SDPI sites to upload Local Impact Stories

- A simple form can be filled by SDPI program staff, program participants and providers to tell their story:

<http://www.nihb.org/sdpi/>

- Local Impact Stories are used to educate decision-makers on the life-saving impacts of the SDPI program



Host a visit by your Member of Congress to SDPI programs in your Area

- This is a great opportunity for SDPI programs to tell their story directly to members of Congress on why SDPI is saving lives and saving taxpayer dollars.
- The S.H.O.W. Toolkit and example site visits can be found here: <http://www.nihb.org/sdpi/host.php>

Stay involved in your TLDC workgroup

- The workgroups are the place for you to discuss ideas and house action items that enable the workgroup to stay on task and meet the mission of the TLDC and the workgroup charge as outlined in the strategic plan.
- Information on the workgroups can be found in the TLDC portal

Questions?

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