



DON J. DAVIS, M.P.H.

Director of Field Operations

Indian Health Service

Don J. Davis, a Creek-Seminole Indian, began his federal career in 1959 as a clerk in the Bureau of Medical Services in the Phoenix Area of the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. He then worked in the private and military sector for 8 years before returning to government service in the Supply Department of the Administrative Services Branch of the IHS. He was selected to participate in the management internship program in 1971. After completion of the program in 1973, Mr. Davis worked at IHS Headquarters in Rockville as an Administrative Management Specialist. He held positions of increasing responsibility within the Agency and the Phoenix Area, including Hospital Administrative Officer and Executive Officer, before his selection as Director of the Portland Area in 1984.

In 1987, Mr. Davis was selected as Director of the IHS Phoenix Area. As Director, Mr. Davis manages a unique health care program covering the states of Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. The Phoenix Area provides medical and public health services to more than 43 federally recognized tribes with a combined population of more than 150,000 American Indians. Services provided include clinical inpatient and outpatient care, along with environmental health, mental health, dental, nutrition, and dietetic services.

In addition to his responsibilities as the Phoenix Area Director, Mr. Davis is also the Director of Field Operations for the IHS. This position is located in the Headquarters of the IHS in Rockville, MD. As Director of Field Operations, Mr. Davis serves as a principal advisor to the Director, IHS, for the management of the field operations. His duties include planning, directing, and evaluating the operations of the Area Offices' functions, authorities, and responsibilities in support of the Agency Head and the IHS organization and programs. He provides operational and management information and expertise necessary for the formulation of policies, goals, objectives, and operational strategies, and in program and resource allocation decisions that impact the total organization.

The IHS is composed of 12 regional offices and a system of hospitals and clinics and works with tribal and urban programs to provide health services to approximately 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to more than 550 federally recognized tribes in 35 states. The IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for Indian people.

Mr. Davis received an associate of arts degree in business administration from Phoenix College in 1970. He went on to receive a bachelor of science in business administration from Arizona State University and completed a masters of public health in hospital administration from the University of California. In 2001, Mr. Davis was selected as a recipient of the Presidential Rank Meritorious Award. These awards are presented annually to top federal managers for extended, exceptional performance in the federal government. Among other honors and awards presented to Mr. Davis are the Public Health Service Award for Administrative Excellence and the Health Resource Services Administration Medallion Award. He also received a Superior Work Performance Award and a PHS Special Recognition Award. Mr. Davis is a member of the Arizona Hospital Association.