



Christopher Mandregan, Jr., M.P.H. Alaska Area Director Indian Health Service

Christopher Mandregan, Jr., an Aleut (Alaska Native), began his career with the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in 1986. In 1996, Mr. Mandregan was appointed as the Executive Officer for the Alaska Area IHS (AAIHS), responsible for administrative support services for the Area. In 1998 he accepted the position of Area Director for the AAIHS. As the Area Director, Mr. Mandregan is responsible for the federal portion of the health care system for Alaska Native people and for conducting government-to-government relationships with Alaska Native tribes on behalf of the HHS Secretary.

The AAIHS provides comprehensive health services to approximately 120,000 Alaska Native people, Eskimos, Aleuts, Indians, and non-natives living in remote locations. The AAIHS health care delivery system is linked to regional Alaska Native health corporations, village corporations, and State and local agencies. Field hospitals are located in the six rural villages of Barrow, Bethel, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Nome, and Sitka and are operated by Alaska Native tribal organizations. Seven ambulatory health care centers are located in Juneau, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Fairbanks, Tanana, Fort Yukon, and St. Paul Island. Over 170 additional clinics are located throughout Alaska. The Alaska Native Medical Center, a 170-bed general medical and surgical hospital located in Anchorage, is the referral center for the rural hospitals and clinics. In remote and isolated regions of the state, non-natives reimburse the AAIHS for the care they receive.

During his career at AAIHS, Mr. Mandregan received a Public Health Service Special Recognition Award for Productivity from the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS. He was awarded this honor for his efforts in securing lower medical rates for medical services purchased from private physicians and hospitals by the ANMC. These efforts resulted in annual recurring cost savings of about \$1 million. He has also served as Agency Lead Negotiator for the Alaska Tribal Health Compact and has been instrumental in implementing Indian Self-Determination and Tribal Self-Governance in Alaska.

Mr. Mandregan serves on the Executive Committee of the Alaska Federal Health Care Partnership (AFHCP). This Committee is a partnership of IHS, Department of Defense (Air Force and Army), Veteran's Administration, and the Coast Guard which is dedicated to maximizing utilization of federal resources for each partner's respective beneficiaries. The AFHCP won the Government Executive Magazine's 2002 Grace Hopper Government Technology Leadership Award for its implementation of a state-wide telemedicine system, deployed in over 200 health care facilities throughout Alaska.

Mr. Mandregan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Washington State University. He completed his Masters of Public Health degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.