



## **ROBERT G. McSWAIN, M.P.A.**

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Robert McSwain, a member of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, began his career with the Indian Health Service (IHS) in 1976 as Director for the IHS California Area Office. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principle federal health care advocate and provider for approximately 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to more than 550 federally recognized tribes in 35 states. The IHS is composed of 12 regional, or Area, offices. The California Area serves 103 tribal communities through 26 rural health care operating units, seven urban health programs, and 14 alcohol treatment programs.

In 1984 Mr. McSwain was named Special Assistant to the Director, IHS, and assigned to long-term training at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. In 1986, he was transferred to the IHS headquarters facility in Rockville, Maryland, where he held positions of increasing responsibility and diversity, including: Director of the Division of Health Manpower and Training for the Office of Health Programs, Deputy Associate Director for the Office of Administration and Management, and Management Analysis Officer for the Office of the Director. From 1992 to 1997 he served as the Acting Associate Director for the Office of Human Resources. Mr. McSwain was selected for his current position, Director of the Office of Management Support (OMS), in March 1997.

As the Director for OMS, Mr. McSwain is responsible for a broad range of management duties related to Agency resources, organizational structure, operational functions, policy development and implementation, and federal authorities. Major responsibilities of the OMS include program integrity and ethics, executive secretariat, management policy, administrative support, financial management, acquisition and grants management, human resource management and development, information technology support, health professions recruitment and retention, and regulatory and legal affairs.

After receiving an associate in science degree in accounting from Fresno City College in Fresno, California, Mr. McSwain obtained a bachelor of science degree in business administration and economics from California State University - Fresno in 1969. In 1986 he went on to earn a master's degree in public administration (health services administration) from the University of Southern California - Los Angeles. Mr. McSwain has completed all course work for a doctor of public administration program at the University of Southern California.