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W. Craig Vanderwagen, M.D., began his career with the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in 1981. His initial assignment was in the IHS Albuquerque Area Office as a General Medical Officer of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps at the Zuni Indian Hospital. He currently holds the rank of Rear Admiral.

As the Director for the Division of Clinical and Preventive Services, Dr. Vanderwagen is responsible for the full scope of clinical health care programs, including quality assurance and preventive programs. The Division issues technical and policy guidance for a wide variety of IHS direct and tribal health care programs, including alcohol and substance abuse, dental, diabetes and other chronic disease prevention, mental health, emergency medical, nutrition & dietetics, nursing, pharmacy, and maternal and child health.

Dr. Vanderwagen has received many awards and commendations since he began work for the IHS. In 1991, he received a PHS Exceptional Capability Promotion. In 1989, he was awarded a Commendation by the Secretary of Health and Human Services for his leadership on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Indian Alcoholism.

Dr. Vanderwagen is a board-certified family physician and maintains an active clinical practice in addition to his responsibilities in program development and administration. He is published in several medical journals covering family practice, including, Medical Education, Children Today, and Hospital and Community Psychiatry. Dr. Vanderwagen is a frequent speaker to medical students and the general public on the techniques employed by the IHS to elevate the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Dr. Vanderwagen was raised on the Zuni Indian Reservation in New Mexico and considers that his home. He and his wife, Suzanne, currently reside in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area with their three children.