



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Dear Tribal Leaders:

I am writing to provide you with a written response from the meeting August 18, 2015 on the status of the Omaha-Winnebago Hospital that included the Winnebago and Omaha Tribal Leadership, Indian Health Service Area and Headquarters leadership, Deputy Director of Field Operations, Richie Grinnell; and me.

During the meeting, I asked for input from both the Winnebago and Omaha Tribe on the Acting positions for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Director of Nursing (DON), Clinical Director (CD) and Administrative Officer (AO). The agreement between both Tribes and the IHS is the following;

1. Shelly Harris, Acting CEO
2. Dr. Mohammad, Acting CD
3. AO acting will be identified after Shelly Harris is onsite to assess.
4. DON Acting will be identified after Mary Lynn Eaglestaff is onsite to assess.

The next face to face meeting is tentatively set for a day during the week of September 14-18, 2015. Details on the logistics will be sent to you once the date has been confirmed.

Your input is important to me as we move forward on a course to change the hospital and work together to improve delivery of health care at the Omaha-Winnebago Hospital. Our common goal is to ensure that American Indians receive the health care they need and deserve. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Ron Cornelius
Area Director