



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

June 20, 2013

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), you are invited to two important meetings for tribal leaders to speak with CDC/ATSDR leadership and subject matter experts about the public health issues affecting your communities.

The two meetings are as follows:

- The CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting on August 12, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT).
- The 10th Biannual CDC/ATSDR Tribal Consultation Session on August 13, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

Both meetings will be held at CDC's headquarters, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia, 30333. Registration forms, agendas, and hotel information can be found on the Tribal Support website at www.cdc.gov/tribal.

At the last TAC Meeting, held in Atlanta, Georgia, in February 2013, tribal leaders joined leaders and subject matter experts from across CDC/ATSDR to share success stories and to discuss grant information and opportunities at CDC for Native participation. The meeting also included discussion of community-based participatory public health, substance abuse and mental health, diabetes, worker safety, and health outreach. Both the TAC Meeting and the roundtable discussion with CDC/ATSDR senior leadership resulted in a valuable information exchange.

The August 2013 TAC Meeting and Tribal Consultation Session will provide another opportunity for tribal leaders to speak openly with CDC/ATSDR leadership and subject matter experts about the public health issues affecting your communities. Discussion topics will include Native specimens, direct assistance and Epi-Aids, success stories, and disease-specific topics. We look forward to rich discussions on these important public health topics. There will also be a listening session with the CDC Director and a roundtable discussion with CDC/ATSDR leadership.

Most importantly, there will be an opportunity to provide tribal testimonies on the public health issues affecting your tribe. Please submit written testimony by July 19, 2013, to tribalconsult@cdc.gov.

If you have questions about the upcoming TAC Meeting or Tribal Consultation Session, please contact Kimberly W. Cantrell, Deputy Associate Director for Tribal Support, at klw6@cdc.gov or (404) 498-0411, or Delight Satter, Associate Director for Tribal Support, at zuc0@cdc.gov or (404) 498-0440, or by mail to 4770 Buford Highway NE, MS E-70, Atlanta, Georgia, 30341.

Your input is very important to us as we work to improve tribal access to CDC/ATSDR programs and services and strengthen partnerships with tribes and American Indian and Alaska Native community-based organizations. We remain committed to respecting tribal sovereignty while working together to leverage capacity, expertise, and resources to achieve the greatest impact on the health issues affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Frieden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "F".

Thomas R. Frieden, MD, MPH
Director, CDC, and
Administrator, ATSDR