

NIH and Tribal Health Research – Moving Forward

**NIH Tribal Consultation Advisory
Committee
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Tribal Consultation

- Executive Order 13175 (2000)
 - “Each agency shall have an accountable process to ensure meaningful and timely ***input by tribal officials*** in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications.”
 - “***Tribal officials***” are elected or duly appointed officials of Indian tribal governments or authorized intertribal organizations.
- Memorandum on Tribal Consultation (2009)
 - “My Administration is committed to regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration ***with tribal officials*** in policy decisions that have tribal implications...”

HHS Tribal Consultation Policy (TCP)

(Revised 2010)

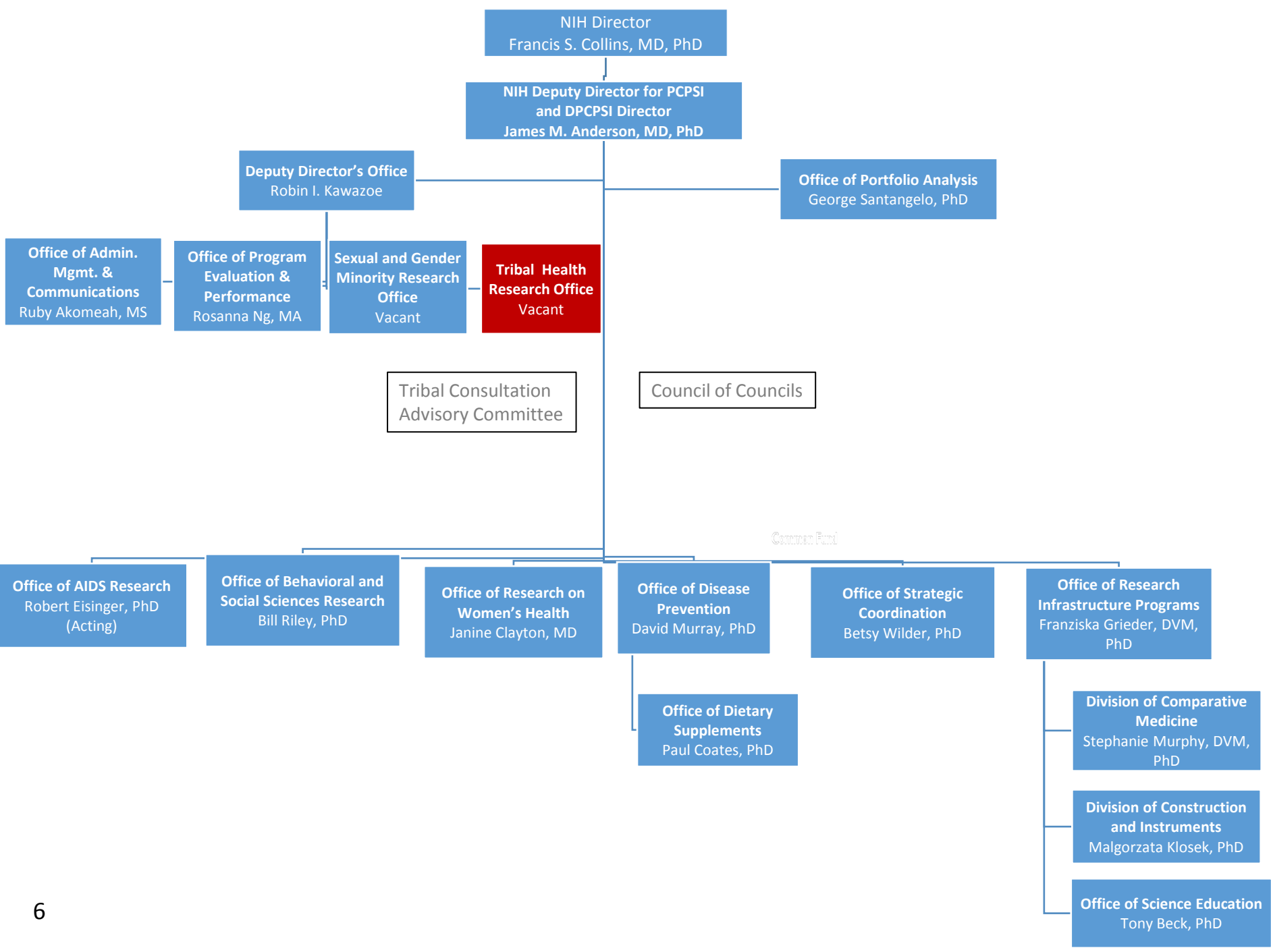
- The TCP states that before any HHS action is taken that will significantly affect Indian Tribes, consultation with Indian Tribes will occur to the extent practicable and permitted by law
 - Calls on HHS Operating Divisions to have an accountable process to ensure input by tribes

NIH Responsibilities

- Bring relevant issues/policies to tribes for consultation
- Respond to requests for consultation through specified processes and meeting specified timelines as described in the Implementation Guidance

NIH Guidance on Implementation of the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy (2013)

- “A consultation will occur when HHS, NIH, or an Indian Tribe identifies an NIH action with substantial direct effects for one or more Indian Tribe.”
- The NIH OD, through DPCPSI, will ensure adherence to HHS TCP
- Each IC must have Point of Contact (POC)
 - <http://www.nih.gov/about-nih/what-we-do/get-involved-nih/tribal-activities-points-contact>
- DPCPSI is the central coordinating point for the NIH

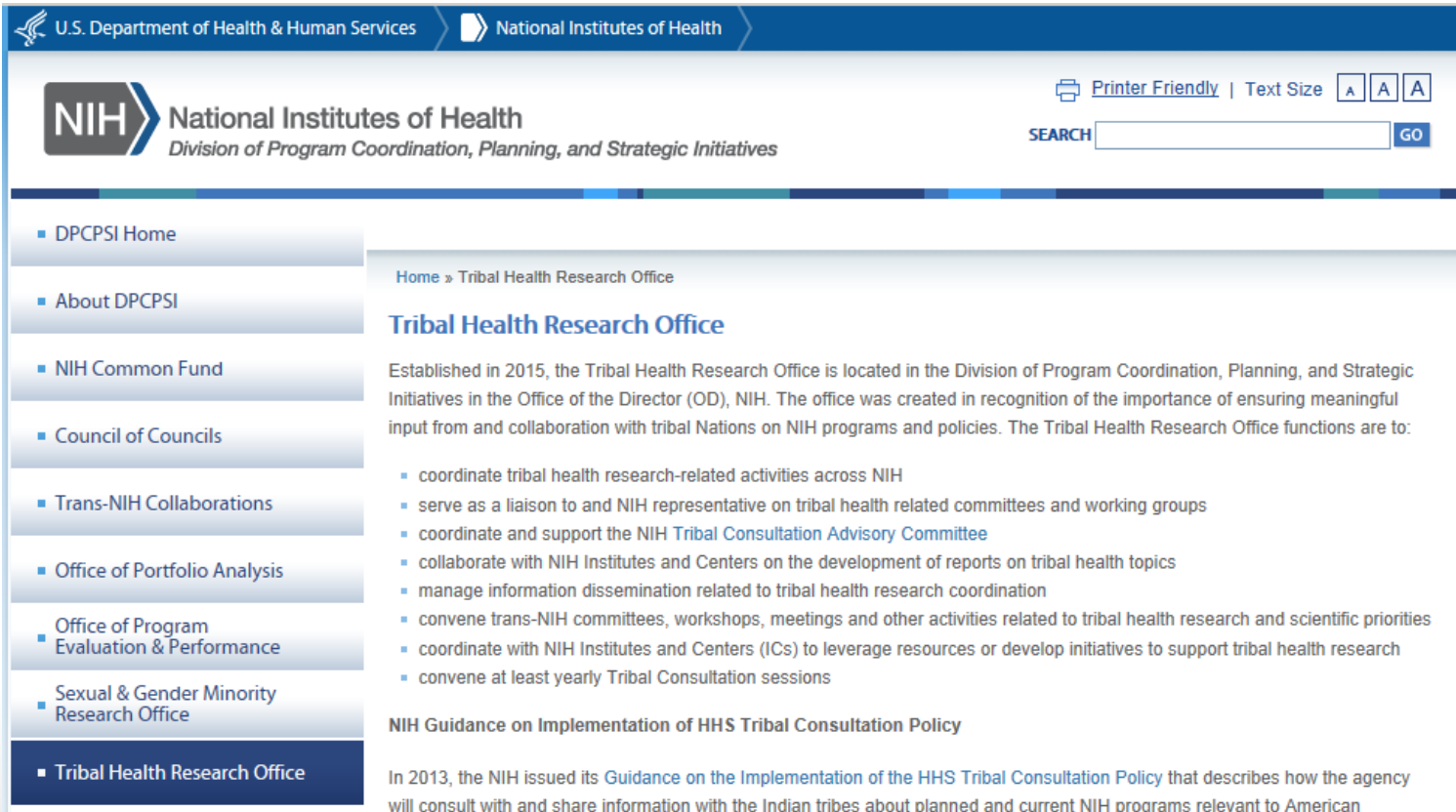


Selected Highlights of NIH Implementation of the HHS TCP

- Convened the first annual NIH-wide Tribal Consultation session
 - First consultation occurred on September 21, 2015
- Established a Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee
 - Two meetings to be held per year
 - First meeting held September 29-30, 2015
 - Second meeting is February 25-26, 2016

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- Established a NIH Tribal Health Research Office in Fall 2015
- Established a website



The screenshot shows the NIH Tribal Health Research Office website. The header includes the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and National Institutes of Health logos. The main navigation menu on the left lists: DPCPSI Home, About DPCPSI, NIH Common Fund, Council of Councils, Trans-NIH Collaborations, Office of Portfolio Analysis, Office of Program Evaluation & Performance, Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office, and Tribal Health Research Office. The main content area is titled 'Tribal Health Research Office' and includes a breadcrumb trail 'Home » Tribal Health Research Office'. The text states: 'Established in 2015, the Tribal Health Research Office is located in the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives in the Office of the Director (OD), NIH. The office was created in recognition of the importance of ensuring meaningful input from and collaboration with tribal Nations on NIH programs and policies. The Tribal Health Research Office functions are to:'. A bulleted list follows: 'coordinate tribal health research-related activities across NIH', 'serve as a liaison to and NIH representative on tribal health related committees and working groups', 'coordinate and support the NIH Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee', 'collaborate with NIH Institutes and Centers on the development of reports on tribal health topics', 'manage information dissemination related to tribal health research coordination', 'convene trans-NIH committees, workshops, meetings and other activities related to tribal health research and scientific priorities', 'coordinate with NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) to leverage resources or develop initiatives to support tribal health research', and 'convene at least yearly Tribal Consultation sessions'. Below this is a section titled 'NIH Guidance on Implementation of HHS Tribal Consultation Policy' with the text: 'In 2013, the NIH issued its [Guidance on the Implementation of the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy](#) that describes how the agency will consult with and share information with the Indian tribes about planned and current NIH programs relevant to American

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Tribal Health Research Office Planned Actions

- Establish a Tribal Health Research Coordinating Committee within NIH
- Conduct a portfolio analysis of the NIH American Indian and Alaska Native research and research training portfolio
- Initiate a strategic planning process

NIH Tribal Health Research Office

First Director

- Recruited for the first Director of the Tribal Health Research Office
- Selected the Director, Dean Seneca, and he will begin working at NIH in April 2016.

Questions or comments?

Feedback?

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