

## **First Meeting of the IHS/Tribal Affiliate**

6/6/12

President Deborah Crabbe presided over the meeting

Vice President Amanda St. Aubin took minutes

**Welcome:** This affiliate was formed due to the unique history of midwives in IHS/Tribal communities. We hope that this new affiliate will provide an outlet and medium to discuss the common goals, objectives, and challenges of our members.

Members of the meeting introduced themselves and reported on their current/past/future involvement in IHS/tribal settings

**The website:** Please contact Deborah or Amanda if you have any suggestions/posts/requests for the website, <http://ihst.midwife.org>

Please write a brief paragraph about your service unit and submit for the “about us” section

### **Announcements:**

All are welcome to join the e-mail listserv organized by Carolyn Aoyama. To join, go to the IHS website (ihs.gov), click on “listserv e-mail groups” in the bottom right corner, click on “subscribe” and find the “Mid wives” listserv in the list. This will bring you to the sign-up page.

NIH is promoting the Healthy Babies-Safe Sleep Campaign. This is a train-the-trainer program.

The IHS/ACOG post-graduate women’s health course will be held in Salt Lake City, UT this year on August 12-15. For additional information, please contact Yvonne Malloy, [YMalloy@acog.org](mailto:YMalloy@acog.org), 202-863-2580.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Meeting on Indigenous Women’s Health will be held on 9/20/13

### **Officer’s Report:**

Treasurer: Recently opened account. There is now a \$25 annual fee to be a member of this affiliate.

We are taking suggestions on what to do with our funds?

**ACNM Affiliate sign-up issues:**

You may sign up for the IHS/tribal affiliate and/or state affiliate. If you want to do both, one affiliate will be your primary affiliate and all others will be your secondary affiliates.

There were some who were unable to sign-up for 2 affiliates on-line. I believe that has been fixed. If you have any more difficulties with this, please contact the national office.

When signing up for the affiliate via paper form. You can cross out the state affiliate that was assigned to you and check the IHS/Tribal affiliate as your primary affiliate.

Here is a copy of the e-mail re: signing-up for the affiliate from George Hamilton:

*Re. the sign-up systems for Uniformed Services and IHS/Tribal affiliates:*

*1) Attached is a copy of the paper renewal notice members receive. We've thought hard about this and can't think of a way to make changing primary affiliate assignment to Uniformed Services or IHS/Tribal in the space we have any more straightforward. There is even already a statement of eligibility question built in for IHS/Tribal though we don't have one for Uniformed Services. (This was a database modification necessary to allow them to not charge dues when they were 1st approved. Without the statement anyone and everyone who didn't particularly want to pay dues for their state assigned affiliate would have been able to switch to an affiliate with \$0.00 dues.)*

*2) There is also a space to write in a secondary affiliate selection and a web page address on the ACNM website is provided so that members can look up the dues for their secondary affiliate selection. I would suggest that if members in the uniformed services or working in the IHS or tribal health system also want to be members of their state affiliate they should leave the state as the primary affiliate and select uniformed services or IHS as their 2nd affiliate.*

*3) Both the online join and renewal systems allow members to either switch their primary affiliate to the Uniformed Services or IHS/Tribal affiliate or to select any affiliate they like from a dropdown list as a secondary affiliate. For someone to change their primary affiliate to IHS/Tribal they do have to answer Yes to the affirmative statement that they do (or did) practice in an IHS or tribal health setting. The only drawback is that a member can only do this when they are joining or renewing their membership. They can't do it mid-year because that would alter their already paid membership invoice for their current year, adding the new affiliate dues to the invoice and resulting in a balance due on an already paid renewal.*

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We encourage everyone to make the IHS/Tribal affiliate your primary affiliate so we can increase our representation and awareness in ACNM

We would also like to encourage all members of our affiliate to update their individual profiles on the ACNM website. This may increase awareness of non-affiliate CNMs working with Indian Health/Tribal services

### **Meetings:**

We discussed ideas on how to hold affiliate meetings due to the large geographical spread of our members. The following are some suggestions that we will pursue:

- Annually at the ACNM annual meeting
- Webinars through ACNM
- Phone conferencing through ACNM account if no slides/visuals are needed
- Face-to-face at the Indigenous meeting on Women's Health every other year, and/or at the IHS/ACOG conference in Salt Lake City, UT this year
- Continue to stay connected during e-mail

We came up with a goal of monthly conference calls

### **Midwifery Presence at IHS based conferences:**

There was a call for stronger representation of midwives at IHS/ACOG meetings as well as the Indigenous Women's Health meetings. We encouraged involvement of members of the affiliate to represent us in presentations.

- Increase the awareness and importance of the Art of Midwifery
- How to keep birth normal in our population; may use the statement on normal birth as a resource:

“Supporting Healthy and Normal Physiologic Childbirth: A Consensus Statement by ACNM, MANA, and NACPM.”

**Short Term/Long Term Goals of the Affiliate:**

Address how normal birth is supported in our sites. What are the obstructions to normal birth?

Address how midwives are supported in our sites

Encourage involvement in ACNM Benchmarking project at IHS/Tribal sites

Encourage CNMs and Nursing involvement in Baby-Friendly Health Initiative

Encourage IHS/Tribal midwives to accept roles as healers and providers with women in DV/rape/child abuse cases in our tribal communities

-Increase SANE/SART services in our sites. Encourage leaders (Mary Rose) to provide presentations.

**ACNM Challenge:**

Have at least ONE presentation/workshop/poster related to IHS/Tribal issues at every Annual ACNM meeting.

Abstracts must be submitted in advance and are then scored by a committee. Presenters are accepted based on score.

EVERYONE submit a proposal!

**Next Meeting:**

Teleconference at 2 pm Eastern Time on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of next month (7-12-12)

**Thank you to everyone who attended our FIRST meeting of the IHS/Tribal Affiliate!**