



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL NARRATIVE

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Training/Event: Michael Hughes Conference
Location: New Buffalo, MI
Date of Event: July 29 – 30, 2015

Thank you fellow Council members and the Citizens of LTBB for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Indian Health Service FY 2016 Budget Workshop presented by Michael D. Hughes. The following is a brief travel report/summary:

Tuesday– July 28, 2015

Departed from my home in Harbor Springs, MI. In an effort to assist with cost saving measures, travel was completed via carpooling.

Wednesday – July 29, 2015

Day One – AM Session

Sign-in and Registration
Welcome and Introductions

The Indian Health Service Budget:

*Department of Health and Human Services
IHS organizational structure and key officials
IHS FY 2016 Budget Justifications*

IHS Program Details

*Program changes
Built-in costs: medical inflation, pay and service population growth
Performance measures
Contract Support Costs*

Day One – PM Session

Budget of the United States Government

*Revenues, outlays, deficit and debt
The Budget Control Act of 2011
The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012
The FY 2013 Sequestration
The 2% protection for the IHS versus the 5% sequester
The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013
The Department of Health and Human Services budget*

Group Exercise

*Analysis of IHS programs
Group reports and discussions*

Thursday – July 30, 2015

Day Two – AM Session

The 114th Congress

Overview of the 114th Congress

Overview of the Congressional Budget Process

Appropriations Committees

The FY 2015 Consolidated Appropriations Act, PL 113-235

Department of the Interior, Environment & Related Agencies Appropriations Act

HIHS FY 2015 Appropriations

Status of FY 2016 Appropriations

Day Two – PM Session

Authorizing Committees

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

House Committee on Natural Resources

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act

Budget Committees

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget

Section 302 Allocations

Group Exercise

The Congressional Budget Process

Group reports and discussion

Summary of Fiscal Years

FY 2015: federal budget execution

FY 2016: Congressional budget process

FY 2017: Federal budget planning

A few takeaways from this training:

- **Critical to understand budget increases and formulas**
- **Still need to convince OMD to fully fund inflation costs**
- **10,000 people in the US are turning 65 every day**
- **Top goal of BIA – Reduce recidivism on 3 Reservations by 9.30.2015**
- **TIBC – Disorganized, chaotic & backwards (made up of 24 elected officials)**

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