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Michael H. Trujillo, M.D., M.P.H., is Area Chief Medical Officer, Portland, Oregon, for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the U.S. Public Health Service. He also serves as Assistant Chief Medical Officer for the IHS for nationwide clinical field activities. As a full-blooded Indian physician, Dr. Trujillo's roots are from his reservation, the Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico, and his professional home has been the U.S. Public Health Service. Dr. Trujillo has dedicated his career to strengthening the health care delivery system for Native Americans and elevating the health status of Indian communities nationwide. He advocates for the involvement of Tribal representatives in managing their own health care through self-determination and self-governance programs.

As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Trujillo manages the operation and evaluation of a direct/preventive health delivery program serving 120,000 Native American residents on 40 reservations and urban areas in a 3-state region. He is part of a team effort to implement managed care programs and a Total Quality Management initiative for all services units and Tribal health programs. He oversees health professionals recruitment, retention, and accreditation programs.

Previously, Dr. Trujillo was a Clinical Specialty Consultant to the Bemidji (Minnesota) Area of the IHS. In that position, he assisted in the development, coordination, and implementation of a 3-state regional chronic disease program.

Dr. Trujillo has served in the dual role of Associate Warden for Medical/Hospital Programs and Medical Director at the Federal Medical Center of the Bureau of Prisons in Rochester, Minnesota. He directed the medical and hospital services and staff of a new medical/surgical/psychiatric national referral center of the Bureau of Prisons with 800 inmates at all security levels. Dr. Trujillo managed the 320 bed hospital, coordinated specialty medical services with the Mayo Clinic, and served as staff internist. This facility was the major referral center within the Bureau of Prisons for complex diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Trujillo has also served as Deputy Area Director/Area Chief Medical Officer for the Aberdeen (South Dakota) Area of the IHS. In that position, he planned, managed, and evaluated a preventive and direct health care delivery program for a 4-state region serving 70,000 Native Americans in 16 Tribes.

Throughout his professional career in the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Trujillo has held various senior level management positions in regional locations, allowing him to work among diverse local cultures. These positions included Chief of Clinical Services for Region II in New York City, and Director of the Clinical Support Center in Phoenix, Arizona. As a loaned executive to the American Indian Health Care Association in St. Paul, Minnesota, he was Special Projects Officer responsible for initiating quality assurance programs and a medical provider recruitment program for Urban Indian health care centers nationwide.

Dr. Trujillo received his undergraduate, graduate, and medical degrees from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and an M.P.H. in public health administration and health care policy from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. His medical training is in family practice and internal medicine, and includes a clinical fellowship in preventive medicine at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Trujillo's professional affiliations have allowed him to serve as a health advocate for the Indian people. He is a member of the American College of Physician Executives, the American Association of Indian Physicians, the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S., the National Rural Health Care Association, the Western Canadian/American Health Council, and the American Public Health Association. Among other committees, he serves on the Total Quality Management Executive Council for the Portland Area, the National IHS Managed Care Committee, and on the Advisory Committee of the Native American Center of Excellence at the School of Medicine of the University of Washington, Seattle.

Dr. Trujillo lives in Gresham, Oregon, with his wife and three children.