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**THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE
ARIZONA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE**

November 1, 2017 – PHOENIX, AZ - Governor Doug Ducey has appointed three new representatives to serve on the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC). The 12-member Advisory Council consists of tribal and state representatives. Governor Ducey has appointed 8 of the 12 members this year. Each Tribe in Arizona may recommend an individual to represent them on the AACIHC.

- ***Councilman Jonathan Hale*** was appointed to represent the Navajo Nation. Mr. Hale also serves as the Chairman for the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Tribe and is a Tribal Council Delegate of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council. He represents the communities of Oaksprings and St. Michaels.
- ***Councilwoman Carol Schurz*** is the Community Council Representative for District Two (Hashan Kehk) of the Gila River Indian Community. She serves as the Chair of the Health & Social Standing Committee and the Cultural Resources Standing Committee, and Vice Chair of the Government & Management Standing Committee. Councilwoman Schurz has over 40 years of health care experience and previously worked for the Indian Health Service.
- ***Mr. David Reede*** is the Tribal Health Director of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and is a current board member and the former Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Health Corporation. Mr. Reede was a former Tribal leader having served as Tribal Councilman and Vice Chairman with the San Carlos Apache Tribe from 2004-2010.

They join the following governor appointed representatives and state agency appointed representatives:

- Michael Allison, Native American Liaison, Arizona Department of Health Services
- Raquel Aviles, Associate Director of Health, Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Candida Hunter, Senior Director of Tribal Affairs, First Things First
- Lori Joshweseoma, Health Director, Hopi Tribe
- Alida Montiel, Health Systems Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
- Daniel Preston, Councilman, Tohono O'odham Nation
- Deanna Sangster, Health Services Administrator, Native Health
- Shawn Sellers, Tribal Relations Liaison, Arizona Department of Economic Security
- Bonnie Talakte, Tribal Relations Liaison, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

The AACIHC is established to give tribal governments, tribal organizations and urban Indian health care organizations in this state, representation in shaping Medicaid and health care policies and laws that impact the populations they serve. The AACIHC was established in Fiscal Year 1990 pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute 36-2902.01.