



John Hubbard, JR., M.P.H.

Navajo Area Director

Indian Health Service

John Hubbard, Jr., a member of the Navajo Nation, was named Director of the Navajo Area Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, in 1992. He started his career with the IHS in 1986 as the Executive Officer for the Navajo Area in Window Rock, Ariz. Before joining the IHS, he was the Executive Director of the Division of Health Improvement Services and the Navajo Health Systems Agency for the Navajo Nation.

The IHS Navajo Area provides health care services on the largest American Indian reservation in the United States. The Navajo Nation is approximately the size of West Virginia and its nearly quarter million population makes it the largest American Indian tribe. The Navajo Area provides a varied health care delivery program that consists of six hospitals, six health centers, 15 health stations, and multiple school clinics. Services offered by the Navajo Area include inpatient and ambulatory clinical, medical, and surgical care. In 1997, more than 1 million ambulatory visits and 20,000 hospital admissions were recorded. Maternal and child health services are offered along with pharmacy, dental, mental health, public health nursing, and substance abuse counseling services. The IHS Navajo Area also has extensive environmental health projects and health promotion and disease prevention community based programs. As part of a national Indian health system of federal, tribal, and urban Indian health programs, the Navajo Area also contributes to the support of one urban health program located in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Mr. Hubbard earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and psychology from Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas. He also completed a masters degree program of public health in health administration and planning at the University of Texas in Houston.

Mr. Hubbard was instrumental in coordinating efforts of the IHS with those of the Navajo Nation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the health departments of the States of Arizona and New Mexico to investigate the mysterious respiratory illness now identified as a strain of Hantavirus that appeared in the area during 1993. His efforts in establishing the Navajo Area Hantavirus Task Force, in association with the Navajo Nation, succeeded in calming and educating the public about the disease. This task force developed public health information materials that provided information and guidance in both the Navajo and English languages.

In FY 2002, Mr. Hubbard was selected as a recipient of the Presidential Rank award. These awards are presented annually to top federal managers for extended, exceptional performance in the federal government.