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L to r: Capt. Brian K. Johnson, BS, MPH, Acting Navajo Area Director, USPHS, IHS; Miranda Williams; and Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, MBA, MHSA, Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS, Principal Deputy Director, IHS

Williams receives national IHS award

Miranda Williams was honored with an Indian Health Service Director's Award for Fostering Relationships on June 21 for her "innovative leadership and dedication towards improving diabetes care."

Williams is the diabetes program coordinator/supervisor Division of Public Health in the IHS Chinle Service Unit (CSU) in Chinle, Ariz. She received her award during the IHS Director's Awards Ceremony at IHS headquarters in Rockville, Md.

The award nomination, submitted by Jill Moses, MD, MPH, director, Division of Public Health, CSU, reads as follows:

"Miranda Williams has worked as the Chinle Service Unit diabetes coordinator for seven years. Within that time, she has developed a nationally recognized innovative diabetes care program that emphasizes building and fostering relationships. Her work exemplifies her dedication to the community she services, where the focus is on patient care, by creating and fostering

a network of support within the health care team and system. Her work demonstrates her ingenious approach to building capacity within the community and relationships. Ms. Williams has achieved the following in the past year through patient centered care programs that develop people, and build and foster partnerships.

"Diabetes Health Coach Development – Ms. Williams' work emphasizes building capacity within the community. The Chinle Diabetes Program has developed the innovative health coach model using Native paraprofessionals to provide navigation, care coordination and self-management support. Health coaches, trained on the job, have become essential members of the primary care team. In the spirit of continuous improvement, Ms. Williams supports professional development among health coaches by ensuring competencies through a system of weekly coaching sessions, peer mentorships and chart reviews resulting in professional development.

"SDPI Partners – Ms. Williams manages over \$1.5 million per year in Special Diabetes of Indians Program Initiative (SDPI) funds. She has implemented an effective system of small 'grants' to CSU departments for activities and services that improve diabetes prevention and treatment. Departments submit proposals containing project plans, evaluation plans and budgets. Once approved, they sign a partnership agreement with the Diabetes Program committing to meeting monthly and reporting progress. Since most departments provide care to patients with diabetes, this approach actively engages our partners in improving diabetes care and supporting SDPI aims. Thirteen departments signed a partnership agreement and received funds in 2018.

"Baa Hozho Care – Under Ms. Williams' leadership, the Diabetes Program was instrumental in developing the Baa Hozho Care program, an intensive care coordination program for patients with complex needs over the past three years. This population is comprised of patents that have been identified as high risk with multiple complex needs, many of which have diabetes. The care coordination processes developed through this program are benefiting all patients with complex needs. A key factor in the success of this service is the strategies developed to effectively engage patients as partners in their own care and strengthening the relationships between patients and their primary care team, including health coaches.

"Mobile Clinic – In response to community requests to bring health care services to remote communities, Ms. Williams championed the design and purchase of a mobile clinic. She met with community members to get their input, researched the use of mobile clinics in the region and designed the clinic to meet community needs. In the past year, she has partnered with multiple hospital departments, community members and partners, and Navajo Nation public health programs to deploy the mobile clinic in a thoughtful and deliberate way.

"Ms. Williams exemplifies the spirit of the IHS Director's Award for Fostering Relationships. Her collaborative approach with compassion and resolve has underscored the application of patient centered care."

Miranda's mom and her family are really proud of her.

2019-2020 Hunting and Fishing Tags Distribution Schedule

Type of Tag		Estimated Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
Deer	Early Archery	50	8/24-9/22	8/5 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources office	First-come, first-served*
	General Rifle	375	9/28-11/1**	8/19	First-come, first-served
	Antlerless or Spike – Adult	8	10/19-11/1	Lottery applications available 8/5; due 9/6; drawing 9/9; tags issued 9/11	Lottery – Open to elders only
	Antlerless or Spike – Youth	5	9/28-11/3	Lottery applications available 8/5; due 9/6; drawing 9/9; tags issued 9/11	Lottery – Open to youth ages 12-17 only
	Late Archery	50***	11/16-12/8	<i>First Distribution:</i> 10/14 at 8 a.m. at NR office <i>Second Distribution:</i> 10/28 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-come, first-served*
Elk	Antlerless - Youth	2	8/1-12/31	Lottery applications available 6/3; due 6/28; drawing 7/1; tags issued 7/2	Lottery – Open to youth ages 12-17 only
	Early Archery	25	8/24-9/22	8/5 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources office	First-come, first-served*
	1 st Season Rifle	25	11/9-11/12	Lottery applications available 9/3; due 9/27; drawing 10/7; tags issued 10/8	Lottery
	2 nd Season Rifle	25	11/16-11/22		
	Antlerless	8	Various seasons beginning 1/1/20	Lottery applications available 9/3; due 9/27; drawing 10/7; tags issued 12/2	Lottery
	Late Archery Antlerless	56	11/23-12/8	<i>First Distribution:</i> 10/14 at 8 a.m. at NR office <i>Second Distribution:</i> 10/28 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-come, first-served*
Salmon	Salmon	200	11/1-12/30 (estimate)	9/3	First-come, first-served

* No early calls to "save" an early archery tag for someone. Must physically show up to obtain tag on first day of distribution. May call to have a tag mailed beginning on the second day of distribution.

** Season for youth ages 12-17 is 9/28 - 11/3 (2 additional days at end of general season)

*** Minus number of tags filled in deer early bow season

NOTE 1: A Tribal member may obtain only ONE elk tag in their name during the 2019-2020 hunting season (bow, bull and cow tags all count toward the one tag), except as noted below.

NOTE 2: *First Distribution:* For hunters who have not been issued an early season deer archery tag (for deer tags) or any elk tag (for elk tags).
Second Distribution: For any eligible hunter, regardless of what other tags they have received.