

# **INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE PORTLAND AREA DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**



**Dean M Seyler - Area Director  
June 19, 2012  
Quarterly Board Meeting  
Great Wolf Lodge**



# **Renew And Strengthen Our Partnership With Tribes**



- ❖ **Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR) Western Region Quarterly Conference (VA)**
  - ❖ **July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - ❖ **Grand Ronde**
- ❖ **Portland Area Direct Service Tribes Chair Meeting**
  - ❖ **Invitation sent to consult with Tribal Chairs**
  - ❖ **June 28, 2012**



# **Renew And Strengthen Our Partnership With Tribes**



- ❖ **2<sup>nd</sup> IHS Tribal Consultation Summit –August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in Denver, Colorado**
  - ❖ **Andy Joseph Jr.**
  - ❖ **Alternate?**
  
- ❖ **National Direct Service Tribes Meeting**
  - ❖ **August 14 – 16, 2012**
  - ❖ **Tucson, Arizona**





# To Reform The IHS



- ❖ **IHS Administrative Review – May 24, 2012 Close Out**
  - **Accreditation of IHS Facilities**
  - **Contract Health Services Assessment**
  - **Pre-Employment Suitability and Element 2 Administrative Leave Assessment:**
  - **Pharmacy Control Assessment:**
  - **Administrative Control of Funds**





# To Reform The IHS



- ❖ **Executive Officer - Western Region Human Resources Office Improvement**
  - ❖ **Customer Service**
  - ❖ **80 Day Hiring Target ---73 Days**
  
- ❖ **Western Region Commission Corps Liaison**
  - ❖ **25 Commission Corps Officers in Portland Area Under MOA**



# Improve The Quality Of And Access To Care



- ❖ **Federal Service Unit Accreditation Renewals**
  - ❖ **Mock Surveys At Three Locations**
  - ❖ **Completed Surveys at Two Locations**
  
- ❖ **Electronic Health Record Incentive Update**
  - ❖ **\$786,250**
  - ❖ **Angela Boechler, BBA. Portland Area Meaningful Use Consultant | Office: 503-416-3260**



# **Ensure that our work is transparent, accountable, fair, and inclusive**



- ❖ **FY 2012 CHS New Funds - \$6.7 Million**
  - ❖ **Based on CHS User**
  - ❖ **Disbursement Of Funds In Process**
  
- ❖ **Contract Support Cost**
  - ❖ **Most Funds Paid – Remaining Pending Tribal Signatures**





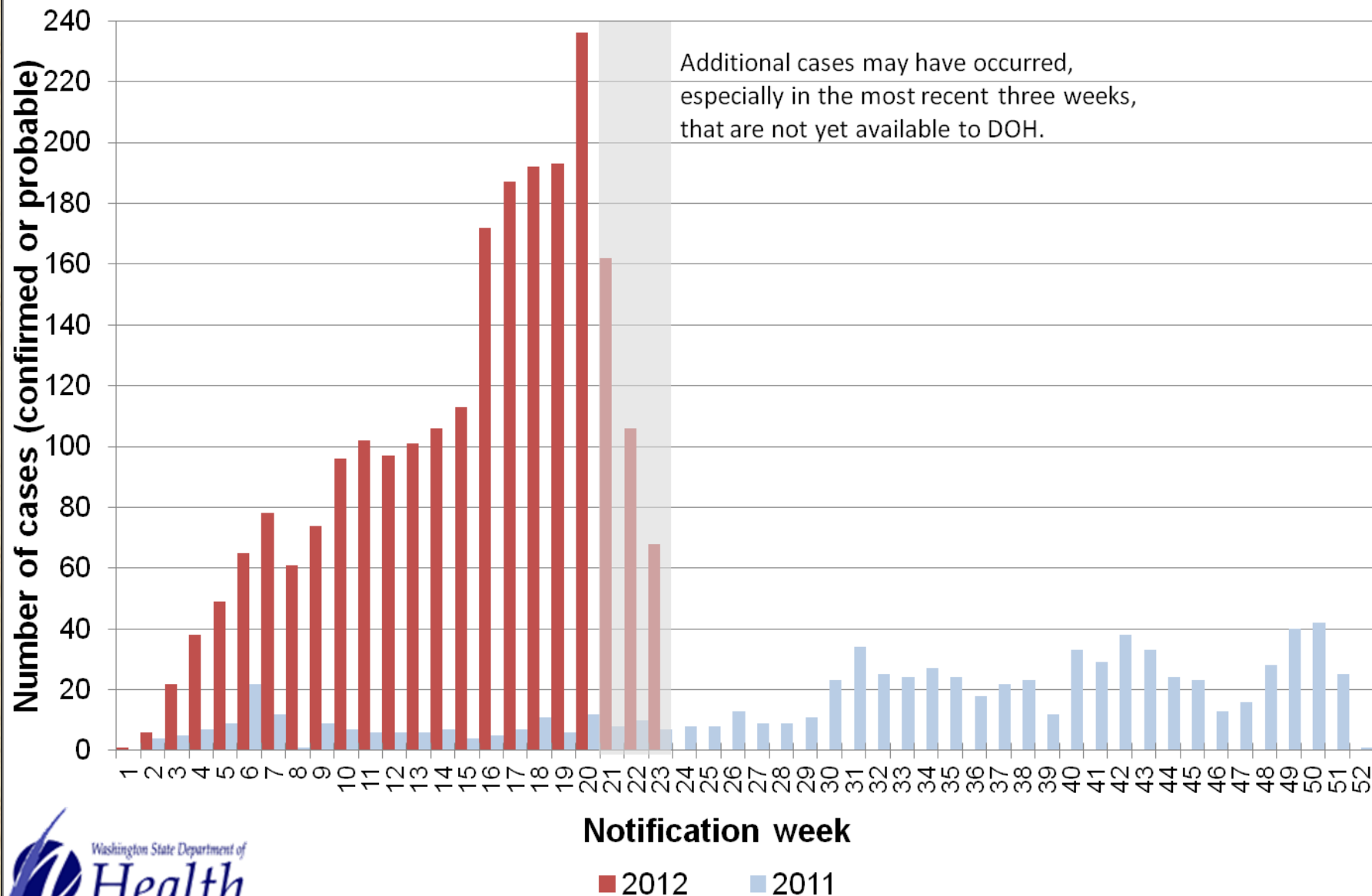
# Improve The Quality Of And Access To Care



- ❖ **Governing Board Meetings Completed in April and May**
  - ❖ **Colville Service Unit**
  - ❖ **Wellpinit Service Unit**
  - ❖ **Western Oregon Service Unit**
  - ❖ **Fort Hall Service Unit**
  - ❖ **Yakama Service Unit– June 21st**
  
- ❖ **Pertussis (Whooping Cough)**
  - ❖ **Update To Current Situation – Dr. Weiser**



# Number of Pertussis Cases Reported in WA State by Notification Week 2011 vs. 2012 YTD (6/09/12)





# Pertussis Update



## ❖ 2,325 cases in WA

- ❖ 148 infants under 1, 32 hospitalized
- ❖ 75% of those hospitalized are under 3 months
- ❖ Highest rate of new cases is among adolescents aged 10-13, which make up 25% of all cases

## ❖ 380 cases in OR

- ❖ 14 infants under 1 hospitalized, 13 were  $\leq 3$  mo



# Pertussis Response

- ❖ **NPAIHB Website**
- ❖ **WA vaccine distribution**
- ❖ **Digital Stories**
- ❖ **Coordinating case/contact investigation with State, County and Tribal Health Programs**





# Questions or Comments?

**Our Mission...** to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

**Our Goal...** to assure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

**Our Foundation...** to uphold the Federal Government's obligation to promote healthy American Indian and Alaska Native people, communities, and cultures and to honor and protect the inherent sovereign rights of Tribes.