



Robert G. McSwain, M.P.A. Acting Director Indian Health Service

Robert G. McSwain, a member of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, is the Acting Director for the Indian Health Service (IHS). Mr. McSwain most recently served as the Deputy Director for the IHS. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Mr. McSwain administers a \$4.6 billion nationwide health care delivery program that is responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community health care to approximately 2.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in hospitals, clinics, and other settings throughout the United States.

Mr. McSwain began his federal career with the Indian Health Service in 1976 as Director for the IHS California Area Office. In 1984 he was named Special Assistant to the IHS Director and assigned to long-term training at the University of Southern California. In 1986, he was transferred to the IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, where he held positions of increasing responsibility and diversity, including Director of the Division of Health Manpower and Training for the Office of Health Programs, Deputy Associate Director for the Office of Administration and Management, and Management Analysis Officer for the Office of the Director. From 1992 to 1997 he served as the Acting Associate Director for the Office of Human Resources. Mr. McSwain was selected as the Director of the Office of Management Support in March 1997. From August 2004 until February 2005, he served as the Acting Deputy Director for Management Operations and from February 2005 until September 2007 as the Deputy Director of the IHS. He served as the Acting Director of the IHS from September 2007 until he was sworn in as the Director of the IHS in May 2008 and served until May 2009.

Mr. McSwain obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State University - Fresno in 1969. In 1986, he earned a Master's degree in Public Administration and pursued doctoral studies in public administration from the University of Southern California. Mr. McSwain has received numerous honors, including the President's Rank Award for Meritorious Service in 2002 and the President's Rank Award for Distinguished Service in 2006.