



## Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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**Gary Batton**  
Chief

**Jack Austin, Jr**  
Assistant Chief

### *Mickey D. Percy LCSW, Executive Director, Self-Governance*

Mickey resides in Tishomingo, Oklahoma (historic Capitol of the Chickasaw Nation). He and his spouse, of 42 years, have lived in the same home for 36 of those years.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from East Central State University, Ada, Oklahoma in 1972 and a Masters Degree in Social Work from Oklahoma University in 1982. He began his professional career working with the Youth Services and Juvenile Court system, and later taught social work courses at the college level and practiced in the private sector as a clinical social worker.

Mickey began working in Indian country as a Social Worker in a small ambulatory clinic in 1985 when the Chickasaw Nation contracted the program from Indian Health Services. He was the transition officer for the Chickasaws as they compacted all health services in 1994. Mickey became involved in the Self-Governance initiative on both the Area and National level and continues to remain very active. While at the Chickasaw Nation he moved from his social worker role to administering the Behavioral Health Program, to administering the Health System, to administering the Self-Governance, to Chief of Staff.

In November of 1999, Mickey began employment with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He has served as Executive Director, Operations and Management. Duties include all Self-Governance activities, Coordination of Tribal/Federal activities, Consultant role with the health system, Grant locator and other duties as assigned by the Chief.

In July of 2007, he was appointed as the Executive Director of Health Services for the Choctaw Nation, which includes oversight of the tribal hospital, seven (7) outlying clinics, and the preventative health programs. For the past 2 years, he has served as the Executive Director of Self-Governance.

#### **Current involvement includes:**

Southern Plains Epidemiology Center Advisory Committee, Contract Support Costs Workgroup, Indian Health Service; Treasurer, Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium Board; Tribal Self-Governance Technical Workgroup; and, Oklahoma Council on Aging

**Awarded 2006 Luna Wessell Award from the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.** for outstanding service and commitment to improve the health status of American Indians/Alaska Natives.

**Received 2006 Jake Whitecrow Award from the National Indian Health Board** for recognition of lifetime achievement in the advancement of healthcare for American Indians/Alaska Natives.

**Received 2012 Indian Health Service Area Director's National Impact Award.**

*Choctaws – growing as one with pride, hope and success*