



Randy Grinnell, M.P.H. Deputy Director for Management Operations Indian Health Service

Randy Grinnell, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, is the deputy director for management operations for the Indian Health Service, an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Grinnell previously served in this same role from 2007 to 2009. He has also served as the IHS deputy director from 2009 to 2012, and as the IHS deputy director for field operations from 2012 to December 2014.

In this position, Mr. Grinnell serves as the principal advisor to the IHS director for the management of IHS operations. He is responsible for providing management direction to IHS program offices, including implementing the IHS mission and agency goals; providing overall organization management to improve agency performance; developing strategic plans; and planning, directing, and evaluating operations of the headquarters functions, authorities, and responsibilities in support of the director.

Mr. Grinnell began his IHS career in 1976 as a Commissioned Corps officer and served in various environmental health officer field positions in the Alaska, Albuquerque, and Oklahoma City Areas through 1988. From 1988 to 2006, he served in multiple leadership positions in the Oklahoma City Area, including as acting area director, deputy area director, and assistant area director for Environmental Health and Engineering.

Mr. Grinnell has served on several national IHS workgroups, including the Director's Workgroup on Improving Contract Health Services, User Population Workgroup, Internal Evaluation Team, Shared Services Workgroup, and Strategic Planning Workgroup. He was selected by the U.S. Surgeon General for a 4-year appointment as the chief professional officer for the Environmental Health Officer category of the U.S. Public Health Service. He also served as the executive officer and deputy commander of the HHS Secretary's Emergency Response Team to Louisiana following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Mr. Grinnell retired from the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps after 30 years of service. His awards include the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, IHS Director's Award for 2010, PHS Distinguished Service Medal, PHS Meritorious Service Medal, two PHS Outstanding Service Medals, the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, the IHS Equal Employment Opportunity Award, and is recognized as one of East Central University's Distinguished Alumni for 2010.

Mr. Grinnell received his Bachelor of Science from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, and a Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.