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Ric has spent the 37 years of his professional life serving the health care needs of the Native American population working in the Indian Health Service (IHS). He began as a Commissioned Officer and clinical dentist on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, the poorest county in the nation. After six years of providing clinical care, he was selected for long-term training and earned two masters degrees and a PhD that covered the fields of public health and community development at the University of Michigan and organization development at the Leadership Institute of Spokane. He spent the next 11 years serving the IHS in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1993 he moved to the IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland serving as the agency's performance planning officer until retiring from the Commissioned Corps in 2000. Since 2000 he has served the IHS continuously as a mentor and performance management consultant while also working with EPA, Department of Homeland Security, and the National Institutes of Health.

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