

Pharm-PAC Agency Liaison Report
Indian Health Service National Pharmacy Council
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- The IHS National Pharmacy Council had its annual face-to-face meeting as part of the IHS Combined Councils Meeting on Tuesday 2/3/2009. Many topics were discussed including transforming the practice of pharmacy in the IHS, DEA issues, personnel and staffing issues, recruitment and retention, VA CMOP, and many other issues.
 - A highlight of the meeting was a visit by the IHS Director Robert McSwain and Chief Medical Officer CAPT Susan Karol.
 - The next NPC meeting will take place Friday 4/17 in Scottsdale, AZ.
- The **2009 IHS Southwest Clinical Pharmacy Meeting** (“The Quad”) will be **4/17 – 4/19/2009** at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, AZ. More information and registration is available at <http://home.pharmacy.ihs.gov> or <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/ClinicalSupportCenter/index.cfm?module=ec>
- 2009 Loan Repayment site scores have been calculated, and IHS has begun this cycle of awards.
 - 90 Loan Repayment awards made in 2008
 - 52 New, 38 extensions
- JRCOSTEP selection process is underway with more than 30 IHS JRCOSTEPs potentially selected for 2009.
- 10 current IHS SRCOSTEPs as of 3/2009
- If you have interested folks who are looking for Loan Repayment or SRCOSTEP opportunities and your Agency cannot accommodate, please consider steering them toward IHS.