



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Agreement Between the Tribe, the Arizona Department of Health Services and Navajo County, Providing for Roles and Responsibilities Via the Patient Reporting Investigation Surveillance Manager “PRISM”)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe, in conjunction with the Whiteriver Service Unit, has worked to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council supports the continued public health surveillance by the Indian Health Service and the Whiteriver Service Unit, including the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; and
- WHEREAS,** The Department of Public Health Nursing of the Whiteriver Service Unit, on the Tribe’s behalf, serves as the office responsible for the documentation of the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and reports this information to Navajo County and the Arizona Department of Health Services; and
- WHEREAS,** The Patient Reporting Investigation Surveillance Manager (“PRISM”) is a web-based application used by the Arizona Department of Health Services to support reporting of sexually transmitted diseases; and
- WHEREAS,** The Department of Public Health Nursing of the Whiteriver Service Unit proposes to enter into an agreement (“Agreement”, attached and incorporated herein) with the Arizona Department of Health Services to utilize PRISM’s reporting mechanisms; and
- WHEREAS,** The Agreement will provide access to PRISM by the Public Health Nursing department of the Whiteriver Service Unit to improve reporting efficiency for the Tribe, while protecting the protected health information of the Tribe’s members; and
- WHEREAS,** The Department of Public Health Nursing proposes to fulfill all of the Tribe’s responsibilities under the Agreement; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that approving the Agreement will improve the surveillance and public health response of sexually transmitted infections on the Fort Apache Indian

