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MEDIA ADVISORY

PRESS CONFERENCE: NEW EFFORT TO CURB DRUG OVERDOSES IN INDIAN COUNTRY

WHAT: In October of this year, President Obama announced a [series of public and private sector efforts](#) to address the prescription drug abuse and heroin epidemic. As part of those commitments, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service; and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs will host a press conference to announce an agreement to equip BIA officers with naloxone for responding to incidents of opioid overdose. Following the press conference, there will be a community forum on preventing and treating prescription drug abuse and heroin use.

Naloxone is a drug that reverses the effects of a prescription opioid or heroin overdose and saves lives.

WHO: Michael Botticelli, Director of National Drug Control Policy at the White House
Dr. Susan V. Karol, Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Service
Michael S. Black, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
Charles Addington, Deputy Associate Director of Field Operations,
Bureau of Indian Affairs

WHEN: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Central time, Wednesday, December 16

1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Press conference (credentialed press only)

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Community forum on responses to opioid epidemic
(open press)

WHERE: Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa
500 S Peoria Ave
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74120

LIVE WEBCAST: The events will also be video Webcast.
To watch LIVE online, visit:
<http://www.nativetimes.com>

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