HHS Secretary Kennedy Visits Second Urban Indian Organization in Oklahoma City

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On June 26th, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. along with Senior Advisor Mark Cruz (Klamath) visited the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OKCIC) to learn more about their work as an Urban Indian Organization within the Indian Health System. Secretary Kennedy spent time in the clinic's food resource center, discussing the links between nutrition, chronic disease prevention, and the persistent food insecurity faced by many Native families living in cities. Secretary Kennedy was joined on his visit by Tribal leaders and the Oklahoma IHS Area Director.

OKCIC Chief Executive Officer, Robyn Sunday Allen (Cherokee), walked the Secretary through the clinic's integrated care model—combining primary care, behavioral health, pharmacy, and culturally grounded wellness programs under one roof. Kennedy praised OKCIC's community-centered approach as a practical roadmap for addressing social drivers of health and pledged continued collaboration with Urban Indian Organizations to ensure that Native people in urban settings receive equitable, high-quality care. This visit is Secretary Kennedy's second visit to an Urban Indian Organization since his confirmation in February, his first visit was to Native Health in Arizona on April 8.