

NPAIHB Weekly Update

January 28, 2025



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INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Bridget Canniff
- Announcements, Events, & Resources
- Legislative & Policy Updates
- Tribal & State Partner Updates
- Questions & Comments
- Please place yourself on mute unless speaking
- Please sign in, using chat box, with your full name and tribe/organization
- Use the chat box for questions, for Q&A after updates and announcements



Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **Care and Access for Pregnant People ECHO** – 4th Tuesday of every month at 11am PT
 - Tuesday, January 28th at 11am PT
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/pregnancy-care-echo-program/>
- **Dementia Caregiver Support ECHO** – 4th Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, January 30th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Elders, Tree Rings, and Long-Term Support Services*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/dementia-caregiver-support-echo/>
- **Clinical Dementia ECHO** – 2nd Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, January 30th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Helping Families Navigate Challenging Dementia Related Behaviors*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/dementia-echo-program/>

Upcoming Indian Country Training Opportunities

- **What:** 2025 emRIC (Emergency Medicine with Rural and Indigenous Communities) Gathering
- **When:** April 28th – May 1st, 2025
- **Where:** Seattle, WA Area – Muckleshoot Casino Resort
- **Description:** Staff serving indigenous and rural communities are invited to participate in a multi-day gathering (both in-person and virtual options available) to empower healthcare professionals to not only provide excellence in emergency medical care, but to do so in a manner that honors and respects the historical and cultural context of the communities they serve. CE will be available.
- **To learn more and register:**
<https://www.indiancountryecho.org/emric-2025/>



THE THEME THIS YEAR: BRIDGING CULTURES, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



LEARN FROM TOP EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXPERTS

Gain valuable insights and practical knowledge from leading professionals in emergency medicine, discover the latest advancements, best practices, and strategies to enhance patient care and outcomes in diverse and challenging environments.



HONOR INDIGENOUS CULTURE & CHAMPION WELLNESS

Engage in meaningful discussions, gain insights into culturally respectful care, and deepen your understanding of practices that support holistic health and well-being in indigenous and rural communities.



GET HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

Participate in immersive workshops on our clinical skills lab-day. Build essential skills for rural and indigenous care, including high-titrale, non-invasive (NIV) procedures, point-of-care ultrasound, and regional anesthesia. Followed by a grant practical skills to enhance patient care in resource-limited environments.



GROW YOUR NETWORK

Connect with a diverse community of healthcare professionals, community leaders, and educators. Build meaningful relationships, exchange ideas, and collaborate with others who share your passion for advancing emergency care in rural and indigenous communities.

TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER:

Click *HERE* 

Intended Participants: Staff serving
Indigenous and rural communities

Registration Cost: \$150 - \$600
Price varies based on ticket type

Both In-Person and Virtual
Ticket options offered



Celebrating Our Magic

Resources for Indigenous Two Spirit, Indigiqueer, trans, and gender-diverse youth, their relatives and families, and their healthcare providers



**Download the
Celebrating Our Magic Toolkit 2.0**

<https://www.nativehealthresources.org/resource/celebrating-our-magic-toolkit-2/>



**PATHS
(RE)MEMBERED
PROJECT**
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Text Messaging Campaigns

For ADULTS



Talking is Power	Mind 4 Health	Snag 101	Caring Veterans
EMPOWER to 94449	MIND4HEALTH to 65664	SNAG101 to 94449	VETERAN to 65664
how to have "the birds and the bees talk" with youth	suicide prevention training, talking about mental health with youth	sexual health education for adults	Uplifting messages from veterans to fellow veterans

Healthy Native Youth Text Messaging Tools

Career Pathways for STUDENTS




Inspire	Healer	STEM	Caring College
INSPIRE to 94449	HEALER to 94449	STEM to 94449	COLLEGE to 65664
Native public health role models, public health career pathways	personal coach for students interested in health professions	Getting youth interested in STEM careers	Uplifting messages from college students to college student peers

www.healthynativeyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/SMS-campaigns-doc.pdf






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For YOUTH

Native	Caring Messages	Sex
NATIVE to 94449	CARING to 65664	SEX to 94449
updates to WeRNative, raffles, contests, prizes, and health tips	inspiring and uplifting messages for improving mental health	sexual education for youth & young adults
		

Healthy Native Youth Text Messaging Tools

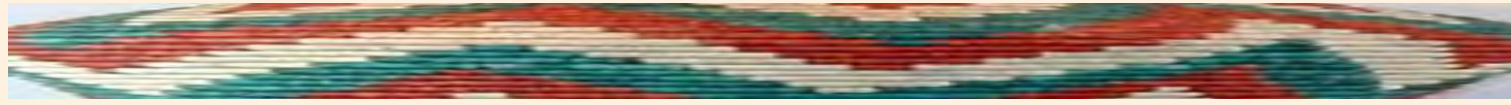
Brave	Native Fitness	LGBTQ2S
BRAVE to 94449	FITNESS to 94449	LGBTQ2S to 94449
alcohol misuse, healthy relationships, goal setting, and suicide prevention	personal wellness, exercise, fitness challenges and tips	updates from the Paths (Re)Membered project
		

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Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference and Training

May 5-9, 2025

Muckleshoot Casino

2402 Auburn Way S.
Auburn, WA 98002

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

CALL FOR PRESENTERS NOW OPEN!

Registration link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2025TPHEPRegistration>

Presenter Proposals:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025_call_for_presenters

Vendor applications:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TPHEP2025vendor>

Hotel Block: Reduced rate \$188.00 rooms available until **April 24, 2025.**
Call 253-804-4444 and ask for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Group Rate or scan the QR Code or click the blue button:



Hotel
Reservations



Funding for this conference was made possible in part by Grant CDC-RFA-TP19-1501 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not reflect the official policies of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nor does mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the US Government.



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Tribal Fishermen First Aid & Safety Training (FFAST)

Presented by NPAIHB Environmental Public Health Program

MAY

5-6

2025



Location

Muckleshoot Casino Resort
2402 Auburn Way S.
Auburn, WA 98002

Who should attend:

Tribal fishers and non-fishers, Canoe Journey pullers and support crew, Environmental Public Health, Emergency Preparedness, and all Tribal community members.

Space is limited to 15 participants

If you have questions please contact Rebecca Washakie at rwashakie@npaihb.org

Your safety is the greatest catch of all. Whether you're fishing for sustenance, tradition, or trade, always be prepared for the unexpected. By prioritizing safety, you honor both the water and your community. Stay vigilant, prepared, and return home every time.

The Tribal Fishermen First Aid and Safety Training (FFAST) course is a two-day intensive first aid course. It is built around the principles of wilderness first aid to help Tribal commercial fishers prevent and treat injuries they are likely to encounter on the water.

Training includes:

- Response to common fishery injuries and illnesses ranging from minor issues like seasickness or chapped hands to life-threatening injuries such as crush injuries or hypothermia
- Hands-on first aid skills and CPR
- Simulated accident or illness scenarios to practice your new first aid knowledge and skills.



L0584 Continuity of Operations (COOP) for Tribal Governments

May 5-6, 2025

Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference
Muckleshoot, WA



Course Overview: This two-day course provides tribal representatives with an understanding of continuity roles and responsibilities, and provides them with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to help develop and maintain a viable continuity plan for their organization. By the end of the course students will possess the ability to build a draft continuity plan and understand the key roles necessary for developing critical mitigation strategies and key elements of a continuity capability. FEMA certification available upon completion.

Target Audience: Tribal emergency managers, tribal community response personnel, tribal government department heads, tribal government employees, tribal leaders.

Course Instructors:

- **Mary Reevis, Tribal Training Specialist, FEMA Emergency Management Institute**
- **TBD**
- **TBD**





Legislative & Policy Update

NPAIHB Weekly Update

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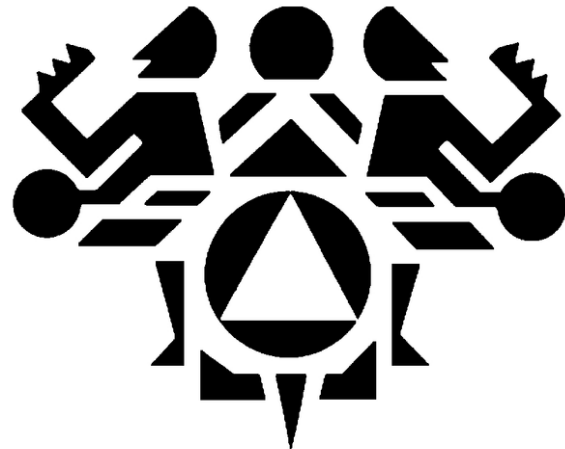
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2025 Administrative & Legislative Priorities



43 responses were collected and 23 of 43 Tribes were represented in the results.

NPAIHB Letter to New Administration

Tribal Sovereignty

Self-Governance

Trust & Trust Responsibility

Housing

HHS STAC

Non-Competitive Funding

Food



Capitol Hill



Executive Orders

President Trump signed a number of Executive Orders last week. We are highlighting some that may impact Indian Country, specifically the Indian Health Service.

**January
20**

Initial Rescissions
of Harmful
Executive Orders
and Actions

**January
20**

Hiring Freeze

**January
20**

Return to In-
Person Work

**HHS
Communications**

All
Communications
Halted via
memorandum

Tribal Witness Days FY 2026 Appropriations

- **Monday, February 3, 2025:** Deadline to submit request to testify
- **Tuesday/Wednesday, February 25-26, 2025:** Subcommittee Public Witness Hearings
- **Friday, April 4, 2025:** Deadline to submit written public testimony for all groups





WA DOH Trib
Consultation

JANUARY 9, 2025 -
Virtual – Zoom



American Indian Health Commission

TRIBAL DATA SHARING AGREEMENT CHECKLIST For use by State and Tribal Nations

Checklist Purpose: This document provides recommended items for Washington State agencies to include when developing their data sharing agreements with Tribal nations.

What is a Tribal Data Sharing Agreement? A Tribal data sharing agreement provides terms and conditions under which a state agency (1) provides a Tribal jurisdiction informed consent on how Tribal data, including sensitive communicable disease data about their Tribe and their Tribal members, are used or shared with third parties; and (2) treats a Tribal jurisdiction as a sovereign government with equitable access to public health data to protect the health and safety of their community members. These agreements should be developed in consultation with Tribal governments. Below is a list of basic components of a Tribal data sharing agreement.

This document was developed in collaboration with representatives from Tribes through the Washington Governor's Indian Advisory Council Data Sovereignty Committee.

Basic Tribal Data Sharing Agreement Components

1. PURPOSE.....	2
2. DEFINITIONS (Specific to Tribes).....	2
3. TRIBAL DATA SOVEREIGNTY PRINCIPLES	3
4. RECOGNITION OF TRIBES AS TRIBAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS AND PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES.....	6
5. OWNERSHIP OF DATA.....	6
6. INFORMED CONSENT AND PROTECTION OF A TRIBE'S DATA AND INFORMATION	7
7. ACCESS TO STATE AGENCY DATASETS/DATABASES.....	10
8. COMPLIANCE WITH DSA	11
APPENDIX A: TRIBAL NATION DATA USE FORM	11

American Indian Health Commission
Tribal Data Sharing Checklist
v. 5-10-24
v. 4-9-26-24
v. 3-9-6-24

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CMS Updates



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CMS SPA Update

- Finalized exceptions to the Medicaid Clinic Services 4-Walls requirement in the 2025 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System final rule
- 4 Wall Exception at § 42 C.F.R. 440.90(c)
- States to submit a Medicaid SPA attesting to coverage of IHS/Tribal clinic services outside the 4 Walls by March 31, 2025
- Information shared with State Medicaid Offices



• CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group

- Medicare Medicaid Policy Advisory Committee Meeting
- Refocusing priorities
- Health Policy in the 119th Congress
 - Block Grants
 - Work Requirements
 - FMAP adjustments (lower federal share for non-beneficiaries)
 - Medicare Advantage expansion
- Reconciliation Expense Reductions





Dear Tribal Leader Letter





FY 2025 Allocation Decision

IHS announced on January 2, 2025 the Fiscal Year 2025 allocation decisions for the \$700 million appropriated to the IHS in the Infrastructure and Jobs Act

(dollars in millions)

Activity	FY 2025 BIL
Tier I Projects Construction Costs	638.7
Tier I Design & Construction Documents	25.2
Project Shortfalls, Add'l Planning, Design, & Construction Documents	11.6
<i>subtotal, SFC Projects</i>	<i>675.5</i>
Salaries, Expenses, and Administration (3%) ^{1/}	21.0
HHS Office of the Inspector General (0.5%) ^{2/}	3.5
Total	700.0

1/ \$21 million in BIL funding is limited to federal activities only.

2/ BIL-directed transfer.



IHS Health Information Technology (HIT) Modernization Program

Seeking recommendations and feedback via Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer on the following topics:

- **February 13, 2025** - Breakout Sessions with IHS HIT Modernization Program Leadership
- **May 15, 2025** - Overview of Four Directions Warehouse
- **August 7, 2025** - Overview of applications to be included in PATH EHR
- **November 6, 2025** - Review status of pilot site activities and upcoming implementation milestones



Tribal Advisory Committee Vacancies

HRSA

1. Primary
(pending)
2. Alternate

CDC

1. Alternate

DSTAC

1. Alternate
(pending)

ISAC

1. Primary
2. Alternate

National & Regional Meetings

January 29-30, 2025

Purchase/Referred Care Workgroup
San Diego, CA

January 29, 2025

FY 2027 Sub-Workgroup on Mandatory
Funding Appropriations for IHS
Zoom Link Provided

January 29, 2025

Idaho Tribes/Idaho Dept. of Health and
Welfare/NPAIHB
Zoom

January 30, 2025

MMPC Regulations Workgroup

Zoom

February 4, 2025

CMS TTAG Policy Subcommittee
Zoom

February 5, 2025

American Indian Health Commission
Delegates Meeting
Tumwater, WA/Zoom



National & Regional Meetings

February 10-13, 2025

NCAI Executive Council Winter Session

Washington, DC

February 11, 2025

CMS TTAG Monthly Call

Zoom

February 11-12, 2025

FY 2027 National Tribal Budget
Formulation
Washington, DC

February 13, 2025

Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
(DSTAC)
Washington, DC/Zoom

March 4 -5, 2025

TLCDC - Tucson, AZ/Zoom
PRC Workgroup - San Diego CA/Zoom

February 25-26, 2025

VA – ACTIA

San Diego



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National & Regional Meetings

March 11-12, 2025

Facilities Appropriations Advisory Board
(FAAB)
El Paso, TX/Zoom Link Available

March 19-20, 2025

IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory
Committee
Arlington, VA

April 4-10, 2025

2025 Tribal Self-Governance Annual
Conference
Chandler, AZ

April 23-24, 2025

2025 CMS Health Equity Conference
Bethesda, MD



Consultations, Listening Sessions & Written Comments

Comments Due: January 27

CMS Proposed changes to Medicare Part C and Part D

Webinar: January 30 @ 11:00

AM

2025 Physician Fee Schedule Webinar

Comments Due: February 17

CMS Seeking Input to Protect Medicare Beneficiary Identifies



NPAIHB Policy Resources



WEEKLY

- Legislative and Policy Update Email
- Cindy Darcy's D.C. Legislative Updates

MONTHLY

- 4th Tuesdays at 10 AM PT on the NPAIHB Weekly Update via Zoom

QUARTERLY

- Quarterly Board Meetings

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Comments & Questions



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