



Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) is recruiting primary and alternate delegates for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee (CIIHE TAC), in alignment with the 12 geographic areas served by the Indian Health Service.

Alaska Area	California Area	Oklahoma Area
Albuquerque Area	Great Plains Area	Phoenix Area
Bemidji Area	Nashville Area	Portland Area
Billings Area	Navajo Area	Tucson Area
		National At-Large Members (4)

We recognize that the CIIHE's work must be informed by the needs of Tribal Nations. To affirm our commitment to tribes, OMH is establishing a CIIHE TAC that will provide input, guidance, and recommendations to OMH regarding the CIIHE's priorities and activities.

Nominated CIIHE TAC delegates must be: (1) elected tribal officials from a federally recognized tribe acting in their official capacity as elected officials of their tribe, with authority to act on behalf of the tribe; or (2) individuals designated by an elected tribal official. Designees must have the authority to act on behalf of the tribal official and the tribe and be qualified to represent the views of the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes in the area from which they are nominated.

Information about CIIHE TAC membership is attached, including eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and nomination procedures. The notice for solicitation of CIIHE TAC nominees will also be published in the *Federal Register*. We encourage you to submit your nomination letter no later than **October 29, 2021**.

If you have questions about the nomination process for delegates, please contact Violet Woo, Designated Federal Official, at [Violet.Woo@hhs.gov](mailto:Violet.Woo@hhs.gov). For all other questions related to Tribal Affairs, please contact CAPT Damion Killsback, OMH Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs, at [Damion.Killsback@hhs.gov](mailto:Damion.Killsback@hhs.gov).

We look forward to continuing partnerships that help eliminate health disparities and improve the health of AI/AN populations.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Minority Health

Attachments:

CIIHE TAC Nomination Guidance

CIIHE TAC Nomination letter templates

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