

**Office of Minority Health
Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity
Tribal Advisory Committee Nomination**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) recognizes that the priorities and activities of the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity (CIIHE) must be focused on and informed by the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal Nations.

Congress requested that OMH establish the CIIHE in the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-260), which was signed into law on December 27, 2020. Per the Appropriation Act, the CIIHE is to focus on research, education, service, and policy development to advance Indigenous solutions that ultimately address health disparities in AI/AN and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. OMH is establishing the CIIHE Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) to ensure that tribal leaders have meaningful and timely input in the development of the priorities and activities established to address the focus areas of the CIIHE. The CIIHE TAC will support, but not supplant, other government-to-government consultation activities that OMH undertakes.

TAC Membership

The CIIHE TAC will consist of 16 delegate positions: one from each of the 12 geographic areas served by the Indian Health Service and four National At-Large Member positions.

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

Eligibility

The 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. OMH recommends a two (2) year term length for each delegate, but delegates' term length will be established by the TAC's charter.

Nomination Procedures

CIIHE TAC candidates must be nominated by an elected tribal leader. The nomination letter must be on tribal letterhead and signed by an elected tribal leader, and must include the following information:

- Name of the nominee
- Nominee's official title

- Name of the nominee's tribe
- Date of nominee's election to official tribal position and term length
- Nominee's contact information (mailing address, phone, and email)
- Nominee's expertise that is relevant to the CIIHE TAC
- Name of tribal leader submitting the nomination
- Official title of tribal leader submitting the nomination
- Contact information for tribal leader submitting the nomination and/or administrative office for tribal government

See the sample nomination letters for additional guidance.

Selection Process

OMH is responsible for selecting and finalizing CIIHE TAC members. Eligible nominees will be considered in the following priority order:

1. Tribal President/Chairperson/Governor
2. Tribal Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson/Lt. Governor
3. Elected or Appointed Tribal Official
4. Designated Tribal Official with authority to act on behalf of Tribal leader

In the event that there is more than one nomination for a given IHS area, OMH will make a determination of representation based on submitted nomination materials.

Please submit signed nomination letters by 11:59 PM EDT on January 7, 2022, to:

Violet Woo
CIIHE TAC Designated Federal Official
Violet.Woo@hhs.gov

Nominees will be notified of the status of delegate selection in February 2022. Please contact Violet Woo at Violet.Woo@hhs.gov or (240) 453-6816 with any questions.