

# **Tribal Listening Session**

## **Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity**

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# Agenda

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- Welcome and OMH Leadership Introduction
- Purpose of the Listening Session
- Program Development Overview
  - Congressional Appropriation Language
  - Federal Register Notice (FRN)
- Discussion and Dialogue
- Next Steps
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# Purpose of Listening Session Program Development Overview

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Listening Session Purpose: Seek input on the development of a new *Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity*

## Congressional Appropriations Language

- Public Law 116-260 Consolidated Appropriations Act signed into law, December 27, 2020
- Appropriations language directs OMH to create the Center
  - Research, education, service and policy development to advance Indigenous solutions
  - Partnerships with universities with focus on
    - Indigenous health research and policy among American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and
    - Indigenous health policy and innovation among Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders (NHPI)
  - Engagement with Indigenous leaders and community partners
  - Dissemination of best practices and lessons learned to Indigenous communities
- \$2 million in FY 2021 for the Center
- Report to Congress outlining plans for the Center

## Program Development Overview

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- Federal register notice (FRN) published on February 12, 2021 to obtain tribal feedback (deadline March, 14, 2021)\*
  - How might the proposed Center objectives and outcomes meet the needs of AI/AN populations?
  - What is the recommended composition and governance infrastructure for the Center?
  - Are there specific focus areas and activities this Center should address?
- Presented overview of the Congressional appropriation language and FRN at February 2021 STAC Meeting
- Reviewed FRN comments
- Scheduled today's listening session in response to FRN comments

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/02/12/2021-02953/center-for-indigenous-innovation-and-health-equity-supporting-native-hawaiian-and-pacific-islander>

# Program Development Overview

## Responses to Federal Register Notice

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### Common themes

- FRN process is not a sufficient mechanism for tribal consultation
- Center's work must be Tribally focused and informed by the needs of Tribal Nations in order to honor Trust Responsibilities
- Center's structure should reflect the unique legal and political relationship the US has with federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations
- Center should serve as a coordinating entity, inclusive of tribes, tribal organizations, tribal colleges, tribal universities and other tribal serving institutions
- Center should develop capacity of the tribal communities it was developed to serve and not displace tribal organizations and institutions.
- Research activities must acknowledge past unethical practices and Tribal Nation's inherent right to conduct and approve of research of their citizens.

## Discussion and Dialogue

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1. What research needs, education, services and health policies should the Center and an Indigenous public health agenda focus on to address AI/AN and NHPI health disparities?
2. How could the Center serve as a resource to support the development, implementation, evaluation, dissemination, and translation of evidence-based public health interventions in AI/AN and NHPI communities?
3. What strategies would be recommended in partnering with academic institutions, Indigenous leaders and community partners to address health disparities?
4. Additional comments

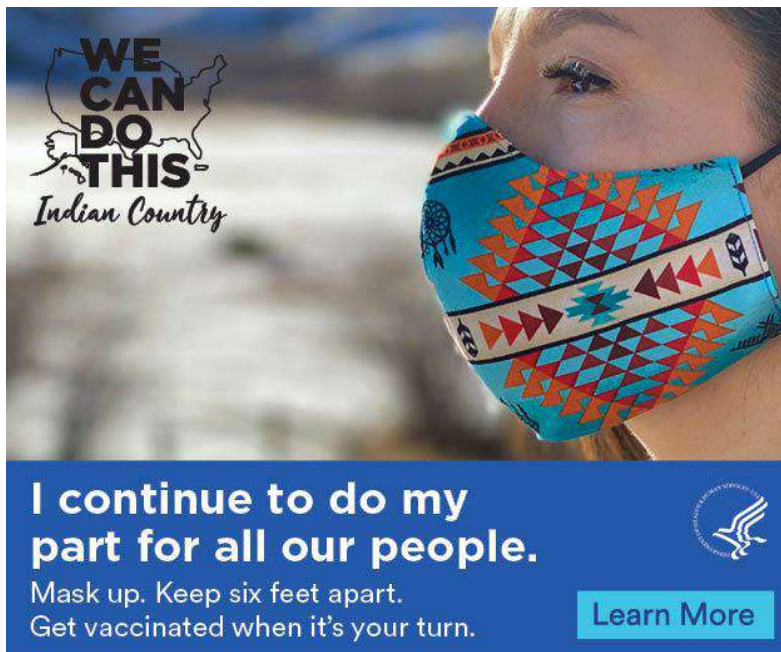
## Next Steps

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- Review feedback from today's listening session
- Provide Congress a report outlining Center development plan
- Implement grant processes
  - Grant forecast
  - Notice of funding opportunity announcement
  - Objective review committee application reviews
  - Award notifications

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