

# National Indian Health Board



## **Tribal Public Health Accreditation Advisory Board**

The Tribal Public Health Accreditation Advisory Board (TPHAAB) is composed of technical and public health subject matter experts from across Indian Country that are informed or are actively working on Tribal public health accreditation efforts. In 2008, NIHB worked in partnership with Tribes and the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) to create a body of Tribal representative that could serve as viable sources of input and feedback for PHAB to create an appropriate set of Tribal standard and measures for public health accreditation. Since that time, TPHAAB has operated under several different funding streams (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and CDC) and with support from external partners (PHAB and the National Network of Public Health Institutes).

## **Purpose of the Board**

TPHAAB serves as the only existing Tribally-specific body devoted as a national sounding board on public health accreditation. Therefore, the Board serves many purposes, including:

- Advising NIHB on internal accreditation-related activities, technical assistance, materials development, and helping to guide NIHB's strategic approach to supporting Tribal public health accreditation.
- Providing guidance to PHAB on how best to support Tribal health departments that are seeking public health accreditation.
- Serving as a work group to help develop and deliver materials and messaging around public health accreditation to Indian Country

## **Board Composition**

The membership of TPHAAB is open to all interested parties. However, in order to support participation with specific grant funds, and to ensure that the Board has adequate national representation, NIHB seeks out members from all twelve of the IHS service areas. Then there are a number of members-at-large, and designated alternates. Anybody that wishes to participate on TPHAAB need only contact NIHB to discuss participation. However, travel funds are not always available for all members, and this is why NIHB seeks at least one primary member from each of the IHS service areas.

## **Meeting Schedule**

NIHB will convene at least one face-to-face meeting per year and at least two additional telephonic meetings.

## **NIHB Contact**

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