Enhancing Relationships between Tribal and State Governments

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Mission Statement

Established by the Tribes to advocate as the united voice of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, NIHB seeks to reinforce Tribal sovereignty, strengthen Tribal health systems, secure resources, and build capacity to achieve the highest level of health and well-being for our People.
• Recorded and posted online
• Please keep phone lines muted
• Questions
  ◦ End of all presentations
  ◦ Use the chat box (not Q&A box)
• Survey
Climate Ready Tribes Initiative

- Provide funding and support for Tribes to conduct local climate and health work

Awardees Include

**First cohort**
- Blackfeet Nation
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Village of Wainwright

**New cohort**
- Kaw Nation (mini-award)
- Lummi Nation
- Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Climate Ready Tribes Initiative

• Host an Environmental Health and Climate Change Track at the NIHB Annual Tribal Public Health Summit (& presenter scholarships)
10th Annual Tribal Public Health Summit

- May 13-15, 2019
- Albuquerque, New Mexico
Climate Ready Tribes Initiative

- Share information and resources nationally

Climate Change & Tribes: Exploring Current Impacts and Future Predictions for America’s First People

January 14, 2019

Imagine a world where one Arctic summer per decade is too warm to support the sea ice that helps maintain our global ecosystem and environment, directly impacting the people and animals of these far north communities. A world where coral reefs, once bustling with the rich diversity of sea life, have all but completely disappeared from the oceans. A world where mass global migration from tropical areas leads to a drastic...
Climate Ready Tribes Initiative

- Share information and resources nationally

**Climate & Health Learning Community**
- Over 800 members
- Opportunities to share and learn
  - Webinars (like this one!)
  - In-person event at Tribal Public Health Summit
- Professional development certificate
Tamara Fulwyler (Chickasaw), MPH

TRIBAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
TRIBAL-STATE PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMIT
2018
Washington State Local Health Jurisdictions

*Agency leader is both director and health officer (2)

Washington State Total Population (estimate) April 2017: 7,310,300
Source: Office of Financial Management
Department of Health

Disease Control & Health Statistics

Initiatives

EndAIDS
Vital Statistics
Disease Control (E. coli, mumps, etc.)

Environmental Public Health

Initiatives

Shellfish Beds
Clean Air
Pesticide Exposures

Prevention and Community Health

Initiatives

Tobacco 21
Marijuana Prevention
Immunization Rates
Suicide Prevention Plan

Health Systems Quality Assurance

Initiatives

Opioids
Certificate of Need
Health Professions
WA Tribal EPH Summit Overview

Beginning
Who?
What?
Where?
When?
Why?

Summit
Protocols
Partners
Content
Safe Space

After
Lessons
Improvement
Successes
Advice
Summit

- Health Indicators/Priorities
  - Swinomish Indian Community – Indigenous Health Indicators and the Environment
  - Clinton Isham, Wisconsin Native American Tobacco Network – Ceremonial Tobacco

- Addressing Environmental Impacts on Traditional Food Sources
  - Atlantic Salmon Issues
  - Shellfish Biotoxins & Safety
  - Mapping Traditional Cultural Plants
  - Tribal Food Sovereignty
Summit

- Built Environments & Health
  - Health & Safety for Tribal Business
  - Safety & Inspection of Built Environment
  - Shared Services Approach
  - Inspection Processes

- All One Water: Clean, Drinking, Waste
  - Water Quality
  - Tribal Programs
  - Operator Certification & Training

- Environmental Health Emergency Preparedness & Response
  - Disease Outbreak & Response
  - Mutual Aid Agreements
  - Tribal Emergency Response Programs
Successes

- Water quality testing for lead in tribal schools
- PFAS testing for tribal wells
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund tribal guidance
- LHJs building relationships with tribes
  - Service providers
  - Inspections
    - Do inspection
    - Send results to tribal leadership for decision
- Inadvertent discovery plans and cultural resources training for zoonotic disease soil sampling staff
- Creative problem solving
Thank You!

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Enhancing Relationships between Tribal and State Governments: the Swinomish Community Environmental Health Program Experience

May 30, 2019

Larry Campbell & Jamie Donatuto
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Projects partnering with WA Dept of Health: 3 examples

1. Swinomish Climate Change Initiative

2. Swinomish Community Health Assessment

3. Swinomish Food Sovereignty Initiative
Swinomish is witnessing the effects of climate change
Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE)

1. Forecasting climate impacts and assessing vulnerabilities
2. Projecting the disease burden
3. Evaluating projected health outcomes
4. Assessing public health interventions
5. Developing and implementing a climate and health adaptation plan
6. Identifying adaptation measures

- Determining health and natural resource priorities
- Evaluating impact and improving quality of activities
- Planning and decision making
Community Health Assessment
Overview of CHA results (2018)

**Resources**
- Have reliable transportation: 84%
- Had enough money for essentials last year: 59%

**Health & Healthy Behaviors**
- Excellent or good health: 68%
- Exercising daily: 29%
- Eating 3+ fruits/vegetables per day: 20%

**Belief in the Community**
- Swinomish knowledge, teaching, values are passed to the younger generation (agree): 60%
- Community members have shared pride and responsibility (agree): 58%
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Our Mission and Vision

Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans

The MDH vision is for health equity in Minnesota, where all communities are thriving and all people have what they need to be healthy.
Our Values

Integrity
Collaboration
Respect
Science
Accountability
The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) was one of twelve state agencies required under Governor Dayton’s Executive Order 13-10 to develop a Tribal Consultation Policy.

The Executive Order 13-10 also required the state agency to provide training to staff who work with Tribes and to have a point person for Tribes.

The MDH established a joint state staff and tribal staff workgroup to write the policy and vet it through both leadership groups.
• MDH adopted a Tribal Consultation Policy in March 2014

• MDH also released the Advancing Health Equity Report in 2014, which led with structural racism as a determinate of inequity.

• The Director of Indian Health, hired in May 2012 and serves as the point person for the Tribal Consultation Policy.
• There is a statewide training offered to all state of MN staff called “The Tribal State Relations Training”. A 2.5 day training co-developed with AI staff at UMD, AI state staff and Tribal staff/leaders.

• The Tribal State Relations Training was launched in October 2014 and has had over 40 sessions to over the past three years.
• MDH has a supportive role with our Tribal Partners; knowing that the state agency does not regulate in Indian Country.

• There was some collaborative efforts over the years, but no real intentional effort to develop a shared collaborative effort.

• ASTHO had been talking to EH Director in both Washington State and Minnesota.

• Washington State planned and executed it’s gathering in January 2018

• MN MDH planned an executed a smaller gathering in June 2018.
• Still have tension and disagreements with the state; ie pipeline, mining and wild rice and water to name a few, but if we can build successful effort, those other issues outside of MDH will not damage the relationship as much or can weather the storm.

• Current Governor Walz has reissued Executive Order 19-24 – Government to Government Relations

• Training continues into our new administration
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Questions and Discussion

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Thank you!

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