

National Indian Health Board



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NIHB Announces Tribal Accreditation Support Initiative Awardees

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is pleased to announce the selection of eight Tribal health departments for the Tribal Accreditation Support Initiative (Tribal ASI). For this third cohort of Tribal ASI awards, NIHB will provide a total support package of \$84,000 to the eight Tribes. The funding support will assist the Tribes as they work to prepare and apply for voluntary public health accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

“The National Indian Health Board is happy to be supporting Tribes as they continue to define and grow their public health systems. Public health services that are comprehensive and high quality ensure a strong foundation for Tribes to carry out the work of prevention, protection and health promotion,” said NIHB Executive Director Stacy A. Bohlen.

Achieving public health accreditation can be a lengthy process and the path is unique for each Tribe. Each of the Tribal ASI awardees have constructed their own individual workplan that will accomplish specific and concrete steps towards achieving one or more of the standards for public health accreditation. Some Tribes will be working on conducting community health assessments to develop Tribal specific data which they can use to inform policy, planning and programming. Some will be constructing workforce development plans or performance management systems, ensuring that they are well-equipped to monitor, measure and improve their performance. All will be sharing and learning from each other through peer learning opportunities coordinated by NIHB.

The following is a list of the Tribal ASI awardees:

- Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon
- Ho-Chunk Nation, Wisconsin
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi
- Osage Nation, Oklahoma
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Arizona

The Tribal ASI project is made possible by funding and support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, and is administered by NIHB. As part of the Tribal ASI, NIHB and CDC will provide sites with technical assistance, opportunities for peer-to-peer networking, and access to national networks and resources. More information on the Tribal ASI can be found at http://www.nihb.org/public_health/tribal_accreditation_support_initiative.php

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monitoring, reporting on and responding to federal legislation and regulations. It also serves as conduit to open opportunities for the advancement of American Indian and Alaska Native health care with other national and international organizations, foundations corporations and others in its quest to build support for, and advance, Indian health care issues.

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