

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 fourteen Tribal health departments for the Tribal Accreditation Support Initiative (Tribal ASI). For this fourth cohort of Tribal ASI awards, NIHB will provide a total support package of \$147,000 to the fourteen 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).

“Health promotion and disease and injury prevention lie within the realm of public health and the National Indian Health Board is happy to be supporting Tribes as they continue to define and grow their public health systems. It is exciting to witness these Tribes emerging as leaders in the field of Tribal public health improvement,” said NIHB Executive Director Stacy A. Bohlen.

Achieving public health accreditation can be a lengthy process and the path is unique for each Tribe. Nine of the Tribal ASI awardees have constructed their own individual workplans that will accomplish specific and concrete steps toward achieving one or more of the standards for public health accreditation. Some Tribes will be working on conducting community health assessments to obtain Tribal specific data which they can use to inform policy, planning and programming. Some will be focusing efforts on developing community health improvement plans that will guide their public health initiatives and others will be implementing quality improvement and performance management initiatives that will strengthen the health department. All will be sharing and learning from each other through TALC (Tribal Accreditation Learning Community), a peer learning opportunity coordinated by NIHB.

New this year, NIHB is happy to welcome five Tribal ASI awardees to a beginner cohort. These Tribes will have the opportunity to explore the potential of achieving public health accreditation through completing training and conducting a self- assessment to gauge their public health system capacity in relation to the PHAB Standards and Measures.

The following is a list of the Tribal ASI awardees:

Beginner Cohort

- Gila River Indian Community, Arizona
- Lower Sioux Indian Community, Minnesota
- Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota
- Tulalip Tribe, Washington
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Nebraska

Advanced Cohort

- Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Arizona
- Osage Nation, Oklahoma
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Michigan
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi
- Ho-Chunk Nation, Wisconsin
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, North Carolina

- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon
- Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma

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 <https://www.nihb.org/tribalasi/index.php>

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