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Purpose of Listening Session
Program Development Overview

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

• 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

Program Development Overview
Responses to Federal Register Notice

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

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

• 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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