

Hawaiian and Pacific Islander-serving organizations.

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III. Questions

- How might the proposed Center objectives and outcomes listed above meet the needs of NHPI populations?
- What is the recommended composition and governance infrastructure for the Center?
- Are there specific focus areas and activities this center should address?

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force (Task Force) will hold a virtual meeting on February 26, 2021. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce Task Force members and to outline the charges as directed by Executive Order 13995, *Ensuring an Equitable Pandemic Response and Recovery*. This meeting is open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged for members of the public who wish to attend the meeting and who wish to participate in the public comment session. Information about the meeting will be posted on the HHS Office of Minority Health website: <https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/> prior to the meeting. Pre-registration for the meeting must be completed by 5 p.m. ET, Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

DATES: The Task Force meeting will be held on Friday, February 26, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET (times are tentative and subject to change). The confirmed time and agenda will be posted on the HHS Office of Minority Health website:

<https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/> when this information becomes available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Samuel Wu, Designated Federal Officer for the Task Force; Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 100, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Phone: 240-453-6173; email: COVID19HETF@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force (Task Force) was established by the Executive Order 13995, dated January 21, 2021. The Task Force is tasked with developing a set of recommendations to the President, through the Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President (COVID-19 Response Coordinator) for mitigating the health inequities caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and for preventing such inequities in the future. The Task Force shall submit a final report to the COVID-19 Response Coordinator addressing any ongoing health inequities faced by COVID-19 survivors that may merit a public health response, describing the factors that contributed to disparities in COVID-19 outcomes, and recommending actions to combat such disparities in future pandemic responses.

The meeting is open to the public. Please register for the meeting by sending a request to COVID19HETF@hhs.gov by 5:00 p.m. ET on February 24, 2021. After registering, you will receive an email confirmation with a link to access the webcast. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments during the meeting. Comments will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. Any individual who wishes to participate in the public comment session must register by sending a request to: COVID19HETF@hhs.gov by close of business on February 24, 2021. Please provide name, affiliation, phone number, and email address. Individuals are encouraged to provide a written statement of any public comment(s) for accurate minute-taking purposes. Comments should be pertinent to the meeting discussion. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact: COVID19HETF@hhs.gov and reference this meeting. Requests for special accommodations should be made at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting.

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Samuel Wu,

Designated Federal Officer, COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Supporting Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native Populations

AGENCY: Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) seeks input from Federally-recognized Indian Tribes/American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal-serving organizations, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and AI/AN—serving institutions of higher education to guide the development of a new Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity (Center). This is NOT a solicitation for proposals or proposal abstracts.

Please Note: This request is for information (RFI) is for planning purposes only. It is not a notice for a proposal and does not commit the federal government to issue a solicitation, make an award, or pay any costs associated with responding to this announcement. All submitted information shall remain with the federal government and will not be returned. All responses will become part of the public record and will not be held confidential. The Federal Government reserves the right to use information provided by respondents for purpose deemed necessary and legally appropriate. Respondents are advised that the Federal Government is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted. Responses will not be accepted after the due date. After a review of the responses received, a notice of funding opportunity or pre-solicitation synopsis and solicitation may be published.

A separate RFI exists to solicit feedback from Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island (NHPI) communities.

DATES: To be assured consideration, written comments must be submitted and received at the address provided below, no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: OMH invites the submission of the requested information through one of the following methods: