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- *Email:* Send comments to Paul.Rodriguez@hhs.gov with the subject line “OMH AI/AN RFI: Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity.”

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

The Office of Minority Health

Authorized under Section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300u-6, as amended, the mission of OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that help eliminate health disparities. OMH awards and other activities are intended to support the identification of effective policies, programs and practices for improving health outcomes and to promote sustainability and dissemination of these approaches.

Under the authority of Public Law 116-260 (2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act), Congress called for the creation of a Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity to support efforts including research, education, service, and policy development related to advancing Indigenous solutions to decrease health disparities in the AI/AN and NHPI populations.

Background

Health disparities in the AI/AN population in the United States include higher rates of chronic diseases, unintentional injuries and premature deaths. The average life expectancy for an AI/AN born today would be 4.4 fewer years than for an individual of any other race. Empirical evidence indicates that many factors influence

health, and the strongest predictors of chronic disease, unintentional injury, and premature death are linked to the social determinants of health in AI/AN communities.

Identification and awareness of health outcomes and health determinants in AI/AN populations are essential steps towards reducing health disparities.¹ Research has shown that community-driven interventions have a positive impact on health outcomes.²

Program Information

The purpose of this initiative is to create a Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity (Center) to provide services for American Indian and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations that draws on deeply-rooted indigenous values and practices.

The Center should serve as a coordinating entity that will partner with accredited academic institutions with a focus on Indigenous health research, policy and innovation among AI/AN and NHPI populations. The Center will serve to build capacity and to support efforts including research, education, service, and policy development related to advancing Indigenous solutions. Work in these areas will increase the capacity to identify and address health disparities in AI/AN and NHPI communities. The Center is highly encouraged to engage Indigenous leaders and community partners to address AI/AN and NHPI health disparities focus areas that align with their goals and priorities. The Center is expected to use a dual track approach to address each population's needs and tailor indigenous knowledge and practice specific to the AI/AN and NHPI populations. Each track will be parallel and complementary, both rooted in indigenous values and practices appropriate to each population.

The Center's objectives may include:

- Create an indigenous public health agenda focused on research needs, education, services, and health policies to address AI/AN and NHPI health disparities.

- 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.

- Partner with academic institutions and Indigenous leaders and community partners in health disparities focus areas.

- Train AI/AN and NHPI public health, medical practitioners, students and multi-sector partners.

The Center's outcomes may include:

- Expand community capacity and knowledge to develop evidence-based program solutions, best practices and policies that address health disparities in AI/AN and NHPI populations.

- Increase utilizations of effective strategies and tools to improve and reduce AI/AN and NHPI health disparities.

- Contribute to improved AI/AN and NHPI health, elimination of health disparities, and achievement of health equity.

II. Request for Information

Through this RFI, OMH is seeking information from the following entities:

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.

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

III. Questions

- How might the proposed Center objectives and outcomes listed above 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?

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC Health Disparities and Inequalities Report—United States, 2013. *MMWR* 2013;62 (Suppl 3). Retrieved December 7, 2020 from <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/other/su6203.pdf>.

² O'Mara-Eves A., Brunton G., Oliver S., Kavanagh J., Jamal F., Thomas J. The effectiveness of community engagement in public health interventions for disadvantaged groups: A meta-analysis. *BMC Public Health*. 2015;15:129. Published 2015 Feb 12. doi:10.1186/s12889-015-1352-y.

provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Clinical Neurophysiology, Devices, Neuroprosthetics, and Biosensors.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Cristina Backman, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, ETTN IRG, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5211, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 480–9069, cbackman@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Aging and Development, Auditory, Vision and Low Vision Technologies.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Barbara Susanne Mallon, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institute of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1042, mallonb@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group; Population and Public Health Approaches to HIV/AIDS Study Section.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group; Interdisciplinary Clinical Care in Specialty Care Settings Study Section.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Immuno-Oncology Research.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Computational, Modeling and Biodata Management.

Date: March 11, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Infectious Diseases Clinical Research and Field Studies.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Tera Bounds, Ph.D., DVM, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3198, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 613–2822, boundst@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Biomedical Sensing, Measurement and Instrumentation.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Yordan V. Kostov, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 867–5309, kostovyv@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Topics in Bacterial Pathogenesis.

Date: March 11, 2021.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Richard G. Kostriken, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3192, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (240) 519–7808, kostrikr@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Brain Disorders and Related Neurosciences.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Digestive and Nutrient Physiology and Diseases.

Date: March 11–12, 2021.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Aster Juan, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 435–5000, juana2@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA–OD–20–005: Transformative Research Award for the INCLUDE Project (R01).

Date: March 11, 2021.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Wenchi Liang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3150, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–0681, liangw3@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Interdisciplinary Clinical Care in Specialty Care Settings.

Date: March 12, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: High Throughput Screening.

Date: March 12, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: David Filpula, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6181, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2902, filpula@mail.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Allergy and Asthma Statistical & Clinical Coordinating Center (AA-SCCC).

Date: March 10, 2021.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G50, Rockville, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Louis A. Rosenthal, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G50 Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 669-5070, rosenthalla@niaid.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; Review of Innovative Programs to Enhance Research Training (IPERT) Applications.

Date: March 19, 2021.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Video Meeting).

Contact Person: Rebecca H. Johnson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 3AN18C, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-2771, johnsonrh@nigms.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel; AD Model.

Date: March 9, 2021.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Nijaguna Prasad, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Gateway Building, Suite 2W200, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-9667, nijaguna.prasad@nih.gov.

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