Health disparities in the AI/AN and NHPI populations 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. Research has shown that community-driven interventions have a positive impact on health outcomes.

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

Date: March 11–12, 2021.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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

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National Institutes of Health

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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 13, 2021.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Location: Virtual 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.

Location: Virtual 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.

Location: Virtual Meeting.

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