DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee; Solicitation of Nominations for Delegates

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

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of nominations for delegates for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) hereby gives notice that OMH is establishing a Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee (CIIHE TAC) and accepting nominations of qualified candidates to serve as primary and alternate delegates for the CIIHE TAC, in alignment with the 12 geographic areas served by the Indian Health Service (IHS).

DATES: Nomination letters for the CIIHE TAC must be sent to the address noted below no later than 6:00 p.m. EST on October 29, 2021.

ADDRESS: All nominations should be emailed to: Violet Woo, Designated Federal Officer for the CIIHE TAC, at Violet.Woo@hhs.gov. Please use the subject line “OMH CIIHE Tribal Advisory Committee”.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information and guidance about the nomination process for CIIHE TAC delegates, please contact Violet Woo, Designated Federal Officer at Violet.Woo@hhs.gov. CIIHE TAC nomination guidance and sample nomination letters also are available on the OMH website’s Tribal Leader Letters section: https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=62#tribal-leader-letters.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 the sustainability and dissemination of these approaches.

Under the authority of Public Law 116–260 (2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act), Congress directed OMH to create a CIIHE to support research, education, service, and policy development advancing Indigenous solutions that ultimately address health disparities in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) populations. OMH is establishing the CIIHE TAC to ensure that Tribal Leaders have meaningful and timely input in the development of the priorities and activities established to address the focus areas of the CIIHE. The CIIHE TAC shall support, but not supplant, government-to-government consultation activities that OMH undertakes.

TAC Membership: The CIIHE TAC will consist of 16 delegate positions: One from each of the 12 geographic areas served by the Indian Health Service and four National At-Large Member positions.

Eligibility: The CIIHE TAC must consist of tribal citizens who are Native Hawaiian or American Indian, an Alaska Native, or a member of a federally recognized tribe and be qualified to represent the views of the AI/AN tribes in the area from which they are nominated. No delegate of the CIIHE TAC may be an employee of the federal government.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES: CIIHE TAC candidates must be (1) elected tribal officials from a federally recognized tribe acting in their official capacity as elected officials of their tribe, with authority to act on behalf of the tribe; or (2) individuals designated by an elected tribal official. Designees must have the authority to act on behalf of the tribal official and the tribe and be qualified to represent the views of the AI/AN tribes in the area from which they are nominated. Nominations of qualified candidates to serve as primary and alternate delegates for the CIIHE TAC are due October 29, 2021. The CIIHE TAC delegates will serve a two-year term that will be established by the Commission of the CIIHE TAC.

Nominees will be notified of the status of their nomination by November 30, 2021.

Dated: September 24, 2021.

Violet Woo,
Designated Federal Officer, Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee.

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Indian Health Service

Request for Public Comment: 60 Day Notice for Extension of Fast Track Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery: IHS Customer Service Satisfaction and Similar Surveys

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.