

April 19, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health (OMH), we are inviting you to a Tribal Listening Session to seek input and feedback on the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity (CIIHE).

Please make plans to join us Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 4PM – 5PM EST at the virtual Tribal Listening Session described below:

<b>DATE:</b>	April 22, 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	4:00 PM – 5:00PM EST
<b>ZOOM</b> :	Register for the meeting here: <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcuGqpjloHtoeOs4-9NpBuTfHQVNNjzc">https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcuGqpjloHtoeOs4-9NpBuTfHQVNNjzc</a>

Under the authority of P.L. 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 American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) populations.

The objectives of the CIIHE include:

- \$2,000,000 for grant(s) in FY 2021 to support a Center that draws on Indigenous cultural values and practices
- Populations of focus: AI/AN and NHPI
- Focus on Indigenous health research, policy and innovation
- Partnership with Indigenous leaders and community partners
- Dissemination of best practices and lessons learned

We look forward to your feedback and recommendations.

Respectfully,

**RADM Felicia Collins, MD, MPH**

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