National Council of Urban Indian Health

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Welcome

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Background: Tribal law and policy
Who is NCUIH?

The only national non-profit organization devoted to the support and development of quality, accessible, and culturally-competent healthcare services for American Indians and Alaska Natives living in urban settings.

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Background on Urban Indian Organizations

- Established in 1976 by Tribes who advocated for treaty health rights off reservation
  - More than 70% of the 5.2 million AI/AN live in urban and suburban areas
    - 41 UIOs in 22 states
- Funded by IHS
  - Less 1% of IHS Budget
  - Primarily funded out of one line item of IHS Budget ($57.68M/41UIOs, provide health care services through 74 facilities)
  - Funding for sanitation, facilities, CHAP, IHCIF, etc. is not available to UIOs
- NCUIH supports FULL IHS funding for Tribes and UIOs
## Where are UIOs by IHS Region

### Great Plains
- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, Omaha, NE
- South Dakota Urban Indian Health, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD

### Portland
- NARA of the Northwest, Portland, OR
- The NATIVE Project, Spokane, WA
- Seattle Indian Health Board, Seattle, WA

### Billings
- Helena Indian Alliance – Leo Pocha Clinic, Helena, MT
- Indian Family Health Clinic, Great Falls, MT
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### Bemidji
- American Indian Council on Alcoholism, Inc., Greenfield, WI
- American Indian Health & Family Services S.E. Michigan, Detroit, MI
- Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Milwaukee, WI
- Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN
- American Indian Health Services of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Juel Fairbanks Chemical Dependency Services, St. Paul, MN

### Phoenix
- Native Health Center, Phoenix, AZ
- Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, UT
- Nevada Urban Indians, Inc., Reno, NV
- Native American Connections, Phoenix, AZ

### Nashville
- Hunter Health Clinic, Wichita, KS
- Urban Indian Health Care Resource Center, Tulsa, OK
- Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, Oklahoma City, OK
- Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas, Dallas, TX
- Kansas City Indian Center, Kansas City, MO

### California
- American Indian Health & Services, Santa Barbara, CA
- Bakersfield American Indian Health Project, Bakersfield, CA
- Fresno American Indian Health Project, Fresno, CA
- Friendship House Association of American Indians, San Francisco, CA
- Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley, San Jose, CA
- Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
- Sacramento Native American Health Center, Sacramento, CA
- San Diego American Indian Health Center, San Diego, CA
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### Oklahoma City
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- New York Indian Council, Long Island City, NY
- Native American Lifelines of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
- Native American Lifelines of Boston, West Roxbury, MA
What do UIOs do?

- **Primary Care**
  - General medical care
  - Diabetes care and prevention
  - Health and wellness check-ups
  - Vision and hearing screenings
  - Immunizations
  - Chronic disease care
  - Women’s health
  - Urgent care

- **Behavioral Health Services**
  - Mental health counseling
  - Psychiatry
  - Substance abuse counseling
  - Education and prevention services
  - Anger management
  - Domestic violence counseling

- **Traditional Healing and Medicine**
  - Sweat lodge ceremonies
  - Men’s, women’s, and elder’s talking circles
  - Traditional medicine from traditional healers
  - Prayer ceremonies
  - Relationship gatherings

- **Social and Community Services**
  - Prevention and education services
  - Youth camps and programs
  - Elder services
  - Domestic violence services
  - Job placement
  - Diet and nutrition services and classes
  - Arts and crafts
  - Pot luck/soup kitchens
TRIBAL LEADER TOWN HALL

Tribal Members Receiving Care at UIOs

Top 10 Tribes served (number of AI/AN visits CY 2019)

Source: IHS (based on data from 40 of 41 UIOs)
Indian Health Service (Federal Agency)

Tribal (Sovereign Nations)
- Provide direct care via IHS clinics and hospitals
- Contract with IHS for IHS to provide some services*
- Compacts with IHS to receive IHS funds to provide direct care

Urban (Non-Profits)
- Compacts with IHS to receive IHS funds to provide direct care
  - UIOs receive < 1% of the IHS Budget (one line item)
How UIOs Are Funded

- UIOs receive funding from primarily one line item: Urban Indian Health
  - UIOs typically do not have access to other distinct IHS funding sources
  - Only an increase to the Urban Indian Health line item assures increased services for UIOs
- UIOs are ineligible for other cost saving measures available to the remainder of the I/T/U system
  - 100% FMAP
  - FTCA malpractice coverage
  - VA reimbursement

Source: FY 2019 Enacted
UIOs and COVID-19

- COVID-19 impacts to UIOs
  - UIO has reduced hours: 100% of respondents
  - UIO staff teleworking: 71% of respondents
  - 3 UIOs have opened drive-through clinics

Source: NCUIH COVID19 Survey to UIOs n=24 (3/26/2020)
Legislation Updates

- Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (March 4)
  - $2.2B in CDC funds
  - At least $950M to states, localities, Tribes, Tribal organizations, and UIOs
  - Minimum of $40M to Tribes, Tribal organizations, and UIOs

- March 20: CDC announces $80M to disburse funds to Indian Country (waiting on info regarding January 20th disbursement)
  - 90% funding ($70M) to Tribes
  - 10% funding ($8M) to UIOs
• Families First Coronavirus Response Act – H.R. 6201
  – $64M to IHS I/T/U to cover the costs of COVID-19 diagnostic testing for Indians receiving care through IHS, Tribes, UIO
  – Guarantees no cost sharing for COVID-19 testing for Indians receiving contract health services
  – IHS I/T/U will receive $70M from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, appropriated in the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. These funds are available to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus
Indian Health Funding

• $1.032 billion for Indian Health Services I/T/U until 9/30/21
  – Up to $65 million is for electronic health record stabilization and support
  – Not less than $450 million shall be distributed through T/U
  – $125 million may be transferred to and merged with the “Indian Health Service, Indian Health Facilities” account

• Extension of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians through November 30, 2020

• Not less than $15 million for SAMHSA Health Surveillance Program

• Not less than $15 million from the Public Health Service and Social Services Emergency Fund

• Not less than $125 million Tribal set aside from the CDC Wide Activities and Program Support
COVID-19 IHS $1.032 Billion Bill Language

• to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19
  – Including for public health support
  – Electronic health record modernization
  – Telehealth and other information technology upgrades
  – Purchased/Referred Care
  – Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund
  – Urban Indian Organizations
  – Tribal Epidemiology Centers
  – Community Health Representatives
  – and other activities to protect the safety of patients and staff
Thank you and Stay Safe Relatives

- Any questions or concerns, email me at Fcrevier@ncuih.org
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- www.ncuih.org/coronavirus
- Coronavirus Legislative Tracker: https://www.ncuih.org/covidlegtracker