



Supporting the Next Generation of Native Health Care

California Area Meaningful Use Conference

**NIHB REC
May 2011**

National Indian Health Board



- **Founded by Tribes in 1972**
- **Advocates to Advance Health Care for All American Indian and Alaska Native People**



Two Unique Programs – Common Goal Improving Patient Care

Regional Extension Center



- Program administered by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC).
- Provide support services to assist Primary Care Providers in adopting EHRs and become meaningful users of EHRs.

EHR Incentive Program



- Program administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Provide incentive payments to eligible professionals and hospitals as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

Health Information Technology Extension Centers



- In 2010, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) funded 62 HITECH Regional Extension Centers (RECs) in every geographic region of the U.S. **Most RECs serve a single state.**
- NIDDK is establishing the **only National REC** serving Tribes located in 35 states throughout the U.S. – the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) National REC.

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Service Goals



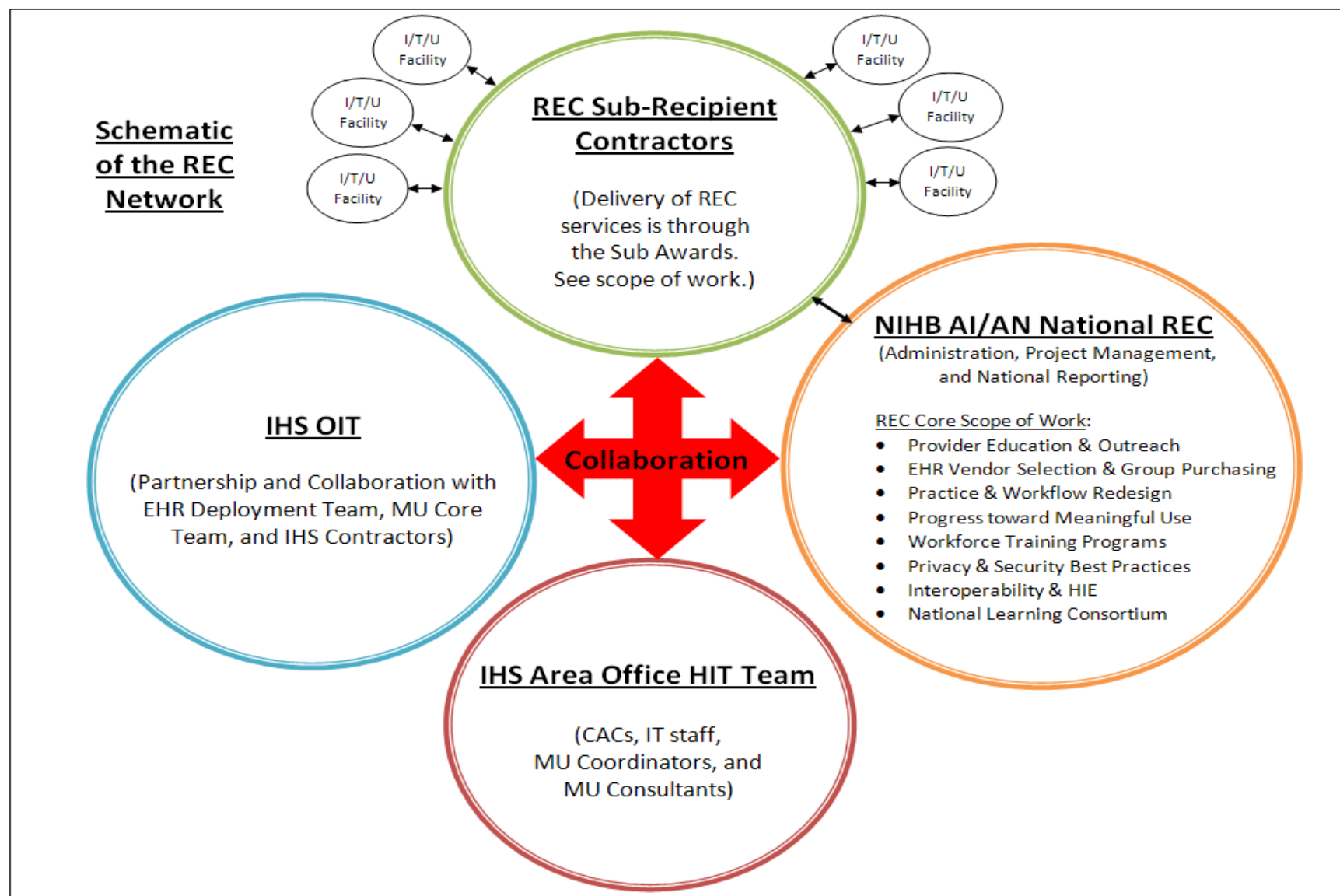
- Obtain signed Provider Agreement Forms from California Tribal and Urban facilities.
- Support implementation and use of certified electronic health records (EHRs) by Providers in California Tribal and Urban facilities.
- Provide support to Providers in California Tribal and Urban facilities to achieve Meaningful Use of EHRs.

Partnerships, Collaborations, and Working Relationships



- NIHB REC
- California Rural Indian Health Board
- IHS Area Office Staff
- IHS EHR and MU Teams
- State REC Staff
- State Medicaid Agency Staff
- Health Information Exchange Organizations
- MOST OF ALL – Health Facility Staff

NIHB REC Operations Network





NIHB REC – National Program Management

- Develop and maintain NIHB REC Operations Plan.
- Develop and manage a Provider Sign-Up Process.
- Develop and implement an Area Sub Award Process.
- Develop and implement a REC Service Delivery Plan.
- Maintain a comprehensive ONC-REC Reporting System.

CALIFORNIA Milestones - ONC Incremental Fund Allocations



- **Milestone 1**
 - **Secure signed agreements from up to 3,000 providers in the Indian Health System to work with the AI/AN National REC = \$1,500/Provider.**
- **Milestone 2**
 - **Verify implementation of certified EHR software among those 3,000 providers = \$1,500/Provider.**
- **Milestone 3**
 - **Verify the Meaningful Use of EHRs among those 3,000 providers = \$1,500/Provider.**

Example – Milestone 1 Payments



- NIHB REC and CRIHB signs up 100 Providers to work with our REC.
- 100 Providers x \$1,500/Provider = \$150,000 available to provide REC services.



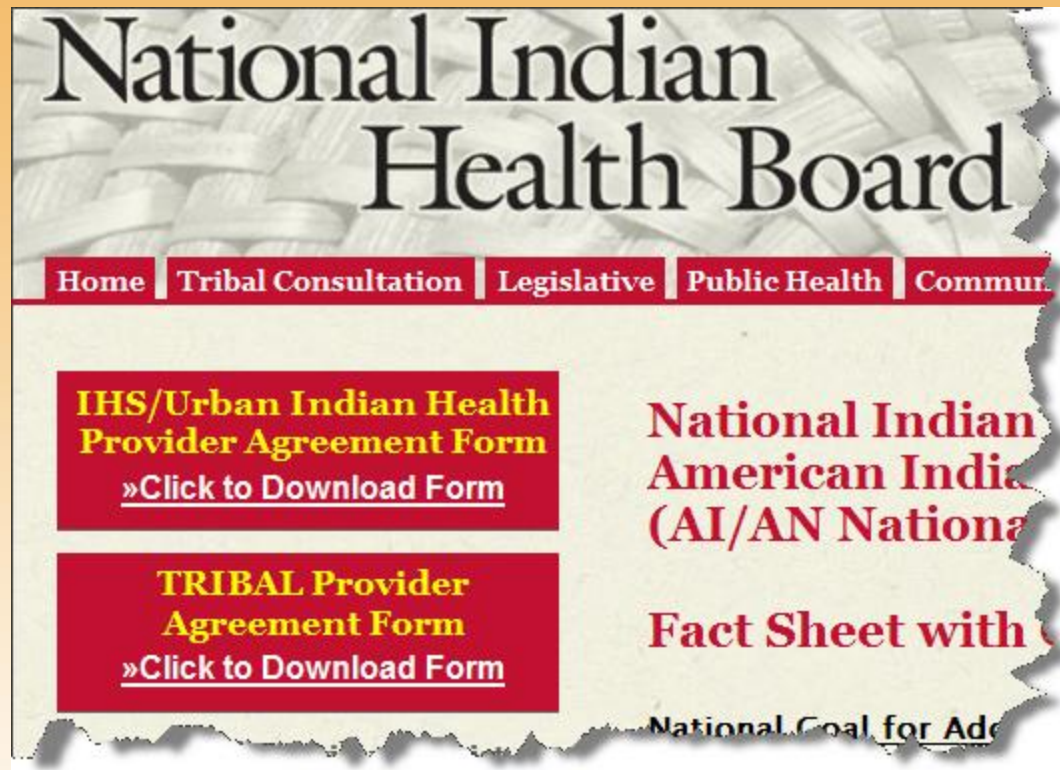
Milestone I – Provider Sign Up

- **Indian Health Service/Urban Indian Health Provider Agreement Form** – This form will be used to sign up providers working in IHS and urban Indian health facilities to work with the AI/AN National REC.
- **Tribal Provider Agreement Form** – This form will be used to sign up providers working in Tribally-administered health facilities to work with the AI/AN National REC.

www.nihb.org/rec/rec.php

Sign Up with National Indian REC

<http://nihb.org/rec/rec.php>



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Providers Eligible for REC Sign Up



- **Eligible Primary Care Providers**
 - Medical Doctors (MDs)
 - Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs)
 - Nurse Practitioners (NPs)
 - Physician Assistants (PAs)
 - Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMWs)

Provider Agreement Forms Submitted By Area



Total Facilities = 112 Facilities (As of 5/12/11)

- Aberdeen Area = 10 (3 in ONC QA Process)
- Alaska Area = 1
- Albuquerque Area = 5
- Bemidji Area = 12 (3 in ONC QA Process)
- Billings Area = 5 (6 in ONC QA Process)
- California Area = 11
- Nashville Area = 11
- Navajo Area = 9 (1 in ONC QA Process)
- Oklahoma Area = 20
- Phoenix Area = 2 (2 in ONC QA Process)
- Portland Area = 7
- Tucson Area = 4



How Will NIHB Deliver REC Services?

- Area Sub Awards will be provided to eligible Tribal Health Organizations to implement local REC services.
- Using award funds, Area Sub Awardees may choose to deploy their own staff; hire contractors; or provide funds to support established EHR and MU team efforts to deliver REC services.

Area Sub Awards – Current Status



- **United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)**
 - USET Sub Award in place February 2011
 - Nashville Area REC Services
 - National RPMS EHR and MU Team
- **Alaska Native Tribal Health Corporation (ANTHC)**
 - ANTHC Sub Award – Goal to establish in May 2011
- **California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)**
 - CRIHB Sub Award project/budget in final stages of review by ONC
- **Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)**
 - NPAIHB Sub Award project/budget in development

Sub Recipient Award – Service Areas




- **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC-REC)**
 - Alaska Area
- **California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB-REC)**
 - California Area
- **Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB-REC)**
 - Portland Area
- **United Southern Eastern Tribes (USET-REC):**
 - Albuquerque
 - Aberdeen
 - Billings
 - Bemidji
 - Navajo
 - Nashville
 - Oklahoma
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Accessing REC Support Services



- **Step #1:** Sites sign-up with the National Indian REC-CA by completing and returning the Provider Agreement Form (Milestone #1)
- **Step #2:** Communicate with Rosario Arreola Pro at CRIHB and Tim Campbell at CA Area IHS
- **Step #3:** Work closely with identified National Indian REC-CA and CA Area IHS staff.

REC Area Sub Award Request for Proposal



- **AI/AN National REC will issue a “REC Area Sub Award Request for Proposal (RFP)” announcement. This RFP will permit an opportunity for all Area Indian Health Boards or related regional Tribal Health Organizations to submit a REC Area Sub-Award Proposal.**



Sub Awardee Requirements

- Tribal Health Organizations must submit a Sub Award proposal that meets ONC-mandated requirements.
- Tribal Health Organizations must identify their specific organizational capabilities related to delivery of REC services.
- ONC must approve all REC Sub Award budgets and contracts prior to fund allocations.



Scope of Work Requirements

- Provider Education and Outreach Services
- National Learning Consortium Participation
- Vendor Selection and Group Purchasing
- EHR Implementation and Project Management
- Practice and Workflow Redesign
- Meaningful Use Support Services
- Health Information Exchange Services
- Privacy and Security Best Practices

Factors Affecting How REC Services Are Provided



- **EHR Status and Plans for the Facility**
 - RPMS EHR Deployed
 - RPMS EHR Planned for Deployment
 - COTS EHR Deployed
 - COTS EHR Planned for Deployment
 - Undecided About Type of EHR Deployment
- **Type of REC Services that are Needed by the Facility**
- **Organizational Capabilities to Provide Needed REC Services**

Native Health IT Workforce Development



- American Indian Higher Education Consortium and Tribal College Network
- Develop local health IT workforce to serve future Tribal needs.
 - Build local capacity to implement and manage health IT systems.
 - Develop local plans to meet health IT needs.
 - Implement local health IT service delivery structures.

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