NIHB Work to Advance and Support Tribal Behavioral Health, MSPI / SASP, and DVPI

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Mission Statement: Established by the Tribes to advocate as the united voice of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, NIHB seeks to reinforce Tribal sovereignty, strengthen Tribal health systems, secure resources, and build capacity to achieve the highest level of health and well-being for our People.

Purpose: To advocate on behalf of all federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes to ensure the fulfillment of the trust responsibility to deliver health and public health services as assured through treaties, and reaffirmed in legislation, executive orders and Supreme Court cases.
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• Grant to NIHB: National Indian Health Outreach & Education (NIHOE)

• Funding amounts, objectives and activities have shifted over the life of the program

• Currently in Year 3 of a three year cooperative agreement

• NIHB’s work on this project aligns with the mission and vision that Tribal leaders had for NIHB:
  • National level work
  • Work that will serve all federally recognized Tribes
  • Work that supports Tribal sovereignty and government to government relationship
  • Program work that informs NIHB’s advocacy work (data, best practices, Tribal leader priorities)
NIHB NIHOE Objectives

• **National Behavioral Health Conference** - create a national forum for the latest information, in-depth training, and peer-to-peer learning and exchange (Annual meeting)

• **Support to NTAC** - provide logistical services and technical expertise to NTAC

• **Technical Assistance** - provide technical assistance that is more national in scope, that raises capacity of Tribal behavioral health programs to implement strong and effective programming to curb suicide and substance abuse
NIHB as Advocate

• Created to serve and advocate on behalf of all federally recognized Tribes

• All program work (policy research/analysis, outreach, communications, education/training, technical assistance, convening and facilitation) informs NIHB’s advocacy efforts
Behavioral Health Conference

- July 25-27, 2018 – Washington, DC
- 581 registered; 519 attended
- 24 exhibitors
- 36 breakout sessions
- Conference Tracks
  - Community-Based Behavioral Health Services
  - Sharing Traditional Best and Promising Practices
  - Behavioral Health Integration- Substance Use Disorders, Mental Health Disorders, Suicide Prevention
  - Behavioral Health Workforce Innovation
  - MSPI and DVPI Grantee Track

Chart 1. IHS areas of registrants of the 2018 AI/AN National Behavioral Health Conference
NIHB BH Conference

Plenaries

Breakouts
NIHB BH Conference

Poster Presentations

Self-Care Sessions
Action Alliance AI/AN Suicide Prevention Task Force

• NIHB supports the work of the task force to ensure AI AN Voice and Perspective are included in the national initiative

• In July 2018, NIHB Convened and Facilitated Strategic Planning Efforts

• Will lead work to implement strategy and broaden support for the work (i.e. - include youth)
Action Alliance AI/AN Suicide Prevention Task Force

National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention AI/AN Task Force
Strategic Map: August 2018 – July 2019

Serve as the National Conduit for Tribes to Strengthen Suicide Prevention in Indian Country

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A
Engage Tribes and Other Partners in the Task Force

1. Shift from a "Public-Private" to a "Tribal-Federal" Model to Increase Membership

2. Increase Participation with AAS including Submitting Panels from the Task Force

3. Engage Existing Youth Councils as Consultants to the Task Force

B
Build a Communications Strategy/Platform

1. Use the Task Force to Disseminate Information and Best Practices for Suicide Prevention

2. Partner with OJAS: to Further Suicide Prevention in TLCA Activities

3. Identify Next Steps Regarding Accreditation for Suicide Prevention

C
Provide Supports and Tools for Communities

1. Update the Hope for Life Toolkit

2. Issue a Position Paper on Culture as Prevention

3. Develop a "Disclaimer" Re: "Evidence" when Disseminating Tools/Models

4. Develop a Plan to Develop a Prevention-Intervention-Postvention Toolkit for AI/AN
MSPI/DVPP Filming: Behind the Scenes

Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Presque Isle, ME

Paiute Tribe of Utah
Cedar City, UT
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Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy Box Elder, MT

Pueblo of Acoma Acoma, NM
Thank you!

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