



STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Foundational Public Health Services

In accordance with Chapter 43.376 RCW and the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989, the Department of Health (DOH) invites collaboration with Indian tribes and tribal organizations in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affects Indian tribes and tribal people. **Therefore, please be advised DOH is requesting tribal consultation on the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) 2019-2021 funding allocation plan. An allocation of funding to support tribal epidemiology centers in Portland and Seattle, together with funding for the American Indian Health Commission, is expected to be part of the plan.**

You are invited to participate in a pre-consultation tribal roundtable on FPHS to be held on May 28, 2019, from 3-5 p.m. at DOH offices in Tumwater, Washington. A tribal consultation on FPHS will be held on June 26, 2019, from 2-3 p.m. at DOH offices in Tumwater, Washington. GoToMeeting access is available for both meetings.

Purpose

The governmental public health system in Washington is a partnership between sovereign tribal nations, Indian health programs, local health jurisdictions, the State Board of Health, and DOH. The partners in the system work together to ensure core services across all public health programs are funded through dedicated revenues. The Washington Legislature has allocated state general funds in the 2019-2021 biennium to support FPHS services. Now it's time for partners to come together and prioritize how those investments will be allocated over the next two years. The first step in that process is the DOH consultation with tribes.

Following the tribal consultation, DOH will work with the State Board of Health and Washington State Association for Local Public Health Officials on the allocation plan to move forward to the Washington State Office of Financial Management. These prioritization activities will be reviewed and discussed at the FPHS Steering Committee meetings on June 6, 2019 and July 2, 2019. Executive Committee members of the Washington State American Indian Health Commission (AIHC) serve on the FPHS Steering Committee with other FPHS partners.

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Health Organizations

DOH asks your leadership to determine if the FPHS funding will have an impact specific to American Indian/Alaska Native people, Indian Health Program, or Urban Indian Health Organizations in your area. If so, DOH would appreciate any input or concerns that tribal

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representatives wish to share, including whether this issue has any disproportionate impact on American Indian/Alaska Native people, Indian Health Program, or Urban Indian Health Organizations.

Comments and Questions

Please contact Tamara Fulwyler, our agency's Tribal Relations Director, by email at tamara.fulwyler@doh.wa.gov or by telephone at 360-870-8903 if you would like to have the GoToMeeting information. You can also send her any written comments that you would like to have included in the roundtable and consultation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Wiesman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH
Secretary of Health

cc: Tamara Fulwyler, MPH