

Office of Minority Health Looking for Research Advisors

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health would like to invite you to nominate a delegate to serve on the American Indian and Alaska Native Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC). Nominations are requested from the following Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas: [Phoenix](#) & Nashville; as well as one National At-Large member.

The HRAC was established in 2006 by HHS and serves as the forum by which tribes advise the Department on health research priorities and needs, as well as how best to carry out health research involving American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). The HRAC is comprised of elected or appointed tribal officials from federally recognized tribes acting in their official capacity or their designated employees with authority to act on behalf of the tribal official, from each of the 12 IHS areas; four National At-Large tribal member positions acting in their official tribal capacity or their designated employees with authority to act on behalf of the tribal official. The HRAC meets quarterly by conference call and one in-person meeting per fiscal year. HHS will support the travel of the delegate to attend in-person meetings of the HRAC or, if the primary delegate cannot attend, will pay for the alternate's travel.

The selected HRAC delegates will serve an unlimited term that remains in effect for the length of the tribal official's term of office. If the delegate is not a tribal official, but rather acting in an appointed capacity, that term will expire with the term of the appointing tribal leader unless the newly elected or appointed tribal leader reappoints the delegate and alternative to the HRAC.

Nominations will be considered for selection in the priority order listed below.

1. Tribal President/Chairperson/Governor
2. Tribal Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson/Lt. Governor
3. Elected or Appointed Tribal Official
4. Designated Tribal Official

We encourage you to submit your nomination letter no later than **October 31, 2014**. Nomination packages should include a recent résumé or curriculum vitae, and a letter of nomination on official tribal or tribal organization letterhead, and a brief biography. Please include health-related experience of the nominee in the recent résumé, cover letter and/or biography, as nominees will be scored on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated expertise in minority health and racial and ethnic health disparities in regard to disease prevention, health promotion, service delivery and/or research
- Expertise in developing or contributing to the development of science-based and evidence-based health policies and/or programs
- Involvement in national, regional, tribal, and/or community efforts that support the improvement of AI/AN health research
- Educational achievement and professional certification(s) in research or health-related field and personal experience providing expert advice on issues related to

- AI/AN health research
- Expertise in population level health data for AI/AN populations

For more detailed information about the HRAC, please visit <http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/hrac>. All nomination packages and inquiries can be directed to:

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