

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR URBAN INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS

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- ❖ In our confer and interviews we identified a set of strategic issues that may be relevant to goals and strategies in the 5-year strategic plan.
- ❖ Important things to consider:
 1. We will be working with OUIHP to recommend what can be achieved in the next five years and the priorities;
 2. This does not identify roles – the strategic plan will focus on OUIHP’s role, but engagement with UIOs and other stakeholders is expected to affect urban Indian health;
 3. The plan should foster a theme of unity and a network of support for the urban Indian program.
- ❖ There are a number of issues that UIOs raised that are not within the control of OUIHP and will not be in the strategic plan, e.g. varying reporting requirements across agencies.

- ❖ The issues were identified as a result of our confer and interviews with the urban programs and a large and diverse constituency, including:
 - ◆ Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP)
 - ◆ IHS Area Urban Coordinators
 - ◆ Urban Indian Health Programs (UIOs) and NIAAA Programs
 - ◆ Urban Indian Health Institute
 - ◆ Funding and regulatory agencies – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), state agencies, others
 - ◆ Patients and clients of UIHP services
 - ◆ National and regional non-profit organizations, such as the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) and the California Consortium of Urban Indian Health (CCUIH)
 - ◆ Congress
 - ◆ Relevant IHS and HHS offices and advisory committees
 - ◆ Urban Indian health and other public health experts
 - ◆ NIHB and NCAI

Goal 1 - Enabling UIOs



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- ❖ Assist UIOs in opportunities to enhance programs and services
 - Provide assistance for UIOs to compete in the health insurance marketplace
 - Explore opportunities for initiatives and funding opportunities (e.g. grants)
 - Analyze the need for new legislation, e.g. 100% FMAP
 - Encourage collaboration with VA in support of urban Indian health
 - Lead implementation of new IHCIA provisions for UIOs
- ❖ Assist UIOs in their efforts to attract and retain staff (medical and administrative)
 - Student loan repayment/scholarship
- ❖ Promote UIOs
 - Assist UIOs to actively participate in the confer process
 - Inform within IHS on policy and procedures
 - Educate in HIS and HHS and with OMB, Congress, insurers, States, Tribes
 - Policy and data analysis to support urban program needs
- ❖ Strengthen technical assistance, training and sharing best practices
 - Help ensure resources are used to meet UIO needs
 - Improve access to training and expertise

Goal 2 - OUIHP Capacity to Enable UIOs and Improve Performance



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- ❖ RPMS and UDS data reporting
 - Implement phase 2 of UDS – automation and training
 - Assist UIOs using UDS data to improve performance
- ❖ Accountability and Performance Improvement
 - Standardize basic contract requirements
 - Timely, consistent, and streamlined on-site review processes
 - Transparent and timely funding allocation processes
 - Develop performance and need-based funding allocation methodology
- ❖ Build/extend OUIHP staff capacity to meet new/existing demands (e.g., administering former NIAAA programs, improving on-site reviews, better responding to UIO needs) through a mix of:
 - Filling existing OUIHP positions/getting additional positions
 - Leveraging cooperative agreement (currently with NCUIH)
 - Collaborating with IHS/HHS components and other partners

Ongoing Input Welcome



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- ❖ We continue to invite input on the strategic plan:
 - If we have not talked with you yet, please email or call us back to schedule
 - You can **write us** via email at UOconfer@napawash.org
 - Website at: <http://www.napawash.org/programs/indian-health-service-resources.html>
 - Telephone number: 202-204-3682
- ❖ Next Steps
 - Make recommendations to IHS
 - HHS and OMB clearance
 - Release in December 2016