

The NIH and Health Research in Tribal Nations

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- NIH
- Tribal Health Research Office (THRO)
 - Immediate and long term goals



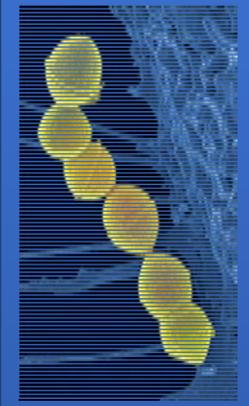
567 federally recognized tribes in the US with total citizenship of about 4.5 million people.

Each Tribe is unique and has different:

- Histories
- Cultural traditions
- Languages
- Government structures
- Institutions and systems
- Only ethnic minority in the US to have “Dual-Citizenship”

National Institutes of Health

- NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.
- The Office of the Director (OD) is responsible for setting policy for NIH and for planning, managing, and coordinating the programs and activities across the agency.
- There are 27 of NIH's Institutes and Centers.



U. S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY

POLICY

Before any action is taken that will significantly affect Indian Tribes it is the HHS policy that, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, consultation with Indian Tribes will occur.

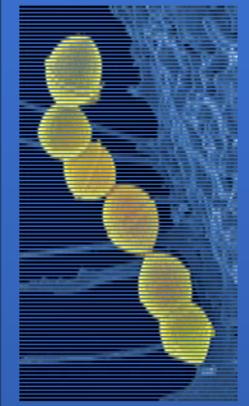
Such actions refer to policies that:

1. Have Tribal implications, and
2. Have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian Tribes, or
3. On the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes, or
4. On the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes.

Each HHS Operating and Staff Division (Division) shall have an accountable process as defined in Sections 8 and 9 of this policy to ensure meaningful and timely input by Indian Tribes in the development of policies that have Tribal implications.

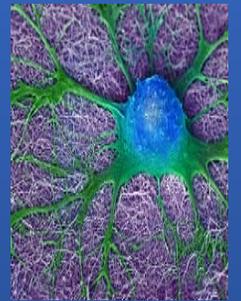
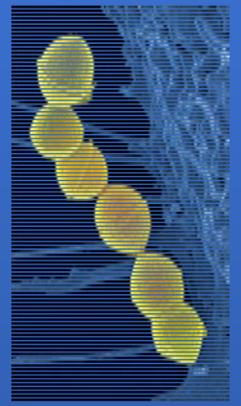
A Brief History of the Tribal Health Research Office (THRO)

- The office was established in 2015
- Initial resided in the Office of the Deputy Director
- Repositioned in the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives in 2016.

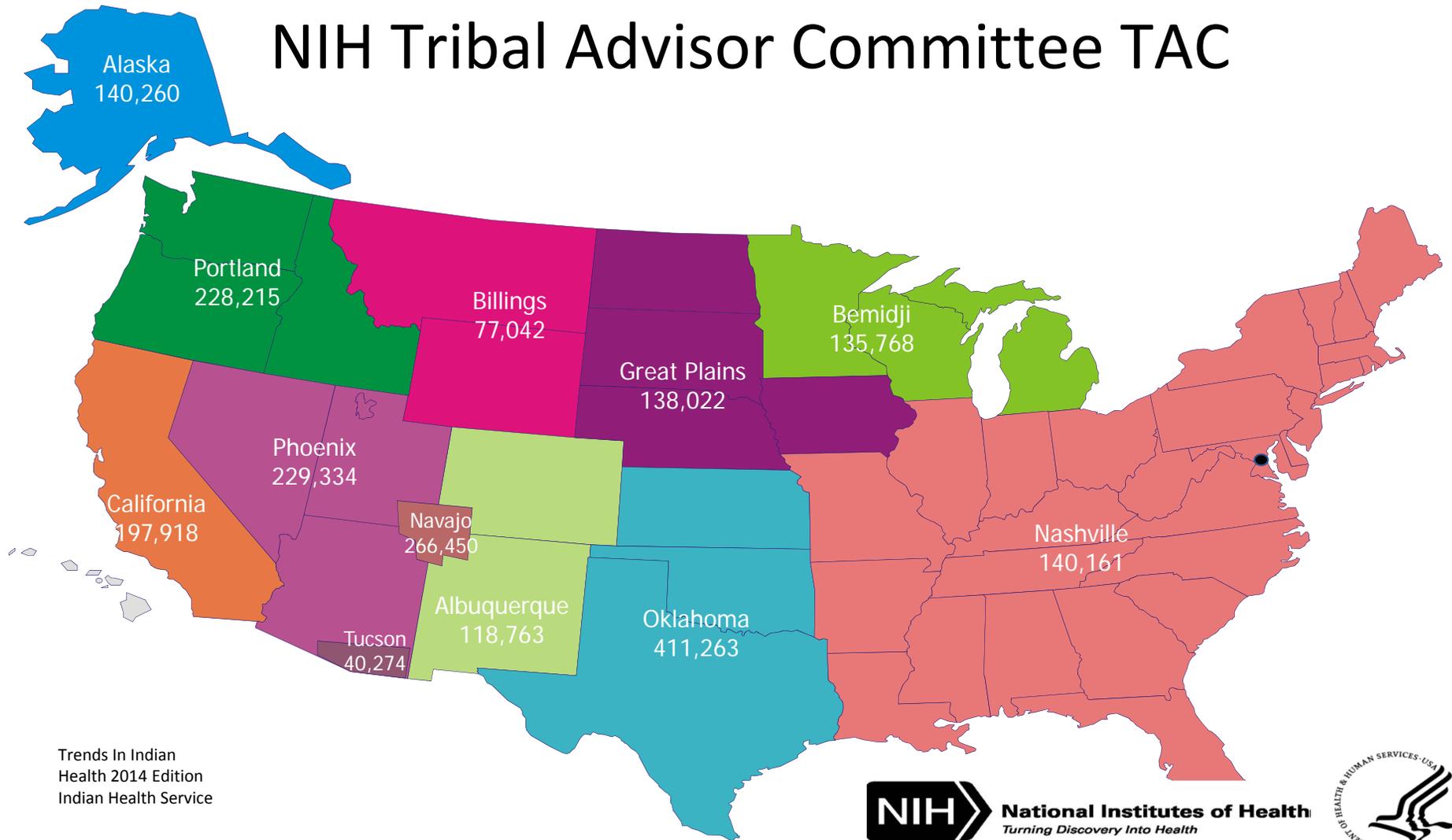


Early activities of the Tribal Health Research Office

- Further engaging the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) on NIH activities
- Creating and Convening Trans-NIH working group: Tribal Health Research Coordinating Committee (THRCC)
- Completing the Initial AI/AN Research Portfolio
- Welcoming a AAAS Science Policy Fellow



NIH Tribal Advisor Committee TAC



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Health 2014 Edition
Indian Health Service



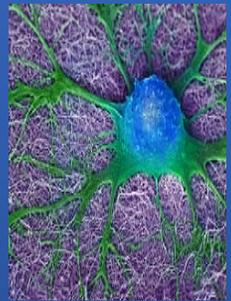
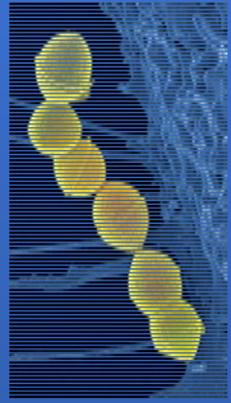


NIH Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC)

Current TAC Roster:

- 2 Tribal Chiefs
- 2 Tribal Presidents or Vice Presidents
- 6 Tribal Chairpersons
- 5 Tribal Council members
- 4 Directors of Tribal Health Centers

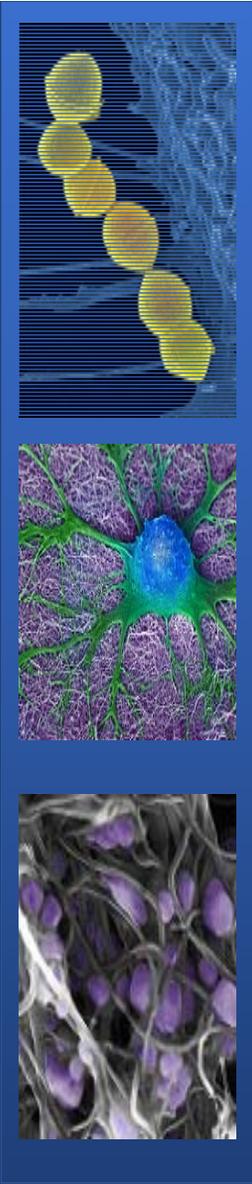
TAC holds 2 in person meetings and monthly conference calls





NIH Tribal Advisory Committee cont.

- A primary purpose for this committee is to advise the NIH on research priorities in tribal communities
- TAC provides recommendations so NIH funded projects are conducted ethically and culturally responsibly in tribal communities
- Increase communication between tribes and the NIH



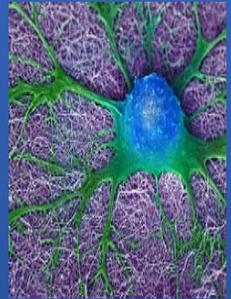
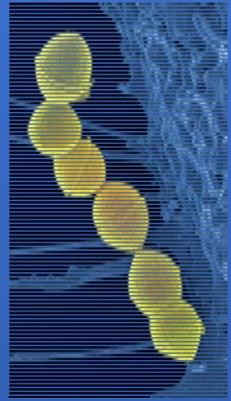


Tribal Health Research Coordinating Committee

Trans-NIH working group

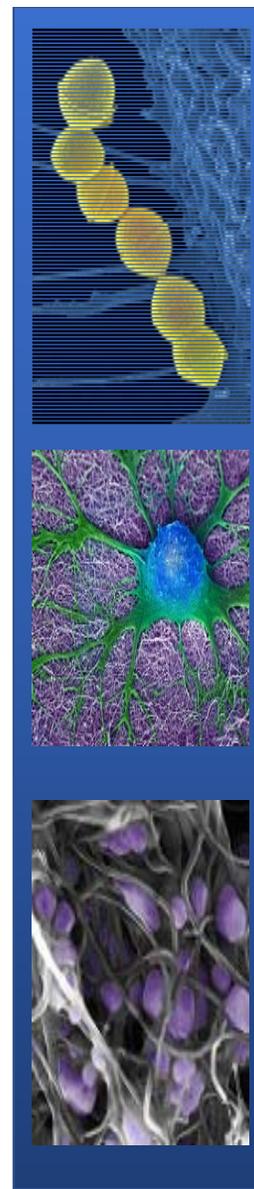
- AI/AN draft portfolio analysis
- Strategic Plan
- Presenting draft FOAs
- Sharing best practices for community engagement
- Engaging TAC members on various activities
- Increasing investments in successful programs at ICs

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AI/AN Portfolio Analysis

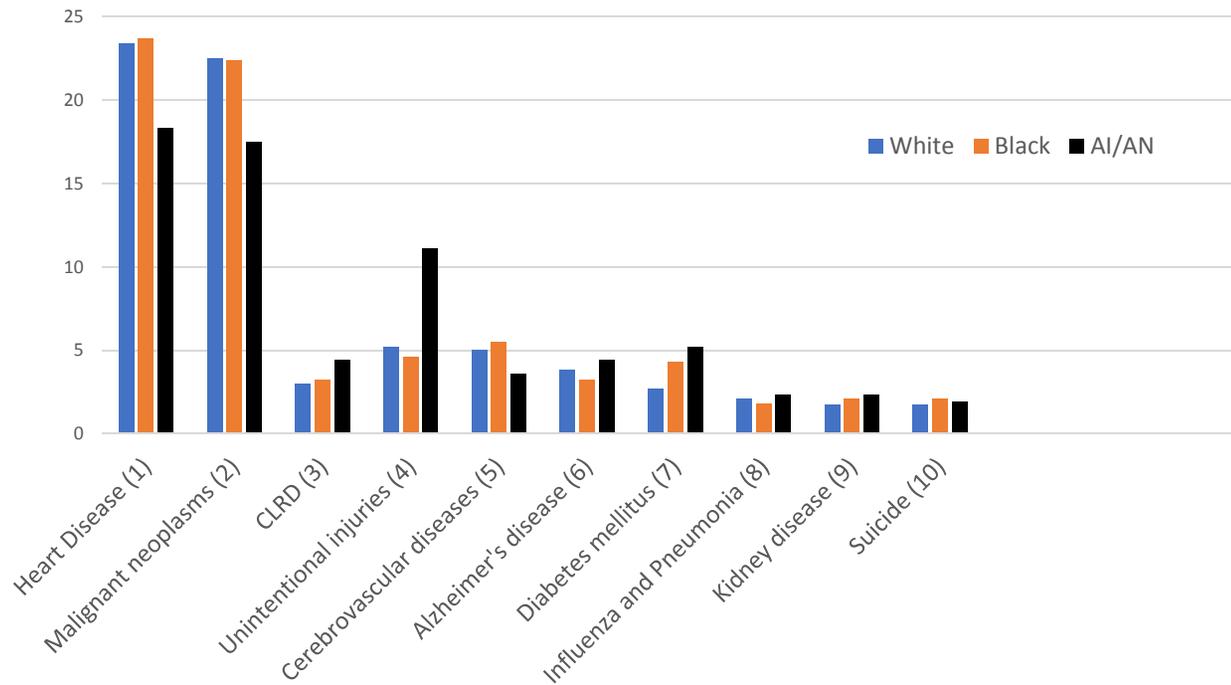
- An established portfolio analysis will help us determine what each Institute or Center is working on that impact AI/AN communities.
 - A key part of the “coordinating process”
 - Determine the baseline of activity at the NIH
 - Monitor the trends of the research over time
 - Ability to clearly illustrate research occurring within any tribe
 - Allow ICs to leverage existing programs



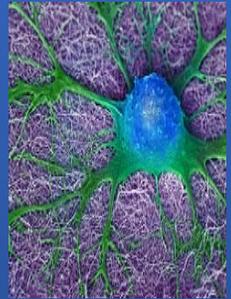
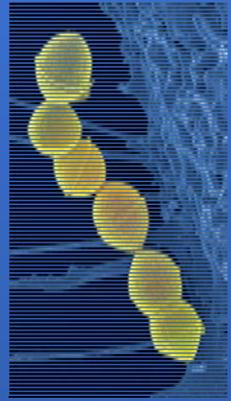


Long term impact on AI/AN health

10 leading causes of death in all ages, both sexes AI/AN 2014



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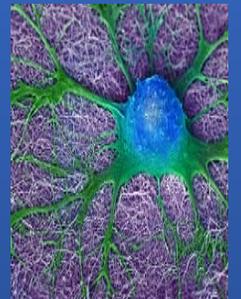
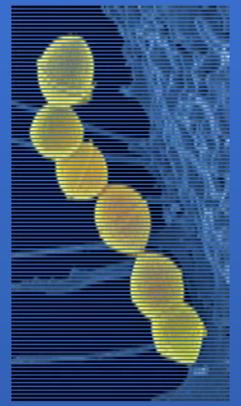
Leveraging existing opportunities



NARCH Funding Opportunity Announcement (PAR 16-297)

NARCH Program Goal Specifics:

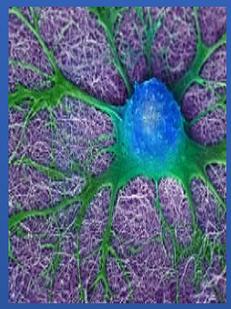
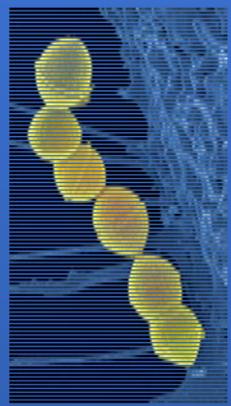
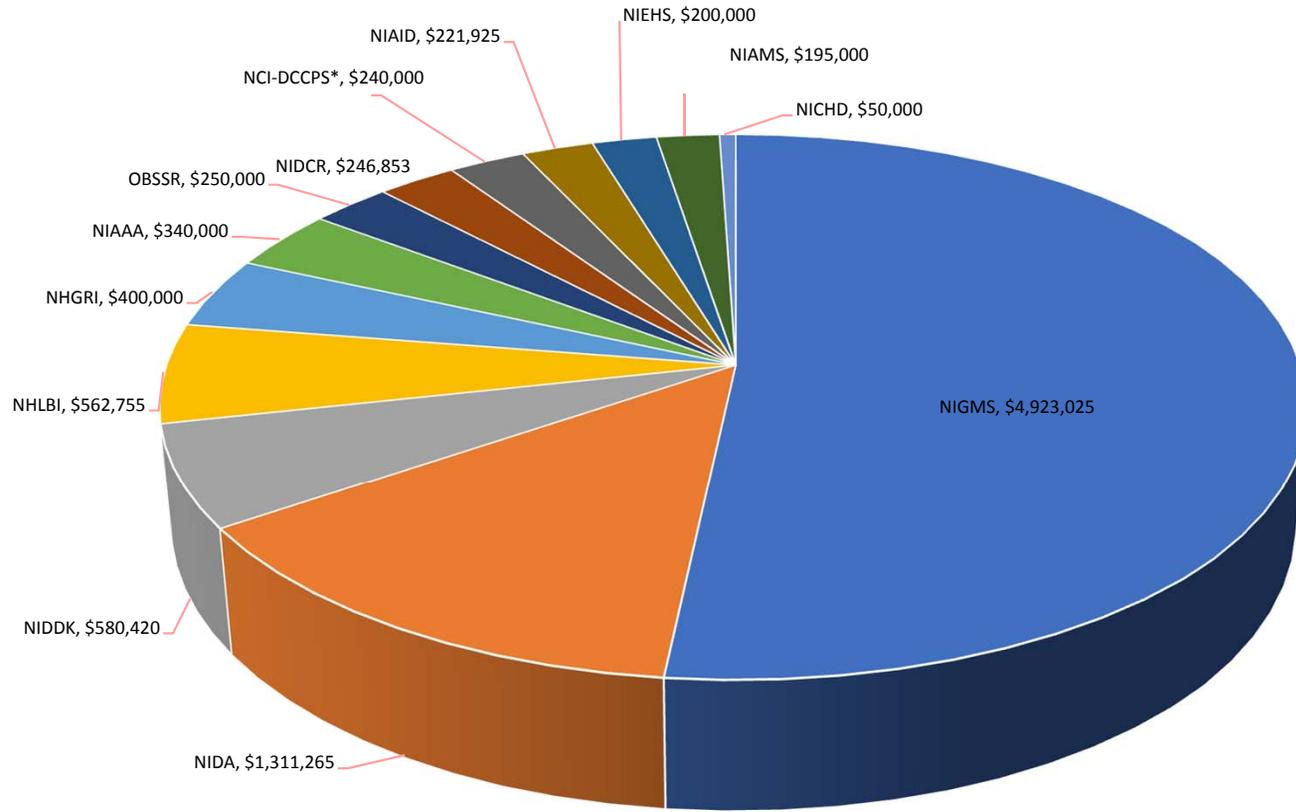
- ❖ Supports collaborations between federally recognized AI/AN tribal entities and research-intensive institutions
- ❖ Supports health research projects prioritized by the tribal communities
- ❖ Supports development of scientists and health professionals focused on AI/AN health
- ❖ Increases research capacity for health research targeted towards AI/AN populations



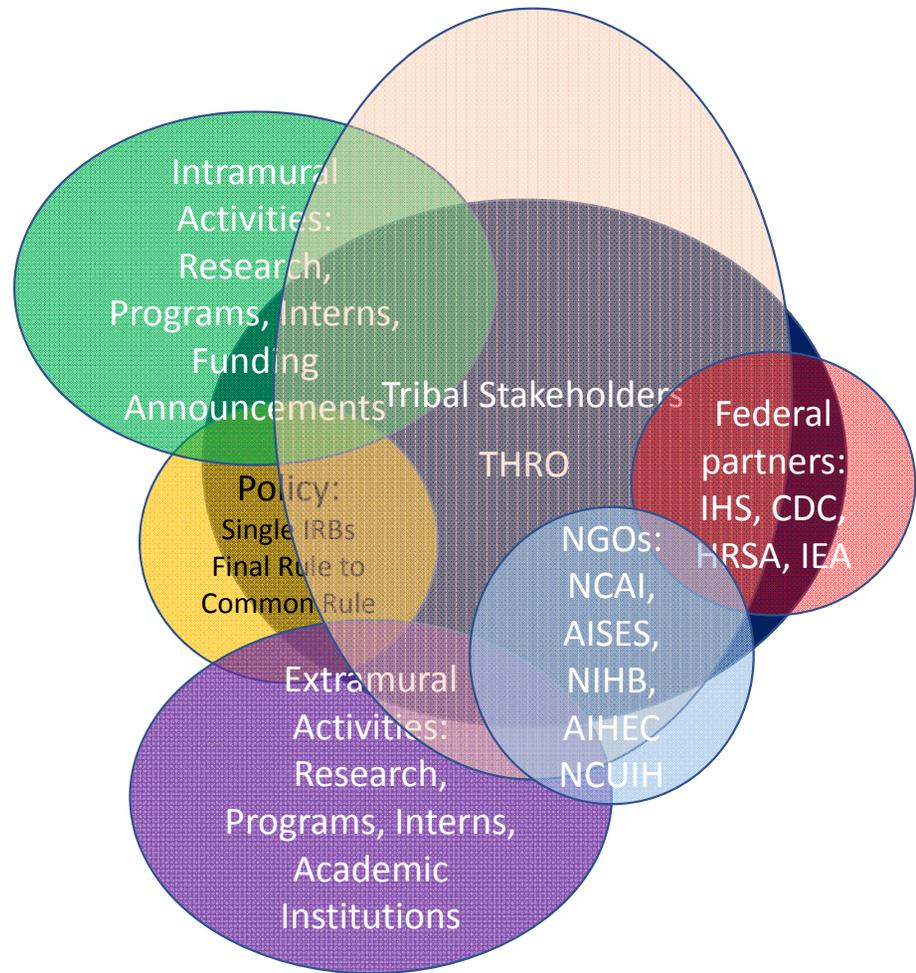
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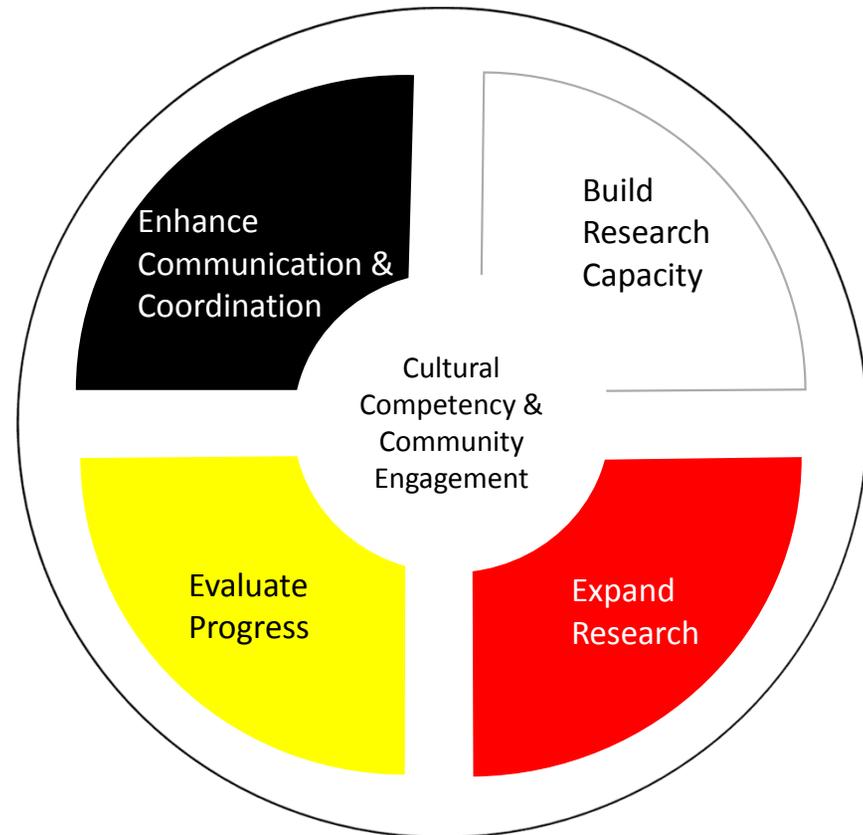
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Tribal Health Research at the NIH is Coming into focus



Strategic planning for THRO



Email suggestions to NIHTribalCommittee@od.nih.gov

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