NPAIHB Weekly Update

January 21, 2025



Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Bridget Canniff
- Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Sessions
- Events, Resources & Announcements
- Tribal Community Health Provider Program: Miranda Davis & TCHPP Team
- Questions & Comments

- Please place yourself on mute unless speaking
- Please sign in, using chat box, with your full name and tribe/organization
- Use the chat box for questions, for Q&A after updates and announcements





Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities



- Dermatology ECHO 3rd Tuesday of every month at 3pm PT
 - Tuesday, January 21st at 3pm PT
 - Topic: Drug Reactions
 - To learn more and join: https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/dermatology-echo-program/
- Hepatitis C ECHO Wednesdays at 11am PT
 - Wednesday, January 22nd at 11am PT
 - · Topic: HCV: A Syndemic Approach
 - To learn more and join: https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/hepatitis-c/
- Dementia Caregiver Support ECHO 4th Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, January 23rd at 11am PT
 - To learn more and join: https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/dementia-caregiver-support-echo/
- Journey to Health ECHO 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at 7am/12pm PT
 - Thursday, January 23rd at 12pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: Early Childhood follow-up from October Session
 - To learn more and join: https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/journey-to-health-echo-program/





Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities



emRIC ECHO

- Monday, January 27th at 8:30 am PT
- Didactic Topic: The Value of ED Screening: Hep C/STI
- To learn more and join: https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/emergency-medicine-echo-program/
- Cardiology ECHO 3rd Monday of every month at 11am PT
 - Monday, January 27th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: GLPs and The Heart
 - To learn more and join: https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/cardiology-echo-program/

Grand Rounds ECHO

- Tuesday, January 28th at 12:00pm PT
- · Topic: Asthma, Home Indoor Air Quality & Connecting Patients to Resources
- To learn more and join: https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/grand-rounds/



Weekly Update Schedule Preview: January-February

January 28: Legislative & Policy Updates, Health Policy Team

February 4: Respiratory Disease Surveillance Updates

February 11: TBD

February 18: TBD

February 25: Legislative & Policy Updates, Health Policy Team



Visit www.npaihb.org/weeklyupdate for upcoming topics, past presentations, and more!

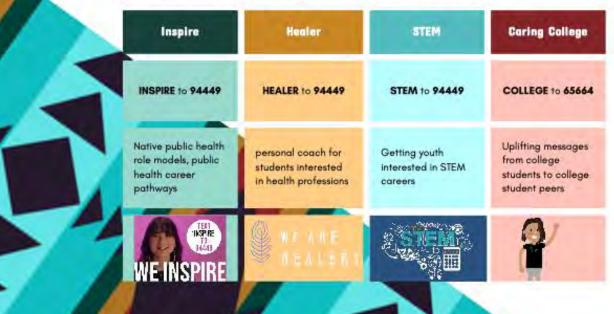
Text Messaging Campaigns

For ADULTS



Healthy Native Youth Text Messaging Tools

Career Pathways for STUDENTS



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Healthy Native Youth Text Messaging Tools



Two Spirit, LGBTQ.



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SAVE THE DATE

2025 Emergency Medicine in Rural & Indigenous Communities (emRIC) Gathering – Bridging Cultures, Strengthening Communities

Monday, April 28th – Thursday, May 1st, 2025 Muckleshoot Casino Resort, Seattle, WA

- Highlight the importance of cultural humility and understanding in medical practice within rural and Indigenous communities
- Showcase the event as a bridge between diverse cultures and medical expertise
- Focus on the collaboration and collective efforts of healthcare professionals and community leaders

Register & Learn More:

https://www.indiancountryecho.org/emric-2025/



Who Should Attend?

- Physicians
- Community leaders
- Nurses
- Advanced practice providers
- Pharmacists
- Behavioral health specialists
- Chemical dependency counselors
- Peer support specialists
- Medical assistants
- Medics
- Pre-health students
- Medical students
- Etc.



Questions? Contact us at **ECHO@npaihb.org**

TCHPP Program Updates and Opportunities

January 21, 2025

NPAIHB Updates



Tribal Community Health Provider Program

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Aide Program

Behavioral Health Aide Program



Community Health Aide Program



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TCHPP EDUCATION PATHWAYS

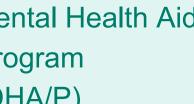
there are many different pathways into the CHAP program, such as:



Community Health Representative (CHR)



Dental Health Aide Program (DHA/P)





Behavioral Health Aide Program (BHA/P)



Community Health Aide Program (CHA/P) **Primary Dental** Health Aide I (PDHA I)

PDHA II

Expanded Function DHA I (EFDHA I)

EFDHA II

BHA I

BHA II

BHA III

BHA IV/Practitioner (BHP)

CHA (CHA I and II)

CHA/P (CHA III and IV)

DHA/Hygienist (DHAH)

DHA/Therapist (DHAT)

ACRONYMS



The Northwest
Portland Area Indian
Health Board
(NPAIHB) supports the
43 federally recognized
tribes in Washington,
Idaho, and Oregon



The Tribal Community
Health Provider
Program (TCHPP) is
nestled under the
NPAIHB and supports
tribal innovation and
leadership by facilitating
programs that expand
tribal community health in
the Portland Area



Dental
Health Aide
Program
(DHA/P)



Behavioral Health Aide Program (BHA/P)



Community
Health Aide
Program (CHA/P)



The Portland Area CHAP
Certification Board
(PACCB) oversees the
provider certifications for
the DHA, BHA, and CHA
programs



Community
Health
Responder
(CHR)



CHR is a stepping stone certification that can be earned before students enter the DHA/P, BHA/P or CHA/P programs

NPAIHB COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING

- The CHR Program is a unique concept for providing health care, health promotion, and disease prevention training for AI/AN students in the NW
- NPAIHB offers self-paced core and advanced training
- 156 students have gone through training over 8 cohorts since August 2023 The demand for CHRs continues to grow

EDUCATION PATHWAYS



Community Health Representative (CHR) **Dental Health Aide** Program (DHA/P)

> Behavioral Health Aide Program (BHA/P

Community Health Aide Program (CHA/P)



Community Health Representatives (CHRs) work alongside and between these three programs to improve the health of the entire community.





Now Recruting! Start date of March 13, 2025!

- NPAIHB is offering the CHR core course through Idaho State University
- Training offers a culturally specific curriculum designed for Indigenous students
- ☐ Students taking only the Core Course will be eligible for up to \$3,750, students who continue onto the Advanced Course will receive an additional \$3,750
- Northwest students (ID, OR, WA) will receive priority enrollment

LEARN MORE

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions!



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Community Health Aide/Practitioner

Community Health Aide Practitioners (CHA/P) are certified primary care clinicians who have close cultural ties and connections to the communities they serve. In Oregon, Washington, and Idaho they are community members of AI/AN communities who attend CHA/P educational programs approved by the Portland Area CHAP Certification Board and work within the Tribal Health and Human systems.

- A CHA/P practices under the supervision of a licensed clinical provider, such as a physician or advanced practice provider (PA, NP).
- Basic education for CHA/P includes didactic learning, skills practice and training, and clinical time providing patient care with the guidance of an advanced practice provider or physician.

Portland Area CHA Implementation Timeline

2021 – NPAIHB Awarded IHS funding to support CHA development and staff onboarded

2022 – CHA Advisory Workgroup established and CHA expert contractors onboarded

2023 - Tribal Pilot Sites established via resolutions, CHA outreach and education locally and nationally, First CHAP Symposium, Oregon CHAP SPA approved by CMS, eCHAMP development started

2024 – CHA Education curriculum and eCHAMP were established, program outline completed, CHA S&Ps finalized, logistical site visits, student recruitment, Washington CHAP SPA approved by CMS

2025 – Implementation of first CHA cohort

Steps to CHA/P Training and Collaboration



- 1. Understand the need for CHA/Ps in your area or organization
 - 1. Qualitative and Quantitative Data:
 - 2. CHA Needs Assessment
- 2. Funding
- 3. Work with Experts and Build Advisory Workgroups
- 5. CHA Standards and Procedures
- 6. Community Health Aide Manual and Curriculum
- 7. Community Health Aide Academic Review Committee
- 8. Identify Eager Tribes



Northwest Community Health Aide/ Practitioner Training

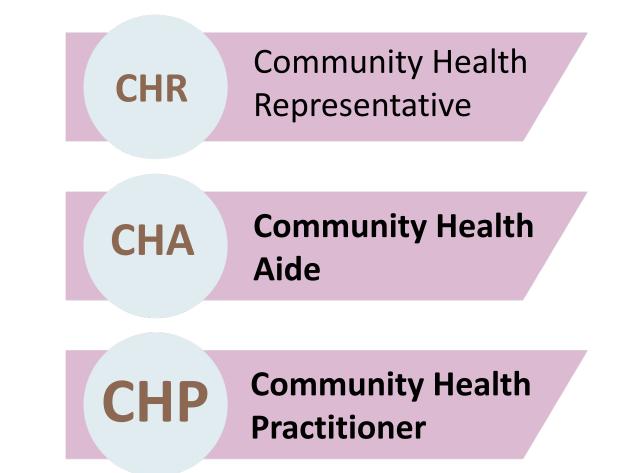
CHA/P Pilot Training Format

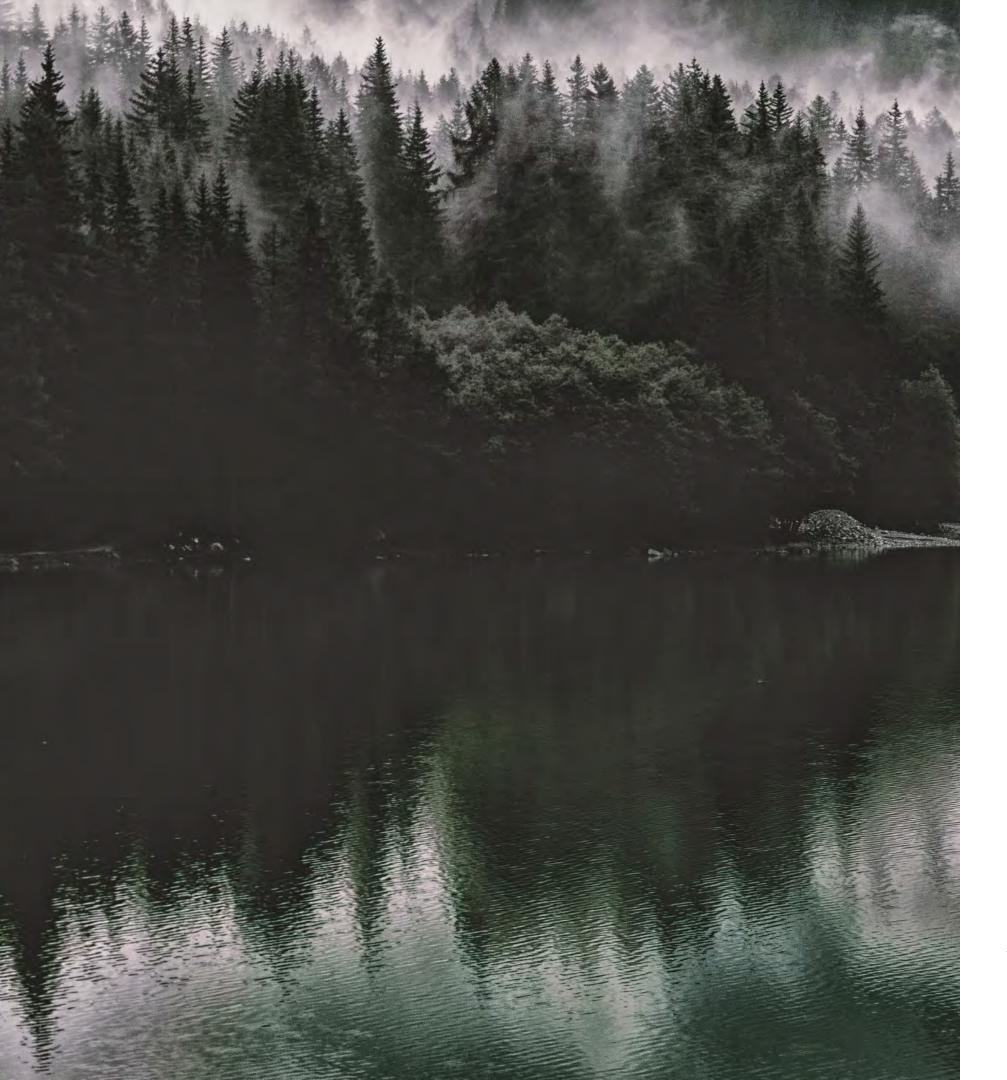
- Launching January 2025 with CHA Foundations Course
- 3 NW Tribal training sites Umatilla, Port Gamble Sklallam,
 Shoshone Bannock
- 1-2 students per site, 1 from Cherokee
- Online didactic courses 20 hours per week
- In person skills performed for 1 week each quarter
- Clinic advance practice providers provide preceptorship
- Certification after CHA and CHP



Scope of Work:

- Acute Care Visits
- Chronic Care Visits
- Elder Care
- STI Screening
- Recheck Visits
- Emergency Care
- Prenatal Care
- Well Child Care
- Preventative Visits





Dental Health



Dental Health Aide Program

DHAs are primary providers that focus on present and basic oral health procedures. There are four categories of DHAs.

DHAs receive a federal CHAP certification to work in tribal communities under supervision of a licensed dentist or Dental Health Aide Therapist



A Series of Accessible Oral Health Careers

- Below Gumline prophylaxis
- Periodontal Therapy
- Periodontal maintenance
- Local Anesthetic



DHAH

Training - CODA accredited or CHAP Board approved Program



- Dental Exams
- Removes Decay
- Restores TeethSimple Extractions
- **DHAT**



- EFDHA I duties plus
- Placement of Complex Restorations ~

Training in tribal communities or central training site



- ∘ PDHA II duties plus ~
- Placement of Simple Restorations
- Above Gumline prophylaxis

All types of DHAs are supervised by a dentist or DHAT



- ∘ PDHA I Duties Plus ~
- Dental Assisting Duties
- Above Gumline Prophylaxis
- Sealants, Radiology, ART



- Patient Education
- Oral Hygiene Instructions
- Toothbrush Prophylaxis
- Fluoride Treatments
- Antimicrobial Treatments

Working in Indian Health
Service and Tribal
Communities







BECOME A DENTAL PROFESSIONA

THE NW DENTAL HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM IS **RECRUITING**FOR THE SPRING PDHA I 2025 **COHORT**

A Primary Dental Health Aide (PDHA I) is an oral health professional that provides care in Tribal communities.

DHAs are trained to provide care that builds trust and empathy.

The Primary Dental Health Aide I is a 6week part-time, hands-on and virtual dental training program





- Work in Community Settings
- Help patients complete dental forms
- Oral Hygiene Care and Instruction
- Dental Charting
- Topical Fluoride Treatments
- Antimicrobial Treatments
- Nutritional/Diet Education



Students are mentored every step toward becoming part of the dental profession



Option to receive college credit and a dental assisting endorsement from Salish Kootenai College

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS









Provide culturally responsive care in your community

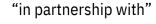


Already a dental assistant? Advance your dental career!



Train in your own tribal community dental clinic



















Course Information

- Course completed in €8 weeks
- Approximately 35 hours of online coursework
- 25 hours of clinical work
- 9 hours of virtual Zoom classes
- Last day to enroll: March 14th, 2025
- Start date: March 31st, 2025





Upon completion of PDHA I, students can enroll in additional DHA Courses including:

PDHA II

EFDHA I AND II

Provides sealants, radiographs, dental assisting, simple dental cleanings Provides the placement of fillings in an already prepared tooth



Things to Know...

- Course designed for students new to the dental field and existing dental staff
- No prerequisites required
- Program works in partnership with students' tribal health organization
- Educational supplies provided (ex. textbooks, materials)





LEARN MORE

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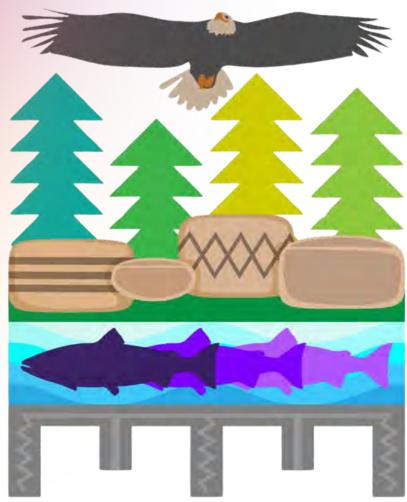
BHA EDUCATION



PROGRAM

PRESENTED BY:

DOLORES JIMERSON & KATIE HUNSBERGER





Educational Sovereign

61+
Enrolled Students

3+

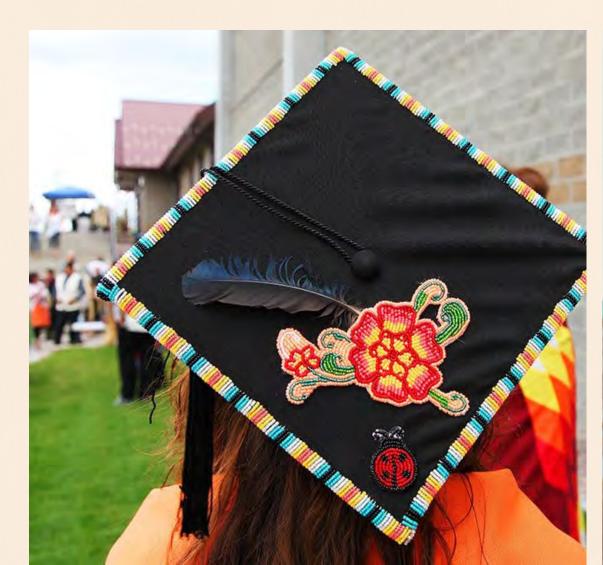
Yearly Cohorts

12+

Graduated BHAs

3

Nationally Certified BHAs





WHERE

DOES

THIS

SUCCESS

STEM

FROM?

BHA Education Program

A Culturally Unique Consideration and prospectives

Program

Identity

Relationality

Language

Behavioral

Health

Aide

Philosophy Model

Self-Direction & Leadership

History

Cultural Competency



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BHA Curriculum was carefully, mindfully, and collectively built through an advisory workgroup that dedicated years to the development of the Northwest's BHA Program.

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

RELATIONALITY

HOLISTIC HEALING

from Tribal Elders, Clinical

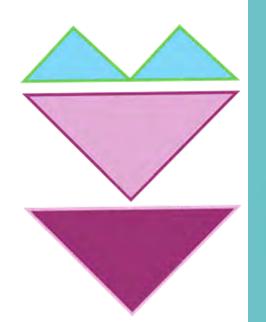
Providers, Clinicians, Tribal BH

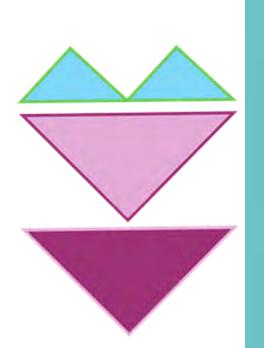
departments, and community

members.



Primary BHA education courses include, but are not limited to: Introduction to Behavioral Health; Crisis Intervention; Human Behavior and the Social Environment; SUD 1 and 2; Social Justice and Cultural Diversity; Mental Illness and Diagnosis; Health Privacy and Documentation; Survey of Chemical Dependency; Stress Management; Pharmacology of Substance; Case Management; Chemical Dependency Assessment & Treatment; General Psychology; Relapse Prevention; Multicultural Counseling; Group Facilitation.





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Stipends for educational expenses

Year 1/Level 1: \$6,000 Year 2/Level 2: \$7,500

Student Supplies/Support: \$3,500

Preparing for PACCB Certification: Up to \$7,500 02



Elder/Mentor

Assistance and encouragement for BHAs to identify an Elder/mentor.

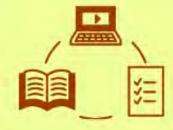
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Support in National Certification

BHA Program staff
assist Tribes,
Clinical Supervisors,
and BHA trainees
prepare for National
Certification through
the Portland Area
CHAP Certification
Board (PACCB).

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Learning Opportunities

TCHPP regularly
provides: Webinar
opportunities,
Summit/Symposium
invites, ECHO learning
hours, and technical
assistance for Tribes
students are working
with.

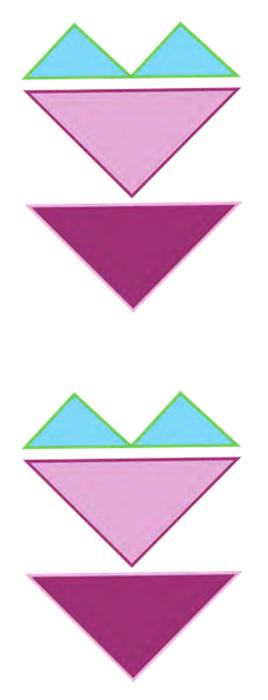
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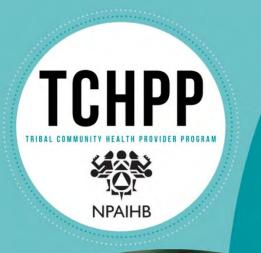


Retention to Graduation

NWIC, HU, and TCHPP
BHA Staff are
committed to helping
BHA students climb
the higher
educational ladder to
receive their
degree/certificate.

We're Recruiting!





Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) Education Program

Now recruiting for 2025 cohorts!

2 Academic Institutions are offering BHA Education in the Northwest

Northwest Indian College and Heritage University offers a culturally-specific behavioral health pathway for Indigenous students.

What is the Application Process?

- There is a 2-step application process.
 - 1. Complete the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) BHA Stipend/Scholarship Cohort Application. <u>Link to apply:</u>
 - https://form.jotform.com/tch ppbha/bha-educationprogram-application
 - 2. Academic Institution Application & Enrollment
- Reference letter (preferrably from a Clinical Supervisor or Behavioral Health Department)
- Current Resume & Cover Letter

Contact: Katie Hunsberger BHA Program Manager khunsberger@npaihb.org 971-347-7888

APPLICATION DUE: March 10, 2025 START DATE: April 7, 2025



www.TCHPP.org/bha-education-program

Tribally
Operated
Federal
Certification
Board

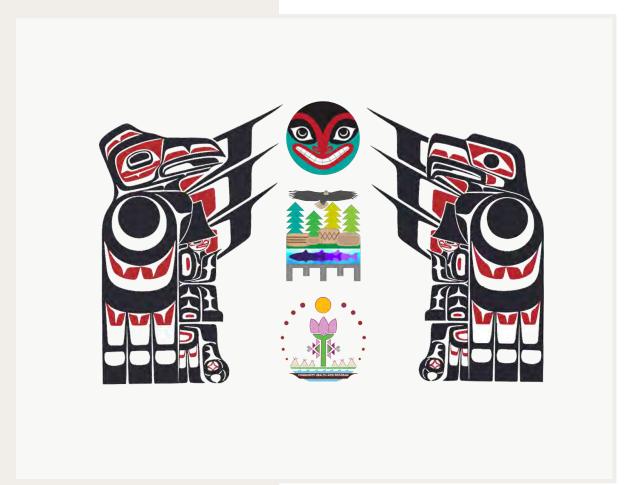


THE PACCB



WHAT THE BOARD DOES

- Reviews applications of future providers
- Certifies providers
- Approves education programs
- Addresses health inequities
- Relies on the expertise and recommendations of Academic Review Committees

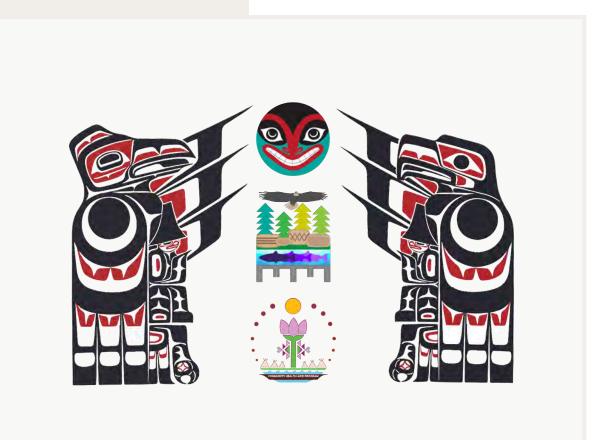


MISSION STATEMENT

To support the overarching goals of the Portland Area Community Health Aide Program by accessing social determinants of health while improving access to high quality integrated healthcare.

VISION

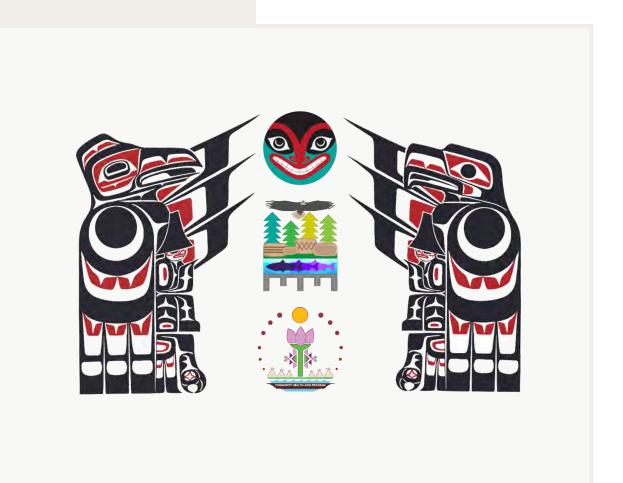
To identify, dismantle, and disrupt structural and systemic inequities, elevate tribal traditions and values, and support tribal health systems with culturally responsive standards, policies, and procedures.



GOALS

Create and develop culturally-responsive workforce providers and increase access to quality care by promoting and enhancing:

- A certification application review process that provides recommendations of health care providers to the Portland Area
- Certification of tribal education and training programs
- Approval of continuing education
- Addressing health inequities within the tribal health system by reviewing and recommending individuals, education programs, and continuing education

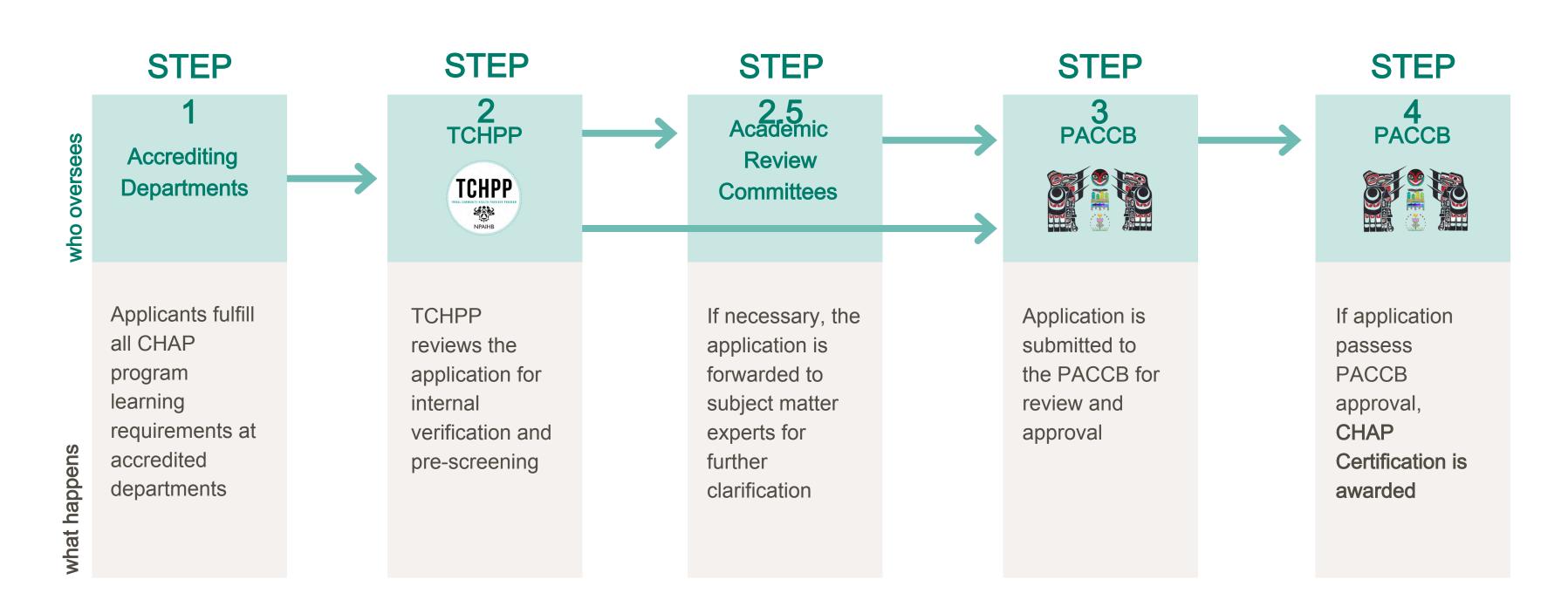


PACCB Member Seating Chart **Nominating Tribal** Position Role on the PACCB Organization or Partner This member is appointed by the Portland Area IHS Director as required by IHS Circular No. 20-06. This delegate 1 - PAIHS Director IHS Area Director serves as a liaison between PAIHS and PACCB. This member is nominated by the NPAIHB delegates to also serve as a liaison between the NPAIHB Delegates and 2- NPAIHB Delegate NPAIHB Delegates the PACCB. 3 - NPAIHB E.D. This member is nominated by the NPAIHB Executive Director and serves as a liaison between NPAIHB and the NPAIHB Executive PACCB. Director This member is nominated by the BHA/P Association of BHA/Ps working within a TCHP program for the Portland 4 - BHA/P BHA/P Association Association Area Tribes. This position serves as a liaison between the BHA/P Association and the PACCB. 5 - CHA/P CHA/P Association This member is nominated by the CHA/P Association of CHA/Ps working within a TCHP program for the Portland Area Tribes. This position serves as a liaison between the CHA/P Association and the PACCB. (This nomination is Association delayed until the CHA/P Association is operational). This member is nominated by the DHA/T Association of DHA/Ts working within a TCHP program for the Portland 6 - DHA/T DHA/T Association Association Area Tribes. This position serves as a liaison between the DHA/T Association and the PACCB. 7 - BHARC **BHARC Association** This member is nominated by the BHARC who is a LCSW or Licensed MSW working within CHAP for the Portland Area Tribes or IHS. 8 - CHARC CHARC Association This member is nominated by the CHARC who is a Licensed Physician (preferred) or could be a licensed Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant working within CHAP for the Portland Area Tribes or IHS. (nomination delayed until CHARC is operational). 9 - DHARC DHARC Association This member is nominated by the DHARC who is a DMD or DDS working within CHAP for the Portland Area Tribes or IHS. 10-ID DOH This member nominated by Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Medicaid (DOH) and serves as a Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, liaison between the DOH and PACCB. Division of Medicaid 11 - OR OHA This member is nominated by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and serves as a liaison between the OHA and PACCB. Oregon Health Authority This member is nominated by the Washington State Healthcare Authority (HCA) and serves as a liaison between 12 - WA HCA Washington the HCA and PACCB. Healthcare Authority 13 - CHAP This member is nominated by the Portland Area CHAP education programs. PA CHAP Education Education Program Programs

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

resources and experts oversee each step of the certification process





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Public Health Service

Indian Health Service Rockville MD 20857

November 26, 2024

RDML Marcus Martinez
Area Director
Portland Area Indian Health Service
1414 NW Northrup Street, Suite 800
Portland, OR 97209

Dear RDML Martinez:

I am writing to formally establish the Portland Area CHAP Certification Board (PACCB) for the certification of Dental Health Aides, specifically Primary Dental Health Aide I (PDHA I) and Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs), and Behavioral Health Aides (BHA I-III) in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), 25 U.S.C. § 16161. This certification is crucial for enhancing the delivery of essential health services within American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

As stipulated by the IHCIA, these certifications are designed to ensure that health aides are equipped with the necessary qualifications and skills to provide high-quality care and support. The guidelines mandate that Dental Health Aides and Behavioral Health Aides meet specific training and competency standards to effectively address the health needs in Tribal communities.

The certification process involves rigorous training and evaluation to ensure that these professionals are well prepared to deliver comprehensive care. By authorizing this certification, you will help ensure that the Indian Health Service (IHS) health facilities and programs are staffed with qualified individuals who can deliver the highest standards of care to ultimately improve health outcomes and service delivery to our patients.

If you have further questions regarding the PACCB establishment, please contact Dr. Loretta Christensen, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, IHS, via email at ihschap@ihs.gov. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Roselyn Tso Digitally signed by Roselyn Tso S Date: 2024.11.26

Roselyn Tso Director

Enclosures: Portland Area CHAP Certification Board Establishment—Decision Memorandum
Expansion of the Community Health Aide Program to the Portland Area released on
April 11, 2023



TCHPP Admin Team



Dental Health Aide Program



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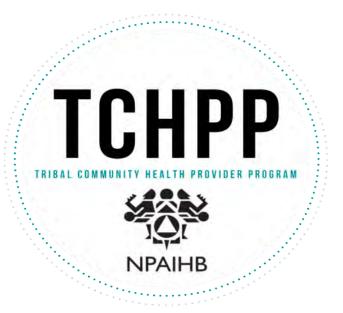


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Comments & Questions