CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee Nominations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) recognize their special commitment to and unique relationship with Indian tribes and are dedicated to fulfilling their critical role in promoting tribal health and safety. Established in 2005, the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) provides input and guidance on policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of Indian tribes.

The CDC/ASTDR TAC consists of 16 positions: one delegate (and one authorized representative) from each of the 12 Indian Health Service areas, and one delegate (and one authorized representative) from each of the four federally recognized Tribes-at-Large.

Vacancies

CDC/ATSDR is currently seeking nominations for a delegate to represent the following area:

Billings Area

TAC Functions

The term length for each TAC seat is two years. TAC functions are described in the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee Charter at

<u>www.cdc.gov/tribal/documents/tac/2014/TAC_Charter_Final.pdf</u>. More information about the TAC, including current members and past and upcoming meetings, is available at <u>www.cdc.gov/tribal/consultation-support/tac/index.html</u>.

Eligibility

Delegates must be elected tribal officials acting in their official capacity as elected officials of their tribe, with authority to act on behalf of the tribe, and qualified to represent the views of the Indian tribes in the area from which they are nominated.

Nomination Procedures

Candidates must be nominated by an elected tribal leader via a nomination letter. The nomination letter must be on tribal letterhead and signed by an elected tribal leader. The required information to nominate a delegate is provided in the attached nomination letter template.

Please send an email with the nomination letter attached to <u>TribalSupport@cdc.gov</u> by February 18, 2022.

Selection Process

The TAC's designated federal official and executive secretary (selected by CDC) are responsible for final selection of TAC delegates. Eligible nominees will be considered in the following priority order:

- 1. Tribal president/chairperson/governor
- 2. Tribal vice president/vice chairperson/lieutenantgovernor
- 3. Elected or appointed tribal official
- 4. Designated tribal official

If more than one delegate is nominated at the same priority level, letters of support from regional or national tribal organizations will be taken into consideration.

CDC and ATSDR will support the delegates' travel to attend in-person meetings, typically held twice a year. If a delegate cannot attend, CDC and ATSDR will pay for the authorized representative to attend. The agencies expect to notify nominators and nominees about delegate selections by February 28, 2022.

Please contact Georgia Moore, interim director, Office for Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances, at TribalSupport@cdc.gov or (404) 409-9949 with any questions.