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Data Sharing Agreement Overview



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NWTEC Data Sharing Agreement and Addenda Overview

Introduction

This document provides an overview of the Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) between a federally recognized tribe (Tribe) and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC), and its addenda. It outlines what the agreement and addenda do and don't do, compiles stories showcasing how our work can support and benefit you, includes user guides and fact sheets about the Data Hub Project, describes data governance policies, and includes a draft resolution for the agreement.

At NWTEC we believe:

- Tribe-led, Tribe-owned data makes communities healthier.
- When we all share knowledge, we strengthen Tribal health.
- Your Tribe's data belongs to you.

The NWTEC Data Sharing Agreement and its addenda are representative of our values and is a significant step towards improving the health status of AI/AN people. By establishing a framework for collaboration, data use, and data sharing in support of Tribal sovereignty, we, Tribes and NWTEC, are working together to address health disparities and improve the quality of life for tribal communities.

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Overview of the Data Sharing Agreement:

This Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) establishes a partnership between a federally recognized tribe (Tribe) and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC), a part of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB). **The agreement aims to elevate the health status of AI/AN people by ensuring access to timely and accurate public health data.**

What the agreement does:

Supports Data Governance Policies: The Tribe supports NWTEC's data governance policies, which include provisions for accessing and using data obtained from state and federal agencies to respond to the Tribe's requests for data and services while protecting the Tribe's ownership rights to the data.

Agrees to Addenda: The Tribe agrees to complete and keep up to date any addenda to the agreement that specify the terms, conditions, and requirements for specific data shared between the Tribe and NWTEC for public health assessment, surveillance, or research purposes.

Supports Strategic Planning: The Tribe supports NWTEC's strategic planning and evaluation activities to improve the data and services that NWTEC provides to the Tribe.

Outlines NWTEC Responsibilities: NWTEC agrees to access, analyze, and report data and keep data secure and confidential in accordance with its data governance policies.

What the agreement doesn't do:

Term: The Data Sharing Agreement's term is perpetual until either party, upon thirty (30) days' notice, discontinues the agreement. The agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties.

Sovereign Immunity: Nothing in the agreement affects or interferes with tribal sovereign immunity or sovereign status of any of the parties, in fact this agreement supports Tribal data sovereignty.

Severability: If any provision of the agreement is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect the other provisions of the agreement that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

Waiver of Default: Waiver of any default does not waive any subsequent default. Waiver of a breach of any provision of the agreement does not modify the terms of the agreement unless stated in writing and signed by the NWTEC Executive Director and Tribal Representative.

Completeness of Agreement: The agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, and no other understandings, oral or otherwise, about the agreement exist or bind any of the parties.

In summary, the agreement establishes a framework for cooperation between the Tribe and NWTEC to improve public health outcomes for AI/AN communities, emphasizing data sharing, Tribal data ownership and sovereignty, technical assistance, and collaborative planning, while also outlining the general terms and conditions of the agreement.

Can the agreement be amended to meet the Tribe's needs?

Of course! The Data Sharing Agreement between the NWTEC is a starting point and can be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. This means that if both the Tribe and NWTEC agree to change or modify any part of the agreement, they can update the agreement or make alterations through an amendment process. Amendments must be made in writing and signed by both parties to indicate their agreement to the changes. The terms for any specific data-sharing tools or activities will be specified in the respective addenda to the agreement.

NWTEC Data Sharing Agreement

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN

TRIBE

AND

**Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's
Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center**

This Data Sharing Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of (the "Effective Date") by and between the **TRIBE** ("TRIBE"), a sovereign Indian Nation, located at **ADDRESS**, and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board ("NPAIHB"), a Public Law 93-638 organization, located at 920 NW 17th Ave., Portland, OR 97209 (collectively the "Parties"), the legal contractor for the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center ("NWTEC").

I. **Purpose**

- A. The purpose of this Agreement is to describe how the NWTEC will collect, store, secure, analyze, report, and disclose Data to TRIBE for purposes of carrying out activities authorized under 25 U.S.C. § 1621m, this Agreement, Addendum(s) and/or other documents incorporated by reference.
- B. To fulfill its mission and core functions, through this Agreement, the NWTEC will engage in seven core functions under 25 U.S.C. § 1621m, or other functions as determined by the 43 federally-recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington ("Northwest Tribes"), with tribal, local, state, and federal partners and will carry out these functions under the principles of Tribal Data Sovereignty.

II. **Legal Authorities**

- A. TRIBE is a federally recognized Indian tribe listed on the Department of the Interior's list under the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C. § 5131, which the Secretary currently acknowledges as an Indian Tribe, and with which the United States maintains a government-to-government relationship.
- B. NPAIHB a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated with the State of Oregon and "tribal organization" as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), Public. Law 93-638, 25 U.S.C. §§ 5301 et seq., serving Northwest Tribes with a mission to eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) by supporting Northwest Tribes in their delivery of culturally appropriate, high quality health programs and services.
- C. NPAIHB is the legal contractor for NWTEC and has authority to enter into this Agreement pursuant to NPAIHB Constitution and By-Laws Article II, Section 5 and Article XII, Duties, Sections (5) and (7).
- D. NWTEC is a Tribal Epidemiology Center and division of the NPAIHB, founded in 1996 as a core component of the NPAIHB under NPAIHB Resolution No. 1-96-5, "Support for Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center."

- E. NWTEC is a Public Health Authority as provided under 25 U.S.C § 1621m(e)(1) and as defined at 45 CFR §164.501 under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- F. NWTEC's Data acquisition and quality improvement activities have the support of NPAIHB's Board of Delegates under NPAIHB Resolution No. 21-04-03, "Support for NWTEC Access and Record Linkages with Public Health Surveillance Systems in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington."
- G. TRIBE and NWTEC have the authority to enter into this Agreement.

III. Definitions

- A. Data. "Data" means information obtained from tribal, federal, state, regional and local government sources, Section IV(A), or as described in the Addendums.
- B. HIPAA. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1320d-2 and 1320d-4, and its implementing regulations as may be revised from time to time.
- C. HITECH. "HITECH" means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 and its implementing regulation as may be revised from time to time under 42 U.S.C. §§300jj et seq., §§17901 et seq.
- D. "Indian tribe(s)" or "Tribe(s)". "Indian tribe(s)" or "Tribe(s)" is defined under 25 U.S.C. § 2201 and 25 U.S.C. § 5130(2) as any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village or community that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe.
- E. Limited Data Set. "Limited Data Set" means potentially identifiable protected health information. A Limited Data Set *may* contain dates of admission and discharge, as well as dates of birth and death; and nine-digit zip code, city, and state information.
- H. NPAIHB. NPAIHB means the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated with the State of Oregon and "tribal organization" as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), Public. Law 93-638, 25 U.S.C. §§ 5301 et seq., serving Northwest Tribes with a mission to eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of AI/AN by supporting Northwest Tribes in their delivery of culturally appropriate, high quality health programs and services.
- I. NWTEC. NWTEC means the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, a Tribal Epidemiology Center, and division of the NPAIHB, founded in 1996; a core component of the NPAIHB under NPAIHB Resolution No. 1-96-5, "Support for Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center;" Public Health Authority as provided under 25 U.S.C § 1621m(e)(1) and as defined at 45 CFR § 164.501 under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- F. Party or Parties. TRIBE and NWTEC are each a Party to this Agreement; and are collectively referred to as "Parties".

- G. Protected Health Information ("PHI"). "Protected Health Information" and the abbreviation "PHI" have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. PHI includes: (1) names; and (2) postal addresses (may retain city, state, and nine-digit zip code); (3) telephone numbers; (4) FAX numbers; (5) electronic mail addresses; (6) social security numbers; (7) medical record numbers; (8) health plan beneficiary numbers; (9) account numbers; (10) certificate/license numbers; (11) vehicle identifiers and serial numbers, including license plate numbers; (12) device identifiers and serial numbers; (13) web Uniform Resource Locators (URLs); (n) Internet Protocol (IP) address numbers; (14) biometric identifiers, including finger and voice prints; and (15) full face photographic images and/or any comparable images. The term PHI shall include Electronic PHI.
- H. Public Health Authority. "Public Health Authority" as defined under 45 CFR §164.501 means an agency or authority of the United States, a State, a territory, a political subdivision of a State or territory, or an Indian tribe, or a person or entity acting under a grant of authority from or contract with such public agency, including the employees or agents of such public agency or its contractors or persons or entities to whom it has granted authority, that is responsible for public health matters as part of its official mandate.
- I. Tribal Area Data. "Tribal Area Data" is defined as county or zip codes cross-referenced with Indian Health Service Purchased/Referred Care Service Delivery Areas (PRCDA) to identify Tribal Areas. NWTEC references the [PRCDA Table](#) to specify which counties are included in each Tribal PRCDA.
- J. Tribal Data Sovereignty. "Tribal Data Sovereignty" refers to the right of tribes to govern the collection, ownership, and application of their own Data.
- K. Tribal Epidemiology Center(s). "Tribal Epidemiology Center(s)" refers to NWTEC or the 12 Tribal Epidemiology Centers established under the 1992 Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) that perform seven core functions, including: (i) collecting data and monitoring health; (ii) evaluating data and health care delivery systems; (iii) identifying health priorities; (iv) making recommendations for health service needs; (v) making recommendations for improving health care delivery systems; (vi) providing epidemiologic and other technical assistance; and (vii) providing disease surveillance under 25 U.S.C. § 1621m(3) . Tribal Epidemiology Centers are designated as "Public Health Authorities" under 25 U.S.C § 1621m(e)(1), authorized to access federal, state, regional and local data and data sets, monitoring systems, delivery systems, and other protected health information in service to its member Tribes.

IV. **Description of Data**

- A. Data may include tribal, federal, state, and local agency Data for AI/AN people in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, including but not limited to: health determinants and outcomes, demographic information, vital records, hospital and emergency department surveillance and reporting systems, disease registries, notifiable conditions surveillance systems, risk factor surveillance systems, patient encounter Data, and on social determinants of health; and include any additional Data as described in the Addendum(s).

V. **Access to Data**

- A. In General. NWTEC has access to federal, state and tribal Data as a Tribal Epidemiology Center and Public Health Authority.

- B. Authorization and Use. TRIBE supports NWTEC access to TRIBE's Data to carry out its core functions as a Tribal Epidemiology Center and Public Health Authority, and for the purposes set forth in this Agreement, including Addendum(s) or other documents incorporated by reference.

VI. Confidentiality and Security

- A. Confidentiality. NWTEC shall keep all Data and/or information obtained under this Agreement, confidential, in compliance with all applicable federal, state and tribal laws, and the terms of this Agreement.
- B. Access to Confidential Information. NWTEC shall not provide confidential information obtained under this Agreement to any other tribe, tribal organization, person, or entity, and shall not publish any such information, except as explicitly allowed in this Agreement.  NWTEC staff may not disclose TRIBE's Data or Tribal Area Data, in whole or in part, without the written authorization from TRIBE's representative as identified in Exhibit 1, (unless required by law).
- C. Security. NWTEC shall implement security measures to protect the Data obtained under this Agreement. Security measures shall be no less stringent than those required by the Security Standards promulgated pursuant to HIPAA (45 CFR §160 and §164). NWTEC will ensure that information used, stored, or transmitted is protected commensurate with the risk and magnitude of the harm that could result from the unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction of the information.
- D. Safeguards. NWTEC shall implement all reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical, and technological safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the Data other than as provided for by this Agreement. Further, NWTEC shall implement all administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Data that NWTEC receives, maintains, or transmits.
- E. Data Security. NWTEC agrees to store Data in a restricted area that is accessible only to individuals authorized pursuant to this Agreement. Electronic Data shall be restricted to NWTEC staff and authorized subcontractors.
- F. Secure Access. All NWTEC staff members and authorized subcontractors who will have access to Data must only access electronic Data using appropriate security measures such as a password-protected data security system or least privilege access and will sign the NWTEC confidentiality statement. NWTEC servers and firewalls are configured to allow Audit Logs only to the absolute minimum level of access. All unnecessary users, protocols, and ports are disabled and monitored. The NWTEC database and backups can only be accessed through trusted and secure authentication. NWTEC agrees to meet and/or exceed industry standards in terms of security measures.
- G. Certification in Research Ethics. All NWTEC staff with access to Data will be certified in information security and research ethics, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule Overview training and the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) human subjects protection (or comparable) training.

VII. Payment

- A. No compensation will be required by either Party under this Agreement unless outlined in an Addendum(s) for specific projects.

VIII. Tribal Data Sovereignty

- A. NWTEC is committed to and honors Tribal Data Sovereignty in its work with TRIBE and all Northwest Tribes.
- B. All Data provided by the TRIBE to NWTEC belongs to the TRIBE. NWTEC does not have any rights to this Data and solely stewards Data to support TRIBE's programs in the advancement of TRIBE's health priorities and/or to support Northwest Tribes' health priorities.

IX. Terms of Agreement

- A. The Parties' intention upon entering into this Agreement is that it is perpetual. As long as this Agreement remains effective, the Parties agree to review the Agreement upon written request of either Party after its execution. TRIBE may terminate Agreement at any time pursuant to Section XI.

X. Addendums

- A. NWTEC will work with the TRIBE to complete and update any Addendum(s) to this Agreement that specify the terms, conditions, and requirements for specific Data, or public health data-related projects.

XI. Termination

- A. Either Party may terminate this Agreement in its entirety, or scope of work in an Addendum, for any reason upon thirty (30) days prior written notification to the other Party. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties.

XII. Sovereign Immunity

- A. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as affecting or otherwise interfering with TRIBE's sovereign immunity or sovereign status of TRIBE.

XIII. Severability

- A. If any provision of this Agreement, Addendum(s), or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirement of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this Agreement, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

XIV. Waiver of Default

- A. This Agreement, or any term or condition, may be modified only by a written amendment signed by the TRIBE and NWTEC, and attached to the original Agreement. Either Party may propose an amendment.
- B. Failure or delay on the part of either Party to exercise any right, power, privilege, or remedy provided

under this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver. No provision of this Agreement may be waived by either Party except in writing signed by the TRIBE or NWTEC.

- C. Waiver of a breach of any provision of the Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of the Agreement.

XV. Notices

- A. Notices shall be sent to the following contact offices and persons under this Agreement:

For the [TRIBE]:

Name, Title

Name of Tribe

Address

For NWTEC:

Laura Platero, Executive Director

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

920 NW 17th Ave

Portland, OR 97209

With a copy to:

Victoria Warren-Mears, Director

Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center

920 NW 17th Ave

Portland, OR 97209

XVI. All Writings Contained Herein

- A. This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

XVII. Effective Date

- A. This Agreement shall become effective when both the [TRIBE] and NWTEC have adopted the necessary implementing resolutions, and all parties have executed this Agreement and shall remain so as long as both the implementing resolutions remain effective.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the last signature below.

[NAME OF TRIBE]

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center

DESIGNEE, Designee Title

Laura Platero, Executive Director

Date

Date

Exhibit 1: Tribe's Authorizing Official

The INSERT TRIBE's name ("TRIBE") hereby designates the following to authorize Data access for the TRIBE:

TRIBE's Authorizing Official	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

TRIBE's Authorizing Official Alternate	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

TRIBE's Point of Contact	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

The Tribal Authorizing Official is responsible for ensuring Data is accessed and utilized in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, Addendums, or other documents incorporated by reference.

The above table(s) will be updated when there are changes to the Tribal Authorizing Official(s).

Overview of the Data Hub addendum:

This addendum to the Data Sharing Agreement between a federally recognized tribe (Tribe) and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) establishes terms and conditions for the Tribe to access the Northwest Tribal Data Hub (Data Hub), a virtual epidemiology database operated by NWTEC. **The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate access to public health data for the benefit of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people.**

What the Data Hub addendum does:

Establishes Access: It allows the Tribe access to the Data Hub, which contains regional, state, and community-level public health data.

Defines Responsibilities: It outlines the responsibilities of the Authorizing Official and Authorized Users from the Tribe for accessing and using the Data Hub.

Describes Data Access: It describes the type of data the Tribe will have access to, including aggregated data specific to their tribal service area.

Ensures Data Security: It ensures that data in the Data Hub are protected in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations related to the transfer, storage, and release of protected health information (PHI).

Confidentiality: It ensures compliance with all applicable laws and regulations regarding privacy and security of information.

What the Data Hub addendum doesn't do:

Interfere with Sovereignty: It does not affect or interfere with tribal sovereign immunity or the sovereign status of any of the parties.

Affect Other Agreements: It does not affect any other agreements the parties may have.

Change Existing Laws: It does not change existing laws and regulations related to data privacy and security.

In summary, this addendum allows the Tribe's access to important public health data through the Data Hub while ensuring the security and confidentiality of the data. It outlines the responsibilities of both parties and establishes a framework for collaboration in improving the health status of AI/AN people.

Data Hub Addendum

ADDENDUM A **The Northwest Tribal Data Hub**

I. Purpose

- C. This Addendum A to the Agreement facilitates TRIBE's access to the Northwest Tribal Data Hub ("hereinafter referred to as Data Hub").
- D. The Data Hub, was developed and is operated by the NWTEC, is a virtual epidemiology database, to provide Northwest Tribes access to regional, state, and community-level public health Data, to build capacity within Tribes to utilize their own Data and data analysis tools for public health planning and action, and to modernize the NWTEC's Data infrastructure.

II. Tribal Access to NPAIHB Data Hub

A. Tribe's Authorizing Official's Responsibilities

The TRIBE's Authorizing Official designated in the Agreement is responsible for designating Authorized Users who can access Tribal Area-specific Data in the Data Hub and providing the NWTEC with updates to the TRIBE's Authorized Users as necessary. The Authorizing Official can designate Authorized Users using the Data Hub New User Request Form. The Authorizing Official will ensure that Authorized Users access and utilize the Data Hub under this Agreement and Addendum A.

B. Authorized Users' Access and Responsibilities

The Authorized Users designated by the TRIBE's Authorizing Official have authorization to access the Data Hub subject to the terms of this Agreement. The NWTEC will facilitate such access by assigning credentials to access the Data Hub, providing resources and training on using the Data Hub, and responding to requests for training and technical assistance related to the Data Hub. Authorized Users will be subject to the attached Authorized User Access and User Responsibilities Terms (Exhibit A.1).

III. Description of the Data

- A. The TRIBE will have access through the Data Hub to dashboards containing aggregated Data specific to their tribal area and comparison Data for their state and/or region.
- B. The Data will be aggregated by time, geography, and demographic variables to reduce the possibility of identifying individuals and to ensure statistical stability. In certain cases, NWTEC may not be able to release Data when numerator cell sizes are less than five (5) or are below the Data release thresholds specified in data-sharing agreements with state and/or federal Data sources.

IV. Point of Contact

The Authorizing Official identified in the Agreement will serve as the contact person for the TRIBE to address issues related to this Addendum. The contact positions for NWTEC related to this Addendum are:

For questions for grievances related to this agreement:

NWTEC Director

datahub@npaihb.org

For technical assistance and onboarding support for the Data Hub:

Data Hub Outreach Manager

datahub@npaihb.org

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the last signature below.

[NAME OF TRIBE]

Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

DESIGNEE, DESIGNEE TITLE

Laura Platero, Executive Director

Date

Date

Exhibit A.1: Authorized User Access and User Responsibilities Terms

All Authorized Data Hub Users are subject to the following terms and conditions for Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC), Northwest Tribal Data Hub:

These terms and conditions ("Terms") govern TRIBE's authorized users (also referred to as "you") use of the Northwest Tribal Data Hub application (the "App"), operated by NPAIHB (also referred to as "we", "our", or "us") on behalf of NPAIHB's member Tribes.

By using the App, you agree to these Terms. If you do not agree to these Terms, please do not use the App.

1. **Acceptance of Terms**
 - a. By accessing or using the App, you agree to be bound by these Terms and our Privacy Policy.
2. **Eligibility**
 - a. Before receiving access to the App, the TRIBE and NPAIHB will complete a Data Sharing Agreement (Agreement). The Tribal Data Hub was developed for Northwest Tribes and TRIBE's use.
 - b. Individual logins will be provided upon completion of the Agreement and approval of user request forms by the TRIBE's Authorizing Official.
3. **User Accounts**
 - a. You will request a user account to access the App. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account information.
4. **Use of Data**
 - a. The Tribal Data Hub was developed to allow TRIBE's authorized users to access and utilize community-level Data on their communities. The Data included in the Data Hub are not to be used to identify individuals for any purpose.
5. **Privacy**
 - a. Data accessed in the Tribal Data Hub is property of the TRIBE and agencies providing Data to NPAIHB.
 - b. Data provided through the Tribal Data Hub is subject to federal, state, or tribal laws, as applicable, that protect confidential information from public disclosure.
 - c. Use of the App and Data is governed by the Agreement and NPAIHB and NWTEC policy.
 - d. The Tribal Data Hub was designed to allow TRIBE's Users to access and utilize Data. You will have the ability to print and download the TRIBE's Data. As a TRIBE's authorized user, it is your responsibility to understand and follow your TRIBE's policy and procedure for data storage and sharing.
 - e. Logins are for **individual use only by TRIBE's authorized users**. Do not share login information with other non-authorized individuals at the TRIBE. If additional individuals need access, please complete the Data Hub User Request Form to request a new user account.
 - f. You will notify the Tribal Data Hub team as soon as possible if there is a change in status or employment to ensure user access is removed in a timely fashion to prevent unauthorized access to your TRIBE's Data.
6. **User Content**
 - a. You may have the opportunity to submit content, such as TRIBE's data. The content submitted will be governed by the Agreement.

7. **Prohibited Activities**
 - a. You agree not to:
 - i. Use the App for any unlawful purpose.
 - ii. Attempt to identify individuals represented in the Data or data sources included in the Data Hub.
 - iii. Post, transmit, or share any content that violates applicable laws or infringes upon third-party rights.
 - iv. Attempt to interfere with the proper functioning of the App.
8. **In-app Monitoring**
 - a. As a TRIBE's authorized user, you understand and acknowledge that your use of the app may be monitored by NPAIHB for system management and to ensure protection against unauthorized access or use.
9. **Termination**
 - a. NPAIHB, the TRIBE's Authorizing Official, or TRIBE reserves the right to terminate or suspend your access to the App.
 - b. Unauthorized use of the App may result in immediate termination of an account.
10. **Intellectual Property**
 - i. All content and materials available on the App, including but not limited to text, graphics, logos, images, and software, are maintained by NPAIHB or its licensors and are protected by intellectual property laws.
 - ii. All inventions, technological improvements, and educational or professional materials are the property of NPAIHB (unless they have been designated as belonging to another entity through written Agreement).
11. **Disclaimers**
 - a. The App is provided on an "as-is" and "as-available" basis. We make no warranties, express or implied, regarding the App's accuracy, reliability, or fitness for a particular purpose.
12. **Limitation of Liability**
 - a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages.
13. **Changes to Terms**
 - a. We reserve the right to update or modify these Terms at any time. We will notify you of any changes via the App or through other means.
14. **Governing Law**
 - a. These Terms are governed by the laws as identified in the Agreement and by other state and federal laws governing the disclosure and release of Data, without regard to conflict of law principles.
 - b. **Unauthorized** use or disclosure of confidential Data provided through the Tribal Data Hub will result in immediate closure of your user account. You may also be subject to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties identified in law.
15. **Contact Information**
 - a. If you have any questions or concerns about these Terms, please contact us at DataHub@npaihb.org.

By using the App, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to these Terms and our Privacy Policy.

Overview of Data Exchange addendum:

This agreement outlines the collaboration between a federally recognized tribe (Tribe) and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) to elevate the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people. **It focuses on the assistance NWTEC will provide to the Tribe for a specific project related to improving health outcomes.**

What the Data Exchange addendum does:

Establishes Purpose: It outlines the mutual interest of the Tribe and NWTEC to improve the health status of AI/AN people and specifies that NWTEC will assist the Tribe with a specific project, which will be defined in the agreement.

Specifies Term and Effective Date: It establishes that the agreement will be effective upon signing by both parties and will continue until the completion of the project, at which point either party may terminate the agreement with 30 days' notice.

Describes Data and Data Workplan: It describes the data the Tribe will provide to NWTEC and the services and outputs NWTEC will provide to the Tribe related to analyzing, reporting, using, and returning/destroying the data.

Ensures the Tribe's Ownership of Data: It specifies that the Tribe retains full ownership of any data provided and any data products produced under the agreement in alignment with Tribal data sovereignty principles.

Outlines Access to Data: It describes the method of access and transfer of data, persons having access to data, and the frequency of data exchange.

Designates Point of Contacts: It designates individuals from the Tribe and NWTEC to serve as contact persons specific to the project.

What the Data Exchange addendum doesn't do:

Interfere with Sovereignty: It does not affect or interfere with tribal sovereign immunity, sovereign status of any of the parties, or your Tribe's rights or ownership to your data.

Specify Payment: It does not specify any payment requirements under the agreement.

In summary, this agreement establishes a partnership between the Tribe and NWTEC for a specific project aimed at improving the health status of AI/AN people. It outlines the responsibilities of both parties regarding data exchange, analysis, and reporting, while ensuring Tribal sovereignty, and the security, confidentiality, and ownership of the data provided.

NWTEC Data Exchange Addendum

ADDENDUM B

The Northwest Tribal General Data Exchange for [Project]

I. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this Addendum B to Agreement is to establish the NWTEC roles and responsibilities in assisting the TRIBE for the [Insert Project Name] for the purpose [Insert purpose of project].

II. Term and Effective Date

- A. This Addendum B will become effective upon signing by both Parties and will continue until [Insert term of project]. This can be a timeframe or a milestone that denotes the completion of the project. Either Party may terminate this Agreement, for any reason upon thirty (30) days prior written notification to the other Party.

III. Description of Data and Data Workplan

- A. TRIBE will provide the NWTEC with the following Data: [Insert description of the Data that will be provided]
- B. The NWTEC will provide the following services and outputs to the TRIBE.
[Describe how the NWTEC will analyze, report, otherwise use, and return/destroy the Data]

IV. Ownership of Data

- A. TRIBE, as a sovereign nation and Public Health Authority, will retain full ownership of any Data provided and any Data products produced under Addendum B.

[Additional Response Text: Whenever TRIBE-specific Data are reported with tribal approval, TRIBE shall be cited as the source of the Data in all tables, reports, presentations, and scientific papers, and the NWTEC shall be cited as the source of interpretations, calculations, and/or manipulations of the Data. The NWTEC may use, reuse and analyze, for teaching and research purposes, the Data and findings as reviewed by and approved by TRIBE.]
- B. [The] NWTEC agrees to provide copies of any research papers or reports prepared as a result of access to TRIBE's Data under this Agreement, and to allow TRIBE to reprint or distribute same without charge, to the extent permitted under copyright protection laws and any applicable agreements as to copyright or related intellectual property rights.

V. Access to Data

A. Method of Access and Transfer

The Data described in Section III(A) will be provided by [describe transfer method].

B. Tribe's Authorizing Official's Responsibilities

The TRIBE's Authorizing Official designated in the Agreement is responsible for designating Authorized Users who can access Tribal Area-specific Data under this Addendum B and providing the NWTEC with updates to the TRIBE's Authorized Users as necessary. The TRIBE's Authorizing Official will ensure that Authorized Users access and utilize Data in accordance with this Agreement and Addendum.

C. Frequency of Data Exchange

NWTEC will exchange Data [Describe frequency of Data exchange. For example, as needed to analyze and report on the Data for project title]

VI. Payment

- A. Compensation for this project will be made by check in the amount of \$X and paid no later than (Month Date, Year). [Describe if any payment will be required under this agreement]

VII. Point of Contacts

- A. The TRIBE's Authorizing Official identified in the Agreement will serve as the contact person for the TRIBE to address issues related to this Addendum B. The contact positions for NWTEC related to this Agreement are:

For questions for grievances related to this Agreement:
NWTEC Director at datahub@npaihb.org

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement.

[NAME OF TRIBE]

Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

DESIGNEE, Designee Title

Laura Platero, Executive Director

Date

Date

Draft Resolution

WHEREAS, the [TRIBE] is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in [STATE], and a member Tribe of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB);

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB is a tribally owned tribal organization as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), P.L. 93-638, and is comprised of all 43 federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, with a mission to eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people by supporting Northwest Tribes in their delivery of culturally appropriate, high-quality healthcare;

WHEREAS, the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) is a subsidiary of NPAIHB, founded in 1996 to provide health-related research, surveillance, training, and technical assistance to improve the quality of life of AI/AN people in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington;

WHEREAS, NWTEC engages in data sharing, acquisition, quality improvement, analysis, and reporting activities with tribal, local, state, and federal partners to fulfill its mission and core functions;

WHEREAS, the [TRIBE] has the inherent right as a sovereign nation to the collection, ownership, and application of their data; and

WHEREAS, the NWTEC Data Sharing Agreement recognizes, supports, and upholds Tribal sovereignty;

WHEREAS, the [TRIBE] and NWTEC share a mutual interest to elevate the health status of AI/AN people by ensuring access to timely and accurate public health data;

WHEREAS, the [TRIBE] and NWTEC seek to enter into a mutually beneficial Data Sharing Agreement to facilitate data sharing, technical assistance, and collaboration in public health monitoring, research, evaluation, and training programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the [TRIBE] hereby approves the Data Sharing Agreement between the [TRIBE] and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [TRIBE] appoints [Authorized Official Name] as the Authorizing Official who will designate Authorized Users to access Tribal data;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the [TRIBAL GOVERNING BODY] authorizes [Tribal Representative Name] to sign the Data Sharing Agreement documents on behalf of the [TRIBE], and to take any necessary actions to implement the agreement.

Datasets Available

Geographic Region	Data Source/Provider	Dataset	Data Type	Data Description
ID	Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	Idaho Birth Certificates	Birth	Births that occur in Idaho, updated ~annually
ID	Idaho Hospital Association	Cancer Data Registry of Idaho	Cancer	Cancers diagnosed in Idaho, updated ~annually
ID	Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	Idaho Death Certificates	Death	Deaths that occur in Idaho, updated ~annually
ID	Idaho Hospital Association	Idaho Time Sensitive Emergency System - Trauma	Injury	Traumatic injuries that occur in Idaho, updated ~annually
ID	Idaho Hospital Association	Idaho Time Sensitive Emergency System - STEMI	Chronic Disease	Heart attacks that occur in Idaho, updated ~annually
ID	Idaho Hospital Association	Idaho Time Sensitive Emergency System - Stroke	Chronic Disease	Strokes that occur in Idaho, updated ~annually
ID	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System	Youth Behavior	Data provided by CDC upon request, last received 2017 data
ID	Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	ESSENCE	Syndromic Surveillance	Currently have aggregated counts for selected issues - working to get login access to system
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon State Cancer Registry	Cancer	Cancers diagnosed in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon ALERT Immunization Information System	Immunization	Immunizations administered to AI/AN individuals in Oregon, updated as needed
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Birth Certificates	Birth	Births that occur in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Death Certificates	Death	Deaths that occur in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Matched Infant Birth-Death Records	Death	Matched birth-death records in Oregon for infant mortality analyses, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Fetal Death Records	Death	Fetal deaths that occur in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Orpheus (Reportable conditions excluding HIV, STI, TB, and Environmental Exposures)	Communicable Disease	Reportable conditions diagnosed in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon HIV	Communicable Disease	HIV diagnoses in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Sexually Transmitted Infections	Communicable Disease	Sexually transmitted infections diagnosed in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Opera COVID-19 Data	Communicable Disease	Covid-19 diagnoses in Oregon, no longer being collected as of 2023
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Blood Lead Testing	Environmental Health	Blood lead testing results in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Tuberculosis (TB) Cases	Communicable Disease	TB diagnoses in Oregon, updated ~annually

OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Pesticide Poisoning Data	Environmental Health	Pesticide poisoning reports in Oregon, updated ~annually
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Hospital Discharge	Hospital Discharge	Hospital discharges in Oregon, updated ~biennially
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Violent Death Reporting System	Violent Death Reporting System	Violent death reports in Oregon, last received 2003-2017 data
OR	Oregon Health Authority	OR BRFSS Race and Ethnicity Data file	Behavioral Risk Factors	State-level BRFSS with race and ethnicity data, last received 2015-2018 file
OR	Oregon Health Authority	OR BRFSS County Data File	Behavioral Risk Factors	County-level BRFSS data without race and ethnicity, last received 2016-2019 file
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Oregon Healthy Teens	Youth Behavior	Oregon Healthy Teens survey, last received 2019 data
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Medicaid	Medicaid Claims	Oregon Medicaid Claims data, last received 2011-2014 data
OR	Oregon Health Authority	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System	Maternal Child Health	Oregon PRAMS survey data, last received 2016-2021 data
OR	Oregon Health Authority	ESSENCE	Syndromic Surveillance	Oregon ED and Urgent Care Center visits, accessed through on-demand portal
WA	Washington Department of Health	Washington Birth Certificates	Birth	Births that occur in Washington, updated ~annually
WA	Washington Department of Health	Washington State Cancer Registry	Cancer	Cancers diagnosed in Washington, updated ~annually
WA	Washington Department of Health	Hepatitis B	Communicable Disease	Hepatitis B diagnoses in Washington, plan to update ~twice/year starting October 2024
WA	Washington Department of Health	Hepatitis C	Communicable Disease	Hepatitis C diagnoses in Washington, plan to update ~twice/year starting October 2024
WA	Washington Department of Health	General Communicable Diseases	Communicable Disease	General Communicable Diseases diagnosed in Washington, access through WDRS
WA	Washington Department of Health	Covid-19	Communicable Disease	Covid-19 diagnoses in Washington, access through WDRS
WA	Washington Department of Health	Tuberculosis	Communicable Disease	TB diagnoses in Washington, plan to update ~twice/year starting October 2024
WA	Washington Department of Health	HIV	Communicable Disease	HIV diagnoses in Washington, plan to update ~twice/year starting October 2024
WA	Washington Department of Health	Sexually Transmitted Infections	Communicable Disease	Sexually transmitted infections diagnosed in Washington, plan to update ~twice/year starting October 2024
WA	Washington Department of Health	Washington Death Certificates	Death	Deaths that occur in Washington, updated ~annually
WA	Washington Department of Health	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System	Maternal Child Health	Washington PRAMS survey data, updated as new files become available
WA	Washington Department of Health	Healthy Youth Survey	Youth Behavior	Washington Healthy Youth Survey data, updated as new files become available
WA	Washington Department of Health	BRFSS	Behavioral Risk Factors	Washington BRFSS data, updated as new files become available

WA	Washington Department of Health	ESSENCE/RHINO	Syndromic Surveillance	Washington ED and health care visits, accessed through on-demand portal
WA	Washington Department of Health	Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System	Hospital Discharge	Hospital discharges in Washington, updated ~biennially
Regional	Indian Health Service	EpiDataMart	Clinical Encounters	National Data Warehouse extract for Portland Area, updated twice/year
Regional	Indian Health Service	Data for Northwest Tribal Registry	Patient Registration	National Data Warehouse extract for Portland Area, updated ~annually
National	Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services	Medicare and Medicaid claims, encounters, and demographic data	Medicaid and Medicare Claims	Data accessed through CMS Virtual Research Data Center
Regional	Department of Health and Human Services	Covid-19 Reported Cases and Immunizations	Communicable Disease	Data accessed through HHS Protect, limited to Idaho, Oregon, Washington
Regional	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	State-level BRFSS data	Behavioral Risk Factors	Public use datasets providing state-level BRFSS data
Regional	Indian Health Service	SDPI Diabetes Annual Care and Outcomes Audit	Chronic Disease	Standards of care for patients seeking care for Type 2 Diabetes

What are some ways NWTEC's work has benefited Tribes?

NWTEC Provides Data to Empower Yakama Nation's Vision for Enhanced Pedestrian Safety and Connectivity

The Yakama Nation has spearheaded a comprehensive plan to enhance pedestrian safety and regional connectivity. This plan, a result of years of collaborative work with multiple agencies including the Northwest Tribal EpiCenter (NWTEC), aims to prevent pedestrian injuries and fatalities while fostering a network of safe, active transportation.

Currently, pedestrian and bicyclist comfort levels are low as they travel on reservation roads that may have narrow shoulders exposing them to traffic. The NWTEC provided valuable assistance to this project by providing motor vehicle injury-related data collected from various sources. Proposed pathways that separate pedestrians from motor vehicles will improve traffic safety for generations to come.

The Heritage Trail network, or HCT, is a key component, offering safe walking paths that not only improve traffic safety but also promote physical health, cultural engagement, and economic growth through tourism. Although the HCT's construction will be gradual, its impact on mobility and cultural preservation is poised to benefit the Yakama Nation and beyond.

NWTEC completes a Community Health Assessment for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

In January of 2022, the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center (YTHC) reached out to NWTEC to analyze the data from the 2021 Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Community Health Assessment (CHA). Under CTUIR guidance, NWTEC analyzed the data and returned a 20-page report covering topics from basic demographics to chronic health conditions and community priorities. The report utilized data visualization techniques, excerpts of write-in responses, and graphics from the YTHC style guide. Style matching allowed this data report to be directly incorporated into the 2021 CHA Report with minimal editing. This report has guided priority setting in the development of a Community Health Improvement Plan. YTHC has made informed decisions in programming, grant funding and service extension.

<https://yellowhawk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/CHA-Final-2022-website.pdf>

NWTEC provides data to support RSV vaccine distribution to Washington Tribes.

In November of 2023, as respiratory illnesses were beginning to increase, the health officer serving the Nooksack Tribe and Lummi Nation reached out to multiple agencies about the urgent need for Tribal clinics to receive an equitable share of nirsevimab, a vaccination against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). The CDC recommends that American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) infants less than 8 months of age receive nirsevimab due to being among the groups at highest risk for severe RSV disease. However, Tribes in Washington were not allocated sufficient doses of this life-saving vaccination to immunize infants seen in their clinics. To support advocacy for a risk-based approach that would prioritize distribution to Tribal clinics, Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) staff utilized available data to estimate the number of AI/AN infants in Washington State who were potentially at risk for severe RSV disease due to their age and factors such as prematurity. NWTEC also examined emergency department data and found that in the previous year, AI/AN children had 25% higher rates of RSV-related emergency visits compared to non-AI/AN children. As a result of this advocacy, the Indian Health Service allocated additional nirsevimab doses for Tribes in Washington, and the Tribes involved with this request received doses within a month of the data being shared with state and federal agencies.

Resolution #1-96-5

Support for the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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RESOLUTION #1-96-5 Support for Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a tribal organization under PL 93-638 that represents thirty-eight Federally-recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho on health related issues; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the downsizing of the Indian Health Service has left the Portland Area without epidemiology and research services; and

WHEREAS, the member tribes of the NPAIHB have an urgent need to collect data so that they can: monitor progress towards meeting health status objectives, evaluate health delivery systems, identify priority needs for health care delivery and education; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service fiscal year 1996 budget is likely to include funding for three Epidemiology Centers "located at sites where there is technical expertise and historical support for epidemiology work among local tribes and regional tribal organizations"; and

WHEREAS, since the mid 1980's the NPAIHB has worked on information systems issues through such efforts as the formation of the Co-Owned Information Systems Task Force in 1987, which resulted in the development of an information system inventory, and the recommendation for the development of a Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 at the request of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, NPAIHB provided information on the need for Area Epidemiology Centers as became authorized by Section 214 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act; and

WHEREAS, since 1992 when the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 94-437) was being reauthorized, Northwest tribes have supported appropriations for Epidemiology Centers in the Indian Health Service budget to enable reporting on progress towards meeting P.L. 94-437 objectives; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB possesses the epidemiology, research, and information systems expertise, has shown historical support for epidemiological research, and possesses working relationships with tribal health care delivery staff and is thus uniquely qualified to serve as an Area Tribal Epidemiology Center;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB approves and supports the development of a proposal for a Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center to be located at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board which will serve to enhance delivery of health services to Indians of the Northwest through assistance in the design and development of information systems, the collection of accurate tribal-specific health data, the analyses of tribal health-related data, and through research of tribal health issues and concerns.

Resolution #21-04-03

Support for NPAIHB EpiCenter Access and Record Linkages with Public Health Surveillance Systems in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington



NPAIHB

**Member Tribes of
the Northwest
Portland Area
Indian Health
Board:**

Burns Paiute Tribe
Chehalis Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Colville Tribe
Coos, Siuslaw & Lower
Umpqua Tribe
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek Tribe
Cowlitz Tribe
Grand Ronde Tribe
Hoh Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam
Tribe
Kalispel Tribe
Klamath Tribe
Kootenai Tribe
Lower Elwha
Klallam Tribe
Lummi Tribe
Makah Tribe
Muckleshoot Tribe
Nez Perce Tribe
Nisqually Tribe
Nooksack Tribe
NW Band of
Shoshoni Tribe
Port Gamble S'Klallam
Tribe
Puyallup Tribe
Quileute Tribe
Quinault Tribe
Samish Indian Nation
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Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock
Tribe
Siletz Tribe
Skokomish Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe
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RESOLUTION # 21-04-03

Support for NPAIHB EpiCenter Access and Record Linkages with Public Health Surveillance Systems in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter "NPAIHB" or "Board") was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB is a "tribal organization" as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USC § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this goal in 1997, NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (EpiCenter) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) public health data; and

WHEREAS, the EpiCenter has gained national recognition for developing and implementing many useful and innovative projects to improve the health and quality of life of Northwest Tribes and has served as a national model for other Indian Health Service (IHS) areas to emulate in establishing their epi center programs; and

WHEREAS, with Board approval, the EpiCenter maintains the Northwest Tribal Registry (NTR) to perform record linkage studies to identify and correct racial misclassification in various public health surveillance systems to better assess the health status of Northwest AI/AN people; and

WHEREAS, previous studies by the EpiCenter has shown that morbidity and mortality estimates for Northwest AI/AN people are under-reported due to misclassification of race in public health surveillance systems; and

Links for additional information

Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center Links

[Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center \(NWTEC\)](#)

[NWTEC IDEA-NW Project](#)

[NWTEC Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit](#)

[NWTEC Data Request and Technical Assistance](#)

[NWTEC Data Governance Policies](#)

NW Tribal Data Hub Links

[NW Tribal Data Hub: Project Fact Sheet](#)

[NW Tribal Data Hub: Access Fact Sheet](#)

[NW Tribal Data Hub: Data Fact Sheet](#)

[NW Tribal Data Hub: Data Security Fact Sheet](#)

[NW Tribal Data Hub User Guide](#)

Examples of data provided by the NWTEC

American Indian/Alaska Native Community Health Profiles

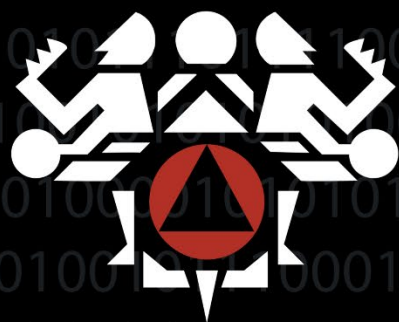
[Idaho Community Health Profile \(2024\)](#)

[Oregon Community Health Profile \(2024\)](#)

[Washington Community Health Profile \(2024\)](#)

More reports can be found by visiting the [IDEA-NW Project](#) under the “Resource Links and Reports” dropdown menu.

**For Questions or inquiries contact
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