

National Indian Health Board



NIHB Releases Tribal Public Health Accreditation Readiness Case Study featuring Chickasaw Nation

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) has provided support to Tribal health departments seeking public health accreditation through the Tribal Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI) since 2014. Twenty Tribal health departments have worked with NIHB to increase their readiness to apply for public health accreditation, a voluntary program in which Tribal, Local, and State health departments measure their performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused and evidence-based standards. Accreditation recognizes Tribes who perform public health activities at the highest level.

NIHB supported Chickasaw Nation to conduct accreditation and performance improvement activities in their health department. They used the Accreditation Readiness Model (ARM), a tool developed by NIHB, to measure both improvements and challenges, as well as to set priorities, and determine which initiatives are most successful. NIHB has released a case study highlighting how Chickasaw Nation used the ARM to support their public health accreditation efforts. This case study illuminates the importance of using a readiness tool when making a system-wide change. As stated in the case study, “Knowledge and awareness, relationships, and attitudes are dimensions equally as important as meeting program milestones and contribute to strengthening a collaborative public health system.”

To view the case study, click [HERE](#)

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