# INMED Tribal Advisory Board

# Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

1. Welcome

Dr. Warne, INMED Director, welcomed all participants on the call.

1. Call to order

Harold Dusty Bull, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the INMED Tribal Advisory Board at 10:02 am CDT time on January 15, 2020 via Zoom conference.

1. Roll call

Erica Gunville conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Twila Martin Kekahabah (Charter), Harold DustyBull (Chair), James Iron Shell (Vice-Chair), LeeAnna Muzquiz (Secretary), David “Tally” Plume, Haven Gourneau, Iris Eagle, Courtney Davis (Quorum established)

Erica Gunville, Siobhan Wescott, Nicole Redvers, Susan Holden, Brittany Belgarde

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Not reviewed.

1. Director’s Update-See Director’s Report
   1. INMED Cohort
      1. The INMED program interviewed 13 AI/AN applicants for 6 seats on 01/11/2020 (compared to 17 interviewed last year.) 5 of the 13 were from the 5 state region of INMED. There were 17 total AI/AN applicants.
      2. Dr. Warne called attention to the fact that many schools are addressing the disparity of AI/AN physician workforce and provided links to medical school programs specific for AI/AN students. This results in greater competition for the AI/AN students and drives excellence at UND to be the best medical school in the nation for AI/AN student.
   2. COBRE – Indigenous Trauma and Resiliency Research Center grant
      1. This grant is $10 million over 5 years and will study the positive impact of resiliency on Native communities.
      2. 3 areas of study have been identified with current researchers (see report.)

**Motion: INMED Tribal Advisory Board to serve as Community Advisory Board for the Community Engagement and Outreach Core for this grant.**

**Motion carried: unanimous**

* + 1. Twila requested that a copy of the resolution for this grant be made available to the Board. Dr. Warne agreed to getting this to the TAB.
  1. Endowment Scholarships update
     1. Alumnus John Shore has pledged $10,000 for 15 years for endowed scholarship
     2. Gerilyn Yellow Bird, Board Member, is working with MHA Nation to create an endowed scholarship.
     3. Other opportunities being explored include MN Dakota Tribes, Phil Jackson “Sacred Hoops Scholars”, INMED Alumni and Dr. Warne asked Board Members to think of other possible partnerships or opportunities to grow scholarships.
  2. New programming update
     1. Indigenous MPH program is up and running. There are several current medical students interested and they are granted automatic admission and would complete the MPH between 3rd and 4th years of medical school.
     2. Indigenous Health PhD programs was approved last week by AAC/NDUS and is scheduled to be approved by the State Board of Higher Education on January 22, 2020. After that INMED may begin advertising and recruiting for the 12 positions. Currently there are about 35 students that have expressed interest.
  3. Other
     1. Media Opportunities
        1. Dr. Warne was featured in Valley News Live where he discussed the history of INMED.
        2. An article in the Grand Forks Herald discussed the national trend of women entering medical school at a higher rate than men. Dr. Warne noted UNDs numbers have reflected this trend and also noted that men tend to drop out of med school at a higher rate than women as well.
        3. Dr. Warne also noted the recent publication in the Journal of Graduate Medical Education: *Developing Graduate Medical Education Partnerships in AI/AN Communities.*

1. Staff Update
   1. Brittany Belgarde:
      1. Summer Institute: June 8-July 17, 2020. Applications are available and due by March 1st (can be completed on paper or on-line.) Have 48 positions available. Recruitment has taken place around ND in person. Recruitment materials send to schools in all the other targeted states.

**Board members requested to have materials sent directly to them for distribution as well. Brittany agreed to this and will send the application link by email as well.**

* 1. Kathleen Fredericks:
     1. MCAT Prep and CLIMB applications available soon.
     2. Announced the honoring ceremony will occur again during the pow wow. Expecting 8 health professions graduates (4 MD, 2 Medical Lab Science, 1 Clinical Psychology, 1 DPT.)
  2. Erica Gunville:
     1. Announced in-person TAB Board meetings:
        1. April 17 (travel on April 16, Dinner on Friday evening, optional brunch on Saturday as well as Pow Wow.)
        2. July 16
     2. NEUROscience program for Reservation school teachers has an updated application online which is due February 15, 2020. There are 5 spots available.
     3. INMED Alumni Association up and running, focusing on
        1. Scholarship opportunities
        2. Program outcomes

1. Open Discussion
   1. Chairman Dusty Bull brought up the issue of credentialing standards at IHS facilities that often inhibit or prohibit willing and qualified clinicians (often AI/AN) to practice in IHS facilities. Siobahn Wescott offered to bring this issue to the attention of AAIP/AMA as she also serves in leadership in those organizations. A recommendation was also made to invite IHS Director, Michael D. Weahkee to the April or July in-person Board meeting. Dr. Warne was agreeable to extending this invitation.
2. Adjournment

Harold Dusty Bull, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:04 am CDT.

Minutes submitted by: LeeAnna Muzquiz, MD, Secretary

Minutes approved by: