CDC/ATSDR TAC Nominations

As federal agencies, 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. In 2005, CDC and ATSDR established the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) to advise the two agencies. The TAC provides input and guidance about policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of Indian tribes.

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

Vacancies

The TAC currently has the following vacancies:

- Albuquerque Area Delegate
- Billings Area Delegate
- Nashville Area Delegate
- Portland Area Delegate

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. The term length for each vacant seat is two years to ensure appropriate rotation of terms moving forward. Term lengths for TAC seats are determined based on election cycles for those nominees selected to fill each position.

Nomination Procedures

Candidates must be nominated by an elected tribal leader. The nomination letter must be on tribal letterhead and be signed by an elected tribal leader. A sample letter is enclosed for reference. Letters must include the following information:

- Name of the nominee
- Nominee's official title
- Tribe
- Date of nominee's election to official tribal position and term length
- Nominee's contact information (mailing address, phone, fax, and email)
- Name of tribal leader submitting nomination
- Official title of tribal leader submitting nomination
- Contact information for tribal leader submitting nomination and/or administrative office for tribal government
- Confirmation that the nominee
    - Has the authority to act on behalf of the tribe

- Is qualified to represent the views of the Indian tribes in the area from which he or she is nominated

A sample letter is enclosed and also available on the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Support website at www.cdc.gov/tribal/tac.

Selection Process

The TAC's Designated Federal Official/Executive Secretary (selected by CDC) is responsible for selecting and finalizing TAC members. The seated TAC membership is fully engaged in the recruitment process.

Eligible nominees will be considered in the following priority order:

1. Tribal president/chairperson/governor
2. Tribal vice president/vice chairperson/lieutenant governor
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 travel of the delegate to attend in-person meetings, typically held twice a year. If the delegate cannot attend, CDC and ATSDR will pay for the authorized representative to attend.

Signed nomination letters will be accepted until **January 11, 2016,** and may be submitted to

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Nominees will be notified of the status of delegate selection by January 15, 2016. More information about the TAC can be found at www.cdc.gov/tribal/tac. Please contact CAPT Clelland at TribalSupport@cdc.gov or (404) 498-0300 with any questions or concerns.