



NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: NIHB 25th Annual Consumer Conference

Advocate, Unite for Health Out Loud!

September 23rd through 25th, 2008

The National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) 25th Annual Consumer Conference will be held at the Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula, California on **September 23rd through 25th, 2008**. The National Indian Health Board's Annual Consumer Conference provides a unique forum for experts from the health arena and consumers to **unite**, share ideas, identify promising directions in **improving health care** and **advocate** for American Indians and Alaska Natives' (AI/AN) health care.

This year's Annual Consumer Conference theme is ***Advocate, Unite for Health Out Loud!*** We are inviting workshop proposals that incorporate this theme. Share with us your success stories, your solutions to problems, your health program growth processes, or how you have advocated for your health care services. This is your time to showcase what it is you are doing, what you are working on, what has been successful, problematic, challenging, etc. **We want to hear what is happening in Indian Country!**

The NIHB staff assists the Board of Directors and members of the Planning Committee with evaluating all workshop proposals for content quality, topic applicability, and appropriateness to the conference theme, goals and objectives. The NIHB recommends the inclusion of Tribal Leaders, Tribal health care providers, consumers, industry leaders in health care and advocates as presenters in the conduct of workshops. The NIHB Planning Committee will consider presentations in the following topic areas, but please note these are examples of desired topics. ***Proposals outside of these tracks or cross-cutting topics are encouraged and will be considered.***

Track A: Advocacy/Policy

- Empowering and innovative ideas to discover your voice in advocating for AI/AN health care
- The importance of media in the fight to remove AI/AN health disparities
- The implications of Tribal sovereignty on public health

Track B: Mental/Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse in Indian Country

- Community-based and/or traditional approaches to suicide prevention, combating the crystal methamphetamine epidemic, and the treatment of depression
- Role of higher education in addressing behavioral health needs

Track C: Emerging Trends and Best Practices in Indian Country

- The present and future health of long term care services and programs
- Examining telemedicine for mental health services
- Traditional healing practices and their application and implication on medical treatments
- Tribal health program success stories, lessons learned and next steps

The deadline for proposal submission is Friday, August 15th, 2008 by 5:00 pm (ET). All workshop proposals must follow the general NIHB guidelines for submission at the end of this document. Submissions that do not comply will be returned to sender without review.

NIHB 25th Annual Consumer Conference Guidelines for Workshop Proposals

In order for a workshop proposal to be reviewed and considered for inclusion in the NIHB's 25th Annual Consumer Conference all presentations must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Group presentations are limited to four presenters, including a moderator.
- The workshop proposal must include information about the presenters, the presentation summary must not exceed 100 typed words in a 12-point font and the abstract must not exceed 250 typed words. **Please note: the summary and abstract are required for workshop proposals to be reviewed.**
- The summary content should be structured as follows: title, presenter, organizational affiliation, address and contact information in addition to a summary of one continuous paragraph stating the purpose/background on the proposed presentation. The summary should also list objectives that your presentation will address and outcomes related to the presentation.
- Fill out the biographical sketch (not to exceed 100 words) on the next page; **the biographical sketch must accompany the workshop proposal.** Please note, if biography length exceeds 100 words, NIHB staff will publish the first 100 words of the biography provided. **Do not submit resumes.**
- Workshop proposals should be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax to:

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- **All workshop proposals must be received at the NIHB office by Friday, August 15th, 2008 no later than 5:00 pm (ET).**
- If selected, presenters will be notified no later than **Monday, September 1st, 2008.**
- **Please note:** NIHB receives numerous proposals on the same topic. At NIHB's discretion in order to accommodate as many qualified and experienced presenters as possible, NIHB reserves the right to add presenters to any panel.

If selected as a presenter you will be expected to complete the following steps:

- *Register for the Conference via the NIHB website. **Please note: This year's registration fee is \$400 for ALL participants and workshop presenters.** Please see page 5 for more information.*
- *Send a disk copy or email attachment of your summary, which can be emailed to **asolimon@nihb.org**. (Do not include charts, graphs, handouts or other material used in the course of your presentation. If your presentation is selected we will request this material at a later time.)*
- *Complete a Disclosure of Commercial Support form. In accordance with the accreditation bodies any speaker having an interest in, or affiliation with, a corporate organization must make such a relationship known to their audience. **Having such a relationship does not prevent anyone from being selected.***
- *Bring any printed materials for distribution to the workshop participants. We suggest sending handouts directly to yourself, care of the hotel. If necessary, onsite photocopying by NIHB staff is available at the expense of the presenter at a rate of \$1.00 per page with a 25-page minimum, only cash will be accepted and receipts will be provided.*
- *Presenters must be present at the designated time and place of workshop. Each workshop is 1.5 hours in duration, so come prepared to participate in the entire workshop, including presentation and discussion.*

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Application for Workshop Presentations

Contact Information

(Both forms must be completed for proposal to be considered)

1. Presentation Title: _____

2. Primary Presenter (Moderator): _____

Additional Presenters: _____

(The Primary Presenter will be contacted for all communication purposes regarding selection, logistics, audio-visual needs and other matters concerning the workshop proposal. The primary presenter/moderator should provide their information below and the information for each additional presenter on a separate sheet.)

3. Position Title: _____

4. Email: _____

5. Organizational or Tribal Affiliation: _____

6. Address: _____

7. City: _____ 8. State _____ 9. Zip: _____

10. Work phone: _____ 11. Fax: _____

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Presentation Information

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Please provide a summary of the presentation in box below.
Submissions must address the conference theme and provide the learning objectives.

Summary:

Learning Objectives:

Audio Visual Requirements: (If you need the following, it will have to be provided at your expense, NIHB will provide a laptop, LCD projector and a screen for each workshop.)

TV/VCR Marker Board Other _____

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CONFERENCE FACT SHEET

Location	Pechanga Resort & Casino located in beautiful Temecula, California.	
Theme	Advocate, Unite for Health Out Loud!	
Special Activities	The California Rural Indian Health Board will be hosting a cultural event on September 24 th .	
Conference Fees	<p>ALL participants, including presenters, are required to pay a \$400 registration fee.</p> <p><i>* For information about registering for the NIHB Annual Consumer Conference, go to www.nihb.org.</i></p>	
Refund/ Cancellation Policy	<p>All cancellation requests must be in writing and postmarked on or before September 5, 2008, at which time a refund will be granted, less a \$100 processing fee. Cancellation notices postmarked after September 5th will not be refunded. NO EXCEPTIONS; however, substitutions are allowed.</p> <p>NIHB reserves the right to make final decisions related to cancellations.</p>	
Hotel Information	<p>Pechanga Resort & Casino 45000 Pechanga Parkway Temecula, CA 92592 Phone: (888) 732-4264 Code: NIHB or National Indian Health Board</p>	Alternate Hotels:
		<table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Pala Mesa Resort 2001 Old Hwy. 395 Fallbrook, CA 92028 Phone: (800) 722-4700 Code: NIHB</p> </td> <td> <p>Embassy Suites Hotel Temecula Valley Wine Country 29345 Rancho California Rd. Temecula, CA 92591 Phone: (951) 676-5656 Code: NIHB</p> </td> </tr> </table>
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