FEBRUARY 17, 2025

INDIGENOUS DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ALLIANCE

UPDATES AND MEETING NOTES

**The following is a summary of the topics discussed and shared during our call:**

1. **The IDHA Chair provided a list of 11 new IDHA Members since March 2024.**

* Adrian Te-Patu - University of Otago, Chair, Indigenous Working Group WFPHA
* Anthony, A.C., Locklear, National Indian Health Board
* Elizabeth Carr- Cedar Rock Alliance. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
* Heather Sauyaq Gordon- Iñupiaq tribal member of the Nome Eskimo Community
* Jennifer Procter-Andrews - Vice Chair, Coquille Indian Tribe
* Kyle Whyte- University of Michigan
* Kym Hamilton, Kārearea: Institute for Change; Iwi Monitoring Mechanism (UNDRIP) technician
* Lala Forrest- Yale University
* Lola Marina Juan - Maya Q'anjob'al Leader
* Tania Eulalia Martínez Cruz -Researcher, Universidad Intercultural Maya de Quintana Roo
* Verne Boerner, National Indian Health Board
* Claudia Carol Zavaleta Cortijo- Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia

1. **The IDHA Chair and Coordinator provided an activities report** since March 2024. Some of the most relevant are:
2. IDHA got the 501c3 approval from the IRS. It is a DC Nonprofit Organization

IDHA Board of Directors are:

* Geoff Roth, Chair
* Dr. Allison Kelliher, Vice Chair and Treasurer
* Dr. Jami Bartgis, Secretary

1. IDHA has now been accredited to the UNPFII, the UNCBD, and the UNOC
2. The IDHA produced another UN Expert Member report in January 2025, titled: "Evaluating Institutional Structures to Improve the Health and Wellness of Indigenous Peoples Globally: The Indigenous Determinants of Health Measurement Instrument." It will be presented at the 2025 UNPFII next April.
3. The IDH Operationalization Paper presented at UNPFII 2024. Multiple Interventions discussing the IDH Operationalization were made at UNPFII and EMRIP.
4. IDH Frame-related side events, sessions, and meetings were carried out at main events such as UNPFII, EMRIP, WHA, NIHB Conference, Indigenous Pact Conference, APHA UNCBD, WFPHA, OHCHR event in DC, WFP, USUN Geneva, PAHO, the World Bank, OAS, among others
5. The IDH framework has been discussed or included in articles and research in publications such as: The Lancet Journal (April 2024), Health is a Political Choice (April 2024), OpenSource (June 2024), American Evaluation Association Community's Indigenous Peoples in Evaluation (AEA) Newsletter (February 2025), APHA Nation's Health (February 2025).
6. The IDH framework has **been featured or included** in the following UN-related documents:

* Recommendations Report on Biodiversity and Traditional Medicine and Knowledge in partnership with the WHO's Global Traditional Medicine Center, presented during the Biodiversity and Health Day at the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in Cali, Colombia.
* The WHO Social Determinants of Health Equity Report (to be released this year).
* The WHO Commercial Determinants of Health Report -led by WFPH.
* The Convention on Biological Diversity's Global Plan of Action—the IDHA is included as a reference document for the Implementation plan, which opens up a series of new opportunities for IDHA.

1. The IDHA has supported:

* 4 nominations for IDHA Members to the UNPFII
* 1 Nomination to the UN Indigenous Languages Decade Taskforce (confirmed)
* 2 Nominations to EMRIP
* 1 Nomination to the Artificial Intelligence Workgroup

1. The IDHA has joined:
   * The Planetary Health Alliance as a Partner
   * The World Federation of Public Health Association and its Indigenous Work Group
   * The Ban ki-Moon Foundations Advisory Council on Native Youth Leadership.
2. The IDHA has begun collaborating with the nonprofit Global Choices (non-Indigenous PHA partner), which is proposing a 10-year moratorium on activities on the Arctic Ice sheet. We will be collaborating with them at the UNPFII and the UN Oceans Conference

**The IDHA's Next Steps involve action items and presentations at the following events:**

1. UNPFII on April 21-May 2, 2025, New York
2. World Health Assembly 78, May 19- 27, 2025, Geneva
3. UN Ocean Conference, June 9-13, 2025, France
4. EMRIP 18 July 14-18, 2025, Geneva
5. Planetary Health Alliance Annual Meeting October 7-10 Netherlands
6. UN Climate Change COP30, November 10-21, Brazil

**Funding**: The IDHA Chair encouraged members to share their ideas on potential funders that could support our work