

**NIHB Public Health Policy and Programs Department
Meeting Summary**

Violence Prevention Convening Sessions

Session #1

**April 7, 2020, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM EST; April 8, 2020, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM EST
Virtual (Zoom)**

Convening and Report Hosted and Prepared by: National Indian Health Board (Nina Martin, Public Health Project Coordinator, Public Health Policy and Programs Department)

Participant Engagement by Area¹:

- Alaska: 1
- Albuquerque: 1
- California: 3
- Great Plains: 1
- Navajo: 1
- Phoenix: 2
- Portland: 1
- Tucson: 1

Non-Participant Attendees:

- Pam Brown, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC Collaborator)
- Jeffrey Herbst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Branch Chief)
- Laura Kollar, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Science Officer)
- Nina Martin, National Indian Health Board (Host)
- Theda New Breast, Native Wellness Institute (Facilitator)
- Phyllis Ottley, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC Collaborator)
- Sara Zdunek, National Indian Health Board (Notetaker)

Summary: Eleven individuals representing Tribal and community-based organizations participated in a one-and-a-half-day session of facilitated discussion and presentations. One facilitator from the Native Wellness Institute, two staff from the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), and four partners from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) were present. NIHB selected participants based on their experience working in Tribal violence prevention and response. This was the first in a series of three convening sessions to understand key issues, facilitators, barriers, and potential pathways to address violence prevention in Indian Country. The information provided in this report is a summary of the individual conversations shared by participants.

Notes (If needed): On the first day, attendees participated in two group discussion sessions. In these sessions attendees discussed key violence issues, and explored the larger context in which violence operates and its impact on Tribal communities. Participants shared specific types of

¹ Participant names have been withheld for confidentiality.

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violence they have seen in their work, including domestic violence, intimate partner violence, physical violence, trauma associated with substance use, and the violence against missing and murdered women and girls. Many discussed these issues in the terms of their work and the strategies they use to prevent future violence. Several described providing services to survivors or leading education programs for perpetrators. The group also described broader forms of violence they have observed, including the negative effects of racism, intergenerational trauma, and social norms. A few participants commented on the normalization of violence and the challenge this presents for violence prevention work. Several participants raised the role of men and the need to engage this group in prevention efforts.

On the second day, Jeffrey Herbst provided a welcome on behalf of CDC and Laura Kollar and Phyllis Ottley (CDC) presented on violence prevention resources and research. The group shared presentations describing attendee's work and the current issues and challenges they face. The group closed with reflections.

Evaluation Results: Participants were asked several questions about Session #1's content, presentation, and opportunities for improvement. Seven individuals provided evaluation data. About 50% ($n = 4$) agreed the session helped them understand more about the types of violence impacting Tribes. Seventy percent ($n = 5$) reported they "somewhat agreed" or "strongly agreed" that the session helped them connect with others working in violence prevention. Over 80% agreed that the information discussed was relevant. Overall, most respondents agreed that the facilitator was knowledgeable, responsible, and respectful of cultural beliefs. Several participants disagreed that there was sufficient time for all participants to share. Overall, the majority (80%, $n=5$) reported they were "somewhat" or "extremely" satisfied with Session #1. Participants also reported in the free response section that they would like additional time for discussions, and increased participant interaction.

Next Steps/Follow Up:

- Conduct Session #2 in May 2020 (May 20-21)

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Attachments:

- Convening Session #1 Agenda

Agenda – Violence Prevention Convening Series

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OVERALL CONVENING GOALS:

- Discuss violence in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities
- Describe key issues experienced in participant communities
- Understand protective factors, barriers, and gaps to preventing violence
- Identify priority areas for future programming and investment

CONVENING SESSION 1 – April 7-8 | VIRTUAL (ALL TIMES IN EST)

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Time (EST)	Activity
DAY 1 (April 7)	
11:00-11:15am	Opening prayer and welcome
11:15am-12:00pm	Overview of convening series <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why this series• Format and expectations• Brief intro from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
12:00-12:30pm	Introductions/Icebreaker
12:30-12:45pm	Break
12:45-1:00pm	Development of group norms
1:00-2:30pm	Discussion #1: “Exploring violence”
2:30-3:30pm	Lunch
3:30-5:00pm	Discussion #2: “Understanding types of violence and their impacts on communities”
5:00-5:15pm	Break
5:15-6:00pm	Reflection and Wrap up
DAY 2 (April 8)	
11:00-11:15am	Recap of Day #1
11:15-11:45am	Presentation #1: Evidence-based strategies for violence prevention (CDC)
11:45am-12:45pm	Group Presentations #1 (7 presentations, 5 min/pres + 15 min Q&A)
12:45-1:45pm	Group Presentations #2 (6 presentations, 5 min/pres + 15 min Q&A)
1:45-2:00pm	Break
2:00-2:30pm	Summary and wrap up