



# ARIZONA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE

## November 2024 Newsletter

**Mission statement:** *The mission of the AACIHC is to advocate for increasing access to high quality health care programs for all American Indians in Arizona.*

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### Director's Note

Greetings Everyone!

It is an honor for all to celebrate Native American Heritage month. President Biden also issued a Proclamation in acknowledgement of Native American Health Month. The history of this month goes back to May 1916 as the first American Indian Day was celebrated in New York. The event was based on the efforts of Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, who rode across the United States on horseback seeking approval from 24 state governments to designate a day to honor American Indians.



**Dr. John Molina**  
*Director, Arizona Advisory  
Council on Indian Health Care*

To this day we set aside this month to celebrate the culture, language, sovereignty, and contributions of our Native American people to this country. As Native American people we also celebrate the resilience of our people, which not only helps heal our communities from a dark history but also provides a bright future for our next generations...in line with this year's theme of "Confronting Challenges and Forging New Pathways." I invite you to join our other Native American relatives to participate in the many events and activities that will be taking place around our state. These events help to connect us to our heritage, revitalize our spirits and embrace all people as a unified community.

Be safe, continue living a healthy lifestyle and be well!

## AACIHC Agency Updates



### CDC-CCR Team

#### **CHR Summit VIII - Registration is Open!**




## COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant



# Team

## Save the Date: Final Tribal Pandemic Coalition Meeting



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### FINAL TRIBAL PANDEMIC COALITION MEETING

Tuesday, December 10th, 2024  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Phoenix Time)  
In Person and Virtual Options

#### In Person:

#### AACIHC OFFICE

801 E Jefferson, 4th Floor Arizona Room  
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

#### Virtual:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRMNF7T>

Once registered please keep a look out for virtual link.

Contact:

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if you have any questions!



## Legislative Updates



Every year, the AACIHC identifies and tracks legislative bills that may have a potential impact on the American Indian health care system in Arizona. Please see the information below on the bills we are currently tracking:

# LEGISLATIVE TRACKER



www.aacihc.az.gov

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If you have any questions regarding AACIHC's Policy Initiatives, please reach out to: Corey Hemstreet, Legislative Specialist |  
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*The AACIHC, utilizing its knowledge of Indian healthcare issues and tribal sovereignty, serves as a resource for Tribal governments and the State of Arizona, and supports prevention, training, education, and policy development as the keys to meeting the unique health care needs of the Arizona Indian population.*

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