



CHAPTER 2 – ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES OF HEALTH

Section 6: Overview of the Indian Health System for ACHs

Importance of Understanding the Indian Health Delivery System

Understanding the Indian Health System is essential to establishing a successful and productive relationship between Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs), tribes, urban Indian health programs (UIHPs) and tribal organizations. Effective engagement with Tribes and UIHPs will produce better results in addressing health disparities for American Indians/Alaska Natives. Such efforts can make significant impacts on an ACH's overall regional population health.

Benefits of ACH-Tribal-UIHP Partnerships

1. Engaging with Tribes/UIHPs is consistent with ACH principles and State contract requirements. Tribes/UIHPs are listed as one of the many regional partners ACHs are required to engage with.
2. Engaging with Tribes/UIHPs can help ACHs learn from Tribes/UIHPs' experience in building and implementing health systems

Case in Point – the Lummi Model