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New Report from UIHI:

Envisioning a National Health Information System for Urban Indian Health Organizations

On August 13, 2009, urban Indian health organizations from 21 cities across the nation participated in a planning session to consider strategies for a National Urban Indian Health Data System. This Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded effort built off the findings of the 2007 Urban Indian Health Commission report, and focused on the process of defining Health Information Technology goals across urban Indian health organizations.

The following focus areas were identified in the strategic planning process as priority action items:

- Assess Technology Readiness
- Coordinate Advisory Workgroups
- Build Technology Infrastructure
- Arrange Ongoing Strategic Planning
- Analyze Data Capacity Gaps
- Provide Technical Assistance
- Establish Centralized HIT Guidance
- Develop Staff Training and Education

The considerations and requirements identified in this report will help ensure thoughtful implementation of HIT tailored to the needs of organizations individually and across the urban Indian health organizations as a whole. There remains much to be done in implementing HIT for improving health services, capturing accurate data for population analysis, and meeting the requirements for securing and retaining resources to better serve the urban AI/AN health community. This report aims to provide guidance in this important work and the next steps required to bring the strategic plan to action.

Hard copies of the report have been mailed to urban Indian health organizations. To download the full report, please visit <http://www.uihi.org/publications/reports/>.



“Technology that is a part of our future – we need to use it in a way that will be beneficial to our individual institutions as well as all as a whole.”

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