

**THE SEATTLE INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
RESEARCH STUDY INTERVIEW/SURVEY CONSENT DOCUMENT**

**STUDY TITLE:** Effects of government shutdowns on Urban Indian Organizations

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The Urban Indian Health Institute and University of Washington Department of Bioethics and Humanities invite you to take part in a series of interviews and/or surveys to better understand implications and effects of government shutdowns on urban Indian organizations. This document provides information on the study goals, rationale, and design. It also outlines potential benefits and/or risks of participation. This study has been approved as exempt by the University of Washington Institutional Review Board and reviewed and approved by the Research Review Committee at the Urban Indian Health Institute. Please review this document carefully and contact the study team if you have any questions.

**PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:** The purpose of this study is to identify and define how federal government shutdowns impact urban Indian organization operations, services, and planning.

**RATIONALE:** There have been numerous reports on the effects of the latest December 2018 government shutdown on multiple agencies represented by the 800,000 federal employees who were furloughed and/or ordered to continue working without pay. However, relatively little reporting has been done on the impacts on clinical and social services to tribes and urban Indian-serving organizations. This study aims to systematically document organizational leadership perspectives to better understand short- and long-term effects of government shutdowns on efforts to serve urban American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

**STUDY DESIGN:** This is a mixed methods longitudinal study comprised of semi-structured interviews and an online survey. Eligible participants must be Chief Executive Officers, Executive Directors, Department/Division Directors, or other leadership affiliated with urban Indian-serving organizations located in the United States. Participants must also speak and read English and be 18 years or older.

**WHAT WILL YOU BE ASKED TO DO?** After you have reviewed this information sheet and have clicked on the link provided in the invitational email, you will be asked to schedule an interview with the research team. With your permission, the interview will be audio-recorded and transcribed for qualitative analysis. After responding to the interview scheduling questions, you will be directed to an online survey. We anticipate that the survey will take 20 to 30 minutes to complete.



To document additional events, effects, or impacts over time related to the threat or implementation of government shutdowns, we will reach out to you at two additional time points around congressional budget sessions: September/October 2019 and January/February 2020. These follow up surveys will allow us to document immediate and longer-term effects on your organization, as well as direct and some indirect issues that arise over a 12 month period. Taking part in this study is voluntary. You will be free to leave the study at any time. You may also choose not to answer specific questions throughout the surveys. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you exit the survey, what you may have completed will not be saved. You will need to re-enter the survey and start from the beginning. There is a section in the survey where we ask if there are additional leadership that you believe would be interested in participating in the study. If you are unable to fill in all of the information asked, please complete the section to the best of your knowledge. Additional leadership contact information that you acquire once the survey has been submitted may be sent to the research staff separately via email to [meenar@uihi.org](mailto:meenar@uihi.org) or [josephc@uihi.org](mailto:josephc@uihi.org).

**PRODUCTS & SECONDARY USE OF DATA:** UIHI will analyze qualitative and quantitative data at our office in Seattle, WA. We will develop the following documents and disseminate to all urban Indian organizations available through listservs and other publicly available outlets such as the UIHI website.

- Preliminary findings summary and policy brief; Summer 2019
- Peer-reviewed journal articles; submitted Spring 2020
- Final report and policy brief; Spring 2020

Datasets for this study will be maintained at the UIHI office as resources for training public health interns and urban Indian organization staff in qualitative and quantitative methods. Additional research reports may be conducted should they fall within the scope of work approved by the Institutional Review Board and the purpose of the study described above. You may contact us to remove your information from survey or interview datasets at any time.

**COMPENSATION:** No compensation will be offered to participants of this study. Additionally, there is no cost to participate in the study.

**BENEFITS:** We do not anticipate that individuals will directly benefit from taking part in this study. You will, however, provide critical insight into how federal decision-makers affect the abilities of urban Indian organizations to maintain operations and capacity to serve the needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives across the country. This information will be used to publish internal white papers, peer-reviewed articles, policy briefs, etc. that document the implications of government shutdowns on urban Indian organizations and may be used to inform local, regional, and national dialogue.

**RISKS:** There are minor risks associated with your participation. People may find out that you supported this research study. You may indirectly share the views of others via stories or relations that are disturbing. You may experience discomfort or sadness while reflecting on losses that are organizational, relational, or personal. To keep these risks at a minimum, we ask that you inform the research team at any point throughout the study. Please note that you may skip questions or exit the surveys at any time.

**PRIVACY:** The information you share with us will be kept private. Only research staff approved by The University of Washington Institutional Review Board and the Research Review Committee at the Urban Indian Health Institute will be able to see raw survey or interview responses. Most findings will be



reported in aggregate, but specific stories may include organization and personal identifiable information as it relates to emphasizing particular needs or costs associated with shutdown activities or events. Any results that are published will be reviewed by Dr. Erika Blacksher, PhD and Dr. Rose James, PhD. If you wish to withhold your name or other identifiable information, this information will not be shared in published or other deliverable documents described above. Identifiable information will be removed from the interview transcripts per your preferences. We will store interview transcripts and survey data on a password protected computer and/or locked storage cabinet in the office of the Urban Indian Health Institute.

If you report child abuse or neglect, we have to inform the department of social services, as it is the law. We are also required to report anyone who claims they plan to harm themselves or another person to law enforcement.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant or would like to report a concern or complaint about this study, please contact The University of Washington Institutional Review Board at 206.543.0098, or [hsdinfo@uw.edu](mailto:hsdinfo@uw.edu). You are also welcome to contact the research team listed at the top of this document to discuss questions or potential issues with the study.

The research team greatly appreciates the work that you do and your willingness to share your perspectives with us on this timely and important topic.

Hysh'ke (Thank you),

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