SEATTLE INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

2021 Local Health Priorities—City of Seattle

Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB) ensures the health and well-being of urban American Indian and Alaska Native communities by providing culturally attuned healthcare and human services; conducting data research through its research division, Urban Indian Health Institute; and collaborating with tribal, community, and local partners.

Health and Housing Infrastructure Priorities

Ensure access to culturally attuned healthcare and housing

- Identify and transfer ownership of underutilized city land and/or capital infrastructure for the relocation of SIHB’s 95 bed Substance Use Disorder (SUD) inpatient treatment facility—Thunderbird Treatment Center—offering culturally attuned behavioral health services with expanded options for pregnant adults
- Make meaningful investments in culturally attuned and affordable temporary and long-term housing models led by and for American and Alaska Native people

American Indian and Alaska Native Relationship Priorities

Honor Trust and Treaty Obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native citizens

- Expand the Tribal Consultation policy and create an Urban Confer policy across city departments to honor trust and treaty obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native citizens, and inform, develop, and implement Indigenous perspectives within legislation and government funded programs

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Address violence against Native women and girls

- Create funding set aside in department budgets for tribes and urban Indian organizations to conduct culturally attuned direct services in the areas of gender-based violence, sexual violence, human and sex trafficking, homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorder services

Supporting Priorities

Build thriving communities through community-led and culturally attuned services

Invest in the JustCARE pilot project and other community-based programs that do not rely on carceral systems to respond to issues of extreme poverty, addiction, mental health, and housing instability