2021 Local Health Priorities—King County

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.

**Urban Indian Infrastructure**

**Address housing and healthcare infrastructure disparities**
- Identify and transfer ownership of underutilized county 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

**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

**American Indian and Alaska Native Relationship Priorities**

**Honor Trust and Treaty Obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native citizens**
- Develop Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer policies within county departments to inform, develop, and implement Indigenous perspectives within legislation and government-funded programs
- Develop Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer policies within the Regional Authority on Homelessness to 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