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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring access and better outcomes for all.

This letter serves as notice of the 2026 SAMHSA Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting that will take place on September 15 – 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, in Anacortes, Washington. Members of the public are invited to attend and observe the hybrid meeting, but active participation is limited to tribal leaders and their technical advisors. The Tribal Caucus will occur prior to the public meeting (September 15 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time, September 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., and September 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.) and is open only to elected tribal officials by invitation.

Please register in advance using the following **registration link**. During the meeting, SAMHSA TTAC delegates and SAMHSA leadership will discuss SAMHSA programs/initiatives and Tribal behavioral health priorities.

The SAMHSA TTAC is also currently recruiting for vacancies in the following areas:

- Bemidji Area: Alternate Delegate
- Billings Area: Alternate Delegate
- California Area: Alternate Delegate
- Nashville Area: Primary and Alternate Delegate
- Oklahoma Area: Alternate Delegate
- Phoenix Area: Alternate Delegate
- Portland Area: Alternate Delegate
- Tucson Area: Primary and Alternate Delegate
- At-Large: Alternate Delegates (2 positions)

Review the TTAC Charter for more information on TTAC function, activities, and structure. Additional information on TTAC Nomination process can be found here. Send all nominations to CAPT Karen Hearod at: otap@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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