

# CHAP Learning Collaborative ECHO

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## Portland Area CHAP Certification Board (PACCB) RECRUITMENT

Under the direction and resolutions of the 43-federally recognized tribes in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, the Portland Area CHAP Certification Board (PACCB), which has 13 members, is tribally-led and provides Board oversight with federal support.

### Area Certification Board Oversight – Legislative Authority

The Department of Health and Human Services - Indian Health Service has taken a significant step with the release of Circular 20-06, which outlines the implementation of a National CHAP for the continuous 48 states. This policy is a stride towards integrating health aides into healthcare teams, offering patient-centered care similar to Alaska's CHAP model. It aligns with the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, aiming to elevate health status among American Indians and Alaska Natives nationwide.

CHAP was authorized by Congress to promote the achievement of the health status objectives in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. To improve health status among American Indians /Alaska Natives nationwide.

On April 14, 2021, former Area Director Dean Seyler consulted with tribes through a Dear Tribal Leader Letter on the “creation of the Portland Area CHAP Certification Board”. In the letter he listed the responsibilities of the PACCB including the Board’s diverse representation of compacting and contracting Tribes and direct service Tribe’s membership.

### Portland Area CHAP Certification Board (PACCB)

Tribal leadership: The PACCB operates under the guidance of the 43 federally recognized tribes, ensuring that the board's actions reflect the needs and values of the communities it serves.

Board responsibilities: With federal support, the PACCB is responsible for certifying individuals and training programs, maintaining culturally tailored care, and setting standards for CHAPs.

Board composition: The PACCB benefits from a diverse range of expertise conditional based on current employment or documented experience within the THS, CHAP, CHAP education program, or state health agency.

### PACCB Bylaws – Mission – Goals and Intent

Mission: The mission focuses on addressing social determinants of health and enhancing access to integrated, high-quality healthcare.

Certification process: Reviewing and recommending certification for Tribal Community Health Providers and training programs.

Continuing education: Approving continuing education for providers to address health inequities and uphold certification standards.

Health care access: Enhancing access to care by increasing the number of CHAP providers within the Tribal Health System.

### PACCB Milestones and Recognition

First meeting: The inaugural board meeting was held in August 2021 marking the beginning of the PACCB's journey, setting the foundation with bylaws and standards and procedures.

Formal recognition: In April 2023, IHS Director Tso officially recognized the PACCB, a milestone in its development.

Provisional certification: Following Tso's administrative decision in May 2023, the PACCB began evaluating and endorsing CHAP provider applications, pending official authorization.

### PACCB Membership and Operations

Criteria: Based on employment or experience within THS, CHAP, or state health agencies.

Volunteer service: Members serve without compensation, with vacancies filled through nominations and appointments.

Meeting Frequency: The Board convenes four times per fiscal year, with additional special meetings as required.

Seating matrix:

### **Portland Area Academic Review Committees (ARCs)**

PA ARCs were established in 2022 as part of the PACCB's efforts to evaluate and support educational programs.

Committees meet as needed to review curriculum and make recommendations on the certification process.

**The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board – Tribal Community Health Provider Program (NPAIHB TCHPP)** staff and subject matter experts ensures that certification requirements are developed in accordance with the Portland Area Standards and Procedures (PASP) and National Standards and Procedures (NSP). TCHPP works with internal and external partners, the Board, and ARCs to ensure that program milestones and goals are met. This includes creating certification resource toolkits, policies, and database to aid the Board with the certification process for individuals and education and training programs. Work alongside ARCs to test, problem solve, and validate certification processes for accuracy, including quality assurance, and PASP alignment. Work alongside the Board to ensure the approval and adoption of necessary operations meet alignment with the standards and procedure requirements for training, education, competency, experience, and supervision.

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### **Upcoming PACCB Meeting Schedule:**

February 15, 2024

June 13, 2024

August 15, 2024



### *The Guardians of the People's*

Design was created to represent how the eagles watch over our indigenous peoples from the skies above, not only during rough times in life... but the good times as well. The raven and eagle together, represents the unity of clans/families. The black paint represents a warrior spirit, and the red represents our medicine people.