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December 9, 2024

Re: Executive Consultation- Tribal Data Sharing Agreement

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

Respectfully, the Washington State Department of Health (WA-DOH) is hosting a consultation on a draft template Tribal Data Sovereignty Agreement presented by WA-DOH and guided by the Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council (GIHAC)'s Tribal Data Sovereignty Workgroup.

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and the [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we are inviting Tribes and partners to work with us on finalizing a Tribal Data Sharing Agreement (TDSA) template for availability and use by Tribes.

A TDSA is a data sharing agreement (DSA) with a Tribal Nation that goes beyond WA-DOH's standard DSA to acknowledge Tribal sovereignty. The TDSA identifies the Tribal Nation as an owner of the Tribal data that DOH holds, creating a mechanism for the Tribal Nation to govern the use of their data, and expanding access to WA-DOH held data.

On June 21, 2021, WA-DOH entered into consultation with Tribes, through the American Indian Health Commission, to create an umbrella TDSA that could be utilized by all Tribes within Washington State. Consultation ended without resolution on March 24, 2023. Since this time, GIHAC established the Tribal Data Sovereignty Workgroup to help guide this process through the development of guiding principles, which GIHAC adopted on December 3, 2024.

With GIHAC's vote on December 3, 2024, it was requested that we move into consultation for the finalization of a WA-DOH TDSA template based on GIHAC's work. We invite you to join us for the following dates and times:

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Zoom Information
Roundtable #1	Thursday, December 12 th , 2024 from 2 pm – 3:30 pm	847 9211 8164 Passcode: 085267
Roundtable #2	Thursday, December 19 th , 2024 from 2 pm – 3:30 pm	824 0953 7124 Passcode: 000133
Consultation	Thursday, January 9 th , 2025 from 2 pm – 3:30 pm	842 0394 4304 Passcode: 130674

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Best,



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