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NAIC/American Indian and Alaska Native Liaison Committee  
Denver, Colorado  
November 18, 2024

The NAIC/American Indian and Alaska Native Liaison Committee met in Denver, CO, Nov. 18, 2024. The following Liaison Committee members participated: Glen Mulready, Chair (OK); Trinidad Navarro, Vice Chair (DE); Lori K. Wing-Heier (AK); Dean L. Cameron (ID); Grace Arnold (MN); Chlora Lindley-Meyers (MO); Mike Causey (NC); Jon Godfread (ND); Scott Kipper (NV); Andrew R. Stolfi (OR); Larry D. Deiter (SD); Jon Pike represented by Tanji J. Northrup (UT); Mike Kreidler represented by Todd Dixon (WA); Nathan Houdek (WI); and Jeff Rude (WY).

1. Adopted its Summer National Meeting minutes.

Director Wing-Heier made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rude, to adopt the Liaison Committee's Aug. 14 minutes (see *NAIC Proceedings – Summer 2024, NAIC/American Indian and Alaska Native Liaison Committee*). The motion passed unanimously.

2. Announced the Reaffirmation of its 2024 Mission Statement for 2025

Commissioner Mulready announced that the Liaison Committee conducted an e-vote that concluded Oct. 15 to reaffirm its 2024 mission statement for 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

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2021, the U.S. rate of deaths before age 75 from preventable causes per 100,000 population was 231.9. For AI/AN individuals, however, that rate was more than double the national rate, at 478.9. In one state, the rate of preventable deaths was more than four-and-a-half times the national rate, at 1,394 deaths from preventable causes per 100,000 population. Snyder said the AIMES Alliance is working to accomplish its mission through communications, outreach, and policy development. Dr. Muzquiz said the AIMES Alliance envisions an environment where urban and rural Tribal members benefit from access to fully staffed medical facilities filled with physicians who provide high-quality and culturally appropriate care and invest in the communities they serve. She said the Alliance also envisions a medical education and training environment where allopathic and osteopathic physicians have extensive opportunities to benefit communities and further their education and training in urban and rural Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribal-administered, and other Indigenous clinics and facilities.

Dr. Muzquiz said Dr. Donald Warne leads the AIMES Alliance as its convener and is currently serving as co-director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health. She said Warne is an acclaimed physician, one of the world's preeminent scholars in Indigenous health, health education, policy, and equity, as well as a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe from Pine Ridge, SD. Sh

Organizations (UIOs). She said this system finds creative ways to help patients and GME provides an opportunity for this type of creative training.

Dr. Muzquiz said the goal was for medical students to

(PRC) program provides short-term assistance to low-income families and individuals in need of emergency help. The program is run by the local County Department of Job and Family Services.

McKenna said Tribal Cost Management Resources through the Medicare Modernization Act and PRC Rates Rule allow Medicare-like rates which saves 75% of billed charges on hospital-based or professional medical claims; through Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA); Indian Health Care Improvement Act ;