

**Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board  
Meeting Agenda**

Meeting Date: 2024-10-15 Meeting Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: Virtual

MEMBERS:

- Paul Charlton, MD - Medicine
- Christopher Jentoft, - Medicine
- Delvin Yazzie, MPH - Epidemiology
- Nanibaa' Garrison, Ph.D. - Genetics, Bioethics
- Paula Mora, MD - Medicine/ Public Health
- Sonya Shin, MD - Medicine

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Meeting Call to Order:

II. Call for Roll Call:

- Invocation:

- Introduction:

III. Review and Approval of October 15, 2024  
Meeting Agenda:

IV. Review and Acceptance of June 18, 2024  
Meeting Minutes:

NEW BUSINESS:

V. Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports:

VI. Acceptance and Approval of New  
Presentations:

VII. Acceptance and Approval Of Returning  
Presentations:

VIII. Acceptance and Approval of Serious Adverse  
Events (SAEs):

IX. Review and Acceptance of Manuscripts: 1)  
Factors of Indigenous Resilience in Addiction  
Treatment and Recovery Communities During the  
COVID-19 Pandemic #NRR-21.397 Manley  
Begay, EdD 2) Knowledge Holders and  
Practitioners: First Responders in Native Nations  
during COVID-19 Pandemic Manley Begay, EdD

X. Noon Hour Discussion:

XI. Announcements/Adjournment:

## QUARTERLY REPORTS

1. NNR-23.489 PI: Debra MacKenzie

Evaluating cumulative environmental exposure using geospatial modeling and personal exposure assessment  
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review  
Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering 1) March 20, 2024 - June 20, 2024; 2) June 21 - september 27, 2024 period

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2. NNR-19.332 PI: Gyan Nyaupane

Understanding the changing relationships of Indigenous peoples with their natural environments: A cross-cultural Study  
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review  
Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering February - July 2024 period

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3. NNR-15.212 PI: Mark Solomon

2015 Safety Belt Use Estimates for the Indian Nations.  
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review  
Description: request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering 1)April 1 - June 30, 2024, 2) July 1 - September 30, 2024 period

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4. NNR-17.289 PI: Eudora Redhouse

Youth Builders  
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review  
Description: Requesty Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports covering: 1) October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023; 2) January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024; 3) April 1 - June 30, 2024; 5) July 1 - September 30, 2024 period

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5. NNR-06.195 PI: James Deaton

National Indian Education Study 2007  
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review  
Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering July 15, 2024 - October 14, 2024 period

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6. NNR-16.234 PI: Karletta Chief

To Litso, the water is Yellow: Investigating short term exposure and risk perception of Navajo communities to the Gold King Mine toxic spill  
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review  
Description: Request review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering July-September 2024 period

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7. NNR-21.398 PI: Karletta Chief

Assessing Navajo COVID-19 Risks and Increasing Indigenous Resilience

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering June 17, 2024-September 17, 2024 period

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8. NNR-18.309 PI: Christine Buzinde

Cultural Mapping for the Western Area Tribal Parks includingg the Former Bennett Freeze Area

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance Covering July 1, 2024-September 30, 2024 period

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9. NNR-11.342 PI: Joan O'Connell

Comparative Effectiveness of Healthcare Delivery Systems for American Indian and Alaska Native using Enhanced Data Infrastructure

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering May - August 2024 period

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10. NNR-23.487 PI: Dornell Pete

Navajo ABID Study III: Effects of Helicobacter pylori on the human gut microbiota in the Navajo ABID Study

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering June 1 - August 30, 2024 period

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11. NNR-21.397 PI: Manley Begay, Jr.

Understanding Resilience and Mental Wellbeing: Southwest Indigenous Nations and the Impact of COVID-19

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering March 25, 2024 - June 24, 2024 period

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12. NNR-23.474 PI: Alark Saxene

The Role of Southwest Forests in the Social-Ecological Resilience of the Navajo (Din'e) Nation: A Case-Study of the Chuska Mountains and Defiance Plateau

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering June 20, 2024 - September 20, 2024 period

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## NEW PRESENTATION(S)

1. NNR-24.521 PI: Olathe Bigknife-Antonio

Increasing Nature Connection and Decreasing Climate Changes Distress in an Indigenous Populationn: The Development of a Traditional of a Traditional Ecological Intevention

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Review and Approval of New Study; Date Received - 10/03/2024

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2. NNR-24.522 PI: Jeremy Keenan

Causes of Visual Impairment in the Navajo Nation

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Review and Approval of New Study; Date Received - 10/07/2024

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3. NNR-24.523 PI: Deandra Jones

Preserving Traditional Knowledge, Resolving Conflicts and Estimating Population through Black Bear Research on Navajo Nation

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Review and Approval of New Study; Date Received - 10/07/2024

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4. NNR-24.525 PI: Carmen George

Medically Tailored Traditional Meals To Improve Heart Failure Care in the Gallup Service Unit

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Review and Approval of New Study; Date Received - 10/08/2024

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#### RETURNING PRESENTATION(S)

1. NNR-15.224 PI: Kohei Watanabe

Ethnography of Laughter: Laughter of Dine and Creation of Hoza

Reason on Agenda: Final Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval to Close Study attached is a USB flashdrive to research office

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2. NNR-02.094 PI: Mary Hoskin

Action for Health in Diabetes Look AHEAD

Reason on Agenda: Approval for Dissemination

Description: Acceptance and Review of publish manuscript title: Does Lifestyle Intervention Improve of Adults with Overweight/Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes? Findings from the look AHEAD and Randomized Trial

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Reason on Agenda: Final Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Final Report and request close out

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Reason on Agenda: Conference Presentation

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of powerpoint presentation in Shiprock Chapter and Northern Navajo Agency Council 1) Life and Wellness Lesson Study; 2) New Knowledge from Look Ahead Study

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Reason on Agenda: Approval for Dissemination

Description: Approval Dissemination email to Dr. Sara Michaels, IHS/Navajo Area

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3. NNR-09.241 PI: Barbara Overman

Giving Voice to Health Values from within the Navajo Culture

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering May 1,2024 - July 31,2024 period

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Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report covering August 1,2023 - July 31,2024 period

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Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025 period

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4. NNR-16.258 PI: Randall Swaim

Substance use among American Indian Youth attending schools on or near Reservation

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance July 1, 2024-September 30, 2024 period

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Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report covering October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024 period.

Attachments presentation slides.

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Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval Continuation Request covering October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025 period

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5. NNR-18.302 PI: Mark Bauer

Navajo NARCH Partnership: Evaluation of the Student Enhancement Program

Reason on Agenda: Conference Presentation

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of abstract presentation title: Lessons learn from facilitating a summer public health program for Navajo high school students at 2025 Society of Public Health Education Conference on April 2025 in Long Beach, CA

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Reason on Agenda: Conference Presentation

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Conference Presentation Leadership, Mentoring and Training the next Workforce on October 28, 2024 at the Society of Public Health Education

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6. NNR-22.442 PI: Nanette Lopez

A culturally-Relevant Micronutrient-Dense Plant Rich (mNDPR) dietary intervention for Native American

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report covering February 27, 2024 - February 27, 2024 period

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7. NNR-19.350 PI: Laura Hammitt

Surveillance for RSV and Other Respiratory Infections among Native American Children and Pregnant Women  
Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Amendment of Revised 1) Research Plan, 2) Child-Adolescent Questionnaire, 3) Child-Adolescent Baseline Chart Review; And new study materials 1) Parental Permission Form, 2) Consenting Flip Chart for Sativa, 3) Saliva Questionnaire, 4) Saliva Recruitment Script, 5) Johns Hopkins IRB Approval

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8. NNR-15.232 PI: Laura Hammitt

Etiology of pneumonia and burden of pneumococcal pneumonia in hospitalized American Indian adults

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024 period

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Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request for Continuation and Annual Report period

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9. NNR-22.457 PI: Joshua Allison-Burbank

Language is Medicine: A Language Nutrition Intervention to Prevent Development Delay in Dine Children

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request for Continuation and Annual Report period

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10. NNR-19.364 PI: Jennifer Richards

Replication of Respecting the Circle of Life (RCL) - Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program with Navajo Youth and Families

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering November 19, 2024- November 19, 2025 period

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11. NNR-24.513 PI: Jennifer Richards

The Hastiin Bidziil (Strong Man) intervention: A study to measure effectiveness of a secondary prevention program aimed at reducing substance use among Native men ages 18-26

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Amendment 1) Agency Referral Form, 2) Consent Form, 3) Research Plan, 4) Safety Protocol, 5) John Hopkins School of Public Health IRB Approval Letter

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12. NNR-19.364 PI: Jennifer Richards

Replication of Respecting the Circle of Life (RCL) - Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program with Navajo Youth and Families

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request for Annual Report covering November 19, 2023- November 19, 2024 period

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SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENT

1. NNR-02.110 PI: Vallabh Shah

Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study (DPPOS)

Reason on Agenda: Primary - Off Site SAE

Description:

Diagnosis: Uterine Prolapse

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Reason on Agenda: Primary - Off Site SAE

Description:

Diagnosis: Right hip replacement

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