

Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board
Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: 2026-06-15 Meeting Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Virtual

MEMBERS:

- Jonathan Hale, BS - **Chair** - *Animal Science, Health Safety (HEHSC)*
- Dr. Sonya Shin, MD - **Vice-Chair - Medicine, Nutrition, Public Health (OPVP)**
- Mae-Gilene Begay, MSW, BS - **Community Member, Public Health (HEHSC)**
- Delvin Yazzie, MPH - *Epidemiology, Public Health+ (OPVP)*
- Dr. Nanibaa' Garrison, Ph.D. - *Bioethics and Genetics (OPVP)*
- Dr. Emily Bartlett, MD - *Emergency Medicine (NAIHS)*
- Dr. Paula Mora, MD - *Medicine, Chief Medical Officer (NAIHS)*
- B. Alex Montoya, BCH - *Community Health Education, Navajo Culture (HEHSC)*
- Dr. Christine Samuel, PhD. - *Nursing, Education (HEHSC)*
- Floyd Ashley, MA - *Scientific Education (HEHSC)*
- Veronica Clark, Ph.D., PhD., MA, - *Education, Nutrition (HEHSC)*

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Call for Roll Call:
 - Invocation
 - Introduction:
- III. Review and Approval of June 15, 2026 Agenda
- IV. Review and Approval Minutes

NEW BUSINESS:

- V. Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports:
- VI. Acceptance and Approval of New Presentations:
- VII. Acceptance and Approval of Returning Presentations:
- IX. Acceptance and Approval of Manuscripts.
 - 1) Understanding Navajo Parents' Beliefs about Cradling and Early Mobility Practices NNR-19.331T Cathron Donaldson PT, DPT, DHSc**
 - 2) A Study Protocol for Rural Tribal School Partnerships for the Primary Prevention of Obesity among American Indian youth (P2) NNR-24.528 Dr. Regina Eddie**

X. Noon Hour Discussion:

XI. Announcements / Adjournment:

QUARTERLY REPORTS

1. NNR-20.389 **PI:** Olivia Lindly

Parents Taking Action to Improve Autism Services Access for Navajo Families in Northern Arizona: Intervention Adaptation and Pilot Trial

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Report covering February 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026 period

2. NNR-25.552 **PI:** Eudora Redhouse

Naasdi Focused: Evaluating NativeSTAND together with the Navajo Summer Youth Employment Program

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Report covering March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026 period

3. 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 Quarter Report covering December 28, 2025 - March 26, 2026 period

4. NNR-25.569 **PI:** Devon Denny

Din'e Bizaad (Navajo) Language Project

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Reports covering: 1) December 16, 2025 - February 16, 2026, 2) February 16, 2026 - May 16, 2026 periods

5. NNR-26.579 **PI:** Alan Kelley

Nizhonigo Ohoo'aah Doo Ak'i'idiitxiih (A beautiful Approach to Acquiring Knowledge)

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Report covering February 18, 2026 - May 18, 2026 period

6. NNR-24.514 **PI:** Jonathan Davis

The Colorado River Basin Water Resilient Agriculture- San Juan County New Mexico

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Report covering January 16, 2026 - April 16, 2026 period

7. NNR-17.293 **PI:** Jonathan Davis

Evaluating Geodesign as a Planning Framework for Navajo Nation Chapters

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Report covering January 16, 2026 - April 16, 2026 period

8. NNR-25.568 **PI:** Joseph Hoover

Cultivating Water Resilience with an Indigenous Community in the Southwest US

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Report covering February 19, 2026 - May 18, 2026 period

9. NNR-17.281 **PI:** Nanibaa' Garrison

Perspectives on Genetic Research in the Navajo Nation

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Reports covering: 1) August 23, 2025 - November 22, 2025, 2) November 23, 2025 - February 22, 2026, 3) February 23, 2026 - May 29, 2026 periods

10. NNR-14.185 **PI:** Sheldwin Yazzie

Assessing Indoor Radon Exposure on the Navajo Nation.

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Report covering February 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026 period

NEW PRESENTATION(S)

1. NNR-26.590 **PI:** Patricia Henderson-Nez

Prevention Research on E-cigarette/Vaping Education for Native Teens

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Acceptance and Approval of New Study; Date Received - 05/29/2026

2. NNR-26.591 **PI:** Sarah Salisbury

Monumental Meetings

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Acceptance and Approval of New Study; Date Received - 05/29/2026

3. NNR-26.592 **PI:** Kimberly Yazzie

Citizen Perspectives of Energy Pathways in the 21st Century on the Navajo Nation in the Southwest U.S.

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Review and Approval of New Study; Date Received - 06/03/2026

RETURNING PRESENTATION(S)

1. NNR-25.550 **PI:** Sonya Shin

Water is Medicine: Addressing Water Insecurity to Advance Intergenerational Metabolic Health in Navajo Nation.

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering April 17, 2026 - June 17, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report covering June 17, 2025 - June 17, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering June 17, 2026 - June 17, 2027 period

2. NNR-24.510 **PI:** Ronda Jenson

Advancing Hozho in Autism Assessment (AHAA) for Din'e Families

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering June 18, 2026 - June 18, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Add/Change Co-Investigators

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval to add Brandon Rennie to the Project. ATTACHMENTS: NNIRB Approval & CITI Certification

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3. NNR-24.518 **PI:** Sara Souther
Enhancing Cultural and Ecologic at Resilience in Arizona: Assessing Tribal Priorities to Guide Forest Restoration Projects
Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request
Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering September 17, 2025 - Septemeber 17, 2026 period
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- Reason on Agenda:** Annual Report
Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Reports covering: 1) September 17, 2024 - September 17, 2025, 2) September 17, 2025 - September 17, 2026 periods
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4. NNR-21.398 **PI:** Karletta Chief
Assessing Navajo COVID-19 Risks and Increasing Indigenous Resilience
Reason on Agenda: Add/Change Co-Investigators
Description: Request Acceptance and Approval to add Katelynn Carroll to the Project. ATTACHMENTS: CV & CITI Certification.
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5. NNR-23.470 **PI:** Lauren Eberly
Improving the Quality of Heart Failure Care for Patients Receiving Care Through the Indian Health Service at the Gallup Service Unit
Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request
Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering April 18, 2026 - April 18, 2027 period
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6. NNR-19.331 **PI:** Cathron Donaldson
Understanding Navajo Parents' Beliefs about Cradling and Early Mobility Practices
Reason on Agenda: Annual Report
Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering Feburary 19, 2025 - Feburary 19, 2026 period
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- Reason on Agenda:** Quarterly Review
Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports covering: 1) February 19, 2025 - May 19, 2025, 2) May 19, 2025 - August 19, 2025, 3) August 19, 2025 - November 19, 2025, 4) November 19, 2025 - February 19, 2026 periods
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- Reason on Agenda:** Continuation Request
Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering Feburary 19, 2026 - Feburary 19, 2027 period
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7. NNR-19.347 **PI:** Davis Henderson

Navajo Children with and without Speech Sound Disorders

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering July 16, 2026 - July 16, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering July 16, 2025 - July 16, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering May 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Consent Modification

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Consent Modification: 1) Child Assent Script 2) Parental Permission for your Child to Participate in Research 3) Teacher's Questionnaire Consent 4) NAU IRB Approval Form

8. NNR-18.311b **PI:** Nancy Whitesell

Multisite Implementation Evaluation of Tribal Home Visiting (MUSE)

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering August 24, 2025 - August 23, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering August 25, 2024 - August 24, 2025 period

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarter Reports covering: 1) November 25, 2024 - February 24, 2025, 2) February 25, 2025 - May 24, 2025, 3) May 25, 2025 - August 24, 2025, 4) August 25, 2025 - November 24, 2025, 5) November 25, 2025 - February 24, 2026 periods

9. NNR-25.559 **PI:** Julia Nelson

Examining collaborative conservation for forest management in the southwestern United States: Social equity and social capital in New Mexico wood banks

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports covering: 1) September 16, 2025 - January 31, 2026, 2) January

31, 2026 - May 19, 2026 periods

Reason on Agenda: Conference Presentation

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Presentation Titled: "Collaborative Forest Restoration in the Southwestern United States: A Systems Analysis of Woods Banks in New Mexico" at the 2026 International Association for Society & Natural Resources Conference, on June 21-24, 2026 in Corvallis, OR

10. NNR-19.348 **PI:** Teresa McCarty

Indigenous- Language Immersion and Native American Student Achievement

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering July 16, 2026 - July 16, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports covering: 1) April 16, 2025 - July 16, 2025, 2) July 16, 2025 - October 16, 2025, 3) October 16, 2025 - January 16, 2026, 4) January 16, 2026 - April 16, 2026 periods

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering July 16, 2024 - July 16, 2025 period

11. NNR-23.478 **PI:** Scott Drum

SCC-PG: Just in Time Intervention for Members with Chronic Heart Diseases in Arizona Tribes

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports covering: 1) July 18, 2025 - October 18, 2025. 2) October 18, 2025 - January 18, 2026, 3) January 18, 2026 - April 18, 2026 periods

Reason on Agenda: Final Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Final Report covering June 4, 2024 - August 13, 2025 (extended to July 18, 2026) period. Request to transfer data to NNHRRB.

12. NNR-21.419 **PI:** Joshua Allison-Burbank

Project Safe Schools: Re-opening schools serving Native children and adolescents SAFELY

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering July 20, 2026 - July 20, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering July 20, 2025 - July 20, 2026 period

13. NNR-22.448 **PI:** Catherine Sutcliffe

Pneumococcal carriage among Native Americans in the Southwest (the PNEU-CARE Study)

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering July 19, 2026 - July 19, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering July 19, 2025 - July 19, 2026 period

14. NNR-20.376 **PI:** Laura Hammitt

Convalescent Plasma to Limit Coronavirus Associated Complications: A Randomized Double-Blind, Controlled, phase 2 study Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Human Coronavirus Immune Plasma (HCIP) vs. Control (SARS-CoV-2 non-immune) Plasma Among outpatients with Symptomatic COVID 19 (Treatment Study)

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval for Continuation Request covering July 30, 2026 - July 30, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering July 30, 2025 - July 30, 2026 period

15. NNR-18.307 **PI:** Laura Hammitt

Safety and Immunogenicity of V114 in Adults at Risk for Pneumococcal Disease (Adult PCV15 Study)

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering for June 19, 2026 - June 19, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering June 19, 2025 - June 19, 2026 period

16. NNR-16.264 **PI:** Allison Barlow

Preventing Early Childhood Obesity, Part I: Family Spirit Nurture, 3-9 Months, Part II: 18 Months

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering July 18, 2026 - July 18, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering July 18, 2025 - July 18, 2026 period

17. NNR-19.350 **PI:** Laura Hammitt

Surveillance for RSV and Other Respiratory Infections among Native Children and Pregnant Women

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Report covering July 16, 2026 - July 16, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report covering July 16, 2025 - July 16, 2026 period

18. NNR-21.429 **PI:** Mary Cwik

Validation of the ASQ - AskSuicide Screening Questions (ASQ) Questionnaire, in the Navajo Area Indian Health Service (NAIHS) Health Care Setting

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Amendments: 1) Add a Qualitative Component, 2) Add important context from providers who work with patients and administer risk tools

19. NNR-22.449 **PI:** Ashley Thacker

Dine' Household Water Survey

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering July 19, 2026 - July 19, 2027 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Annual Report covering July 19, 2025 - July 19, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Amendments: 1) Add a new Phase 1 follow-up activity consisting of in-depth interviews (IDIs) with a subset of participants (n=30), 2) Preliminary finding from the water quality testing component of this study

20. NNR-26.586 PI: Laura Hammitt

A Phase 3, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blinded, Randomized Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability of a Clostridioides difficile Vaccine in Adults 65 Years of Age and Older

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Amendments: 1) Minor administrative changes to correct typos in the header of the consent form, 2) Clarify and improve participant materials that provide guidance for e-diary completion

SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENT

1. 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: Primary - Off Site SAE

Description:

Dianosis: Hospitalization

Reason on Agenda: Primary - Off Site SAE

Description:

Dianosis: Suicidal Attempt

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