

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

Meeting Date: 2026-04-21 Meeting Time: 9:AM
Location: Virtual Or call in (audio only) +1 972-301-8157,,

MEMBERS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Call for Roll Call:
 - Invocation
 - Introduction:
- III. Review and Approval of April 21, 2026 Meeting Agenda:
- IV. Review and Approval of October 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- V. Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports:
- VI. Acceptance of Approval New Presentations:
- VII. Acceptance of Approval of Returning Presentations:
- VIII. Acceptance and Approval of Serious Adverse Events (SAE)
- IX. Acceptance and Approval of Manuscripts.
1)Breastfeeding Beliefs among American Indian

Mothers and Their Adolescent Daughters: A Dyadic Analysis **NNR-17.277 Dr. Denise Charron-Prochownik, PhD;** 2) *Active Bacterial Surveillance for Staphylococcus aureus on the Navajo and White Mountain Apache Reservations.* **NNR-16.238 Dr. Laura Hammit, PhD;** 3) *Preventing Early Childhood Obesity, Part I: Family Spirit Nurture, 3-9 Months, Part II: 18 Months.* **NNR-16.264 Dr. Allison Barlow, PhD;** 4) *A Hozho Centered Narrative Review of Neurodevelopmental Assessment Practices.* **NNR-24.510 Dr. Ronda Jensen, Ph.D;** 5) 6)

QUARTERLY REPORTS

1. NNR-05.175 **PI:** Kimberly Mohs

Navajo Area Indian Health Services - Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Demonstration Project

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering January 1, 2026 - June 1, 2026 period

2. NNR-11.323 **PI:** Johnnye Lewis

Navajo Birth Cohort Study (NBCS)

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering November 23, 2025 to February 24, 2026 period

3. 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 Two (2) Quarterly Reports covering 1) July 30, 2025 - October 30, 2025, 2) October 31, 2025 - January 31, 2026 period

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 of Quarterly Report covering January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026 period

5. NNR-17.277 **PI:** Denise Charron-Prochownik

Stopping Gestational Diabetes in Daughters and Mothers - Phase 2

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report Covering December 2025 - March 2026 Period

6. NNR-19.360 **PI:** Debra MacKenzie

Navajo Birth Cohort Study/environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes Plus (NBCS/ECHO+)

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Requesting Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering December 18, 2025 to March 17, 2026.

7. 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 January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026 period
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8. NNR-21.425 **PI:** Wayne Morgan
Healthy Hooghans Pilot Project
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review
Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering 1) October to December 2025, 2) January to March 2026 period
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9. NNR-25.548 **PI:** Susan Gross
Feasibility of a WIC food ordering and delivery service on the Navajo Nation.
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review
Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Quarterly Report covering November 2025 - February 2026 period
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10. NNR-24.528 **PI:** Regina Eddie
A School-Based Partnership with Rural Tribal Schools for the Prevention of Obesity among American Indian Youth (P2)
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review
Description: Request: Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering: November 19, 2025-February 19, 2026 Period
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11. NNR-25.560 **PI:** Ashley Lowe
Improving Indoor Air and Wellness for Din'e Families
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review
Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026 period
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12. NNR-26.572 **PI:** Howard Will
Collaboration to Improve Classroom Engagement and Outcomes for Native American and Rural Student
Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review
Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Report covering January 20, 2026 to April 21, 2026.
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13. 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 January - March 2026 period

NEW PRESENTATION(S)

1. NNR-26.585 **PI:** Shawn Jordan

Supporting Education Sovereignty by Studying the Co-Design and Implementation of a Culturally Situated Approach to K-12 Engineering Education

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Review and Approval of New Submission; Date Received - 03/26/2026

2. 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: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Acceptance and Approval of New Submission; Date Received - 03/31/2026

3. NNR-26.587 **PI:** Renee Goldtooth-Halwood

Fostering use of toolkit to support implementation strategies that advance consumption of healthy beverage in Native American Communities

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Review and Approval of New Title; Date Received - 04/09/2026

4. NNR-26.588 **PI:** Darrah Sleeth

Evaluation of Report - Back Strategies for Long-term Exposure Information in Rural Tribal Population.

Reason on Agenda: NEW

Description: Remarks: Request Review and Approval of New Title; Date Received - 04/10/2026

FINAL REPORT

1. NNR-97.018 **PI:** Laura Hammitt

A double Blinded, Controlled Study of the Efficacy, Immunogenicity, Safety and Tolerability, and Effectiveness of a Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Containing 7 Serotypes (6B, 14, 19F, 23F, 18C, 4, and 9V) Compared to a Control Meningococcal C Vaccine in Navajo and Apache Indian Infants

Reason on Agenda: Final Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Final Report covering May 19, 1997 - May 19, 2026 period, and Request to Close Study. Attached is Thumbdrive for Navajo Research Office.

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

Multisite Implementation Evaluation of Tribal Home Visiting (MUSE)

Reason on Agenda: Final Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Final Report for Dissemination

RETURNING PRESENTATION(S)

1. NNR-25.565 **PI:** Sheila Hammer

Identifying the Psychosocial Impact of Cancer on American Indian Cancer Patients

Reason on Agenda: Change in Investigators

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval to add V.Ruth Pannill to study. CV, Part 5, and CITI Certificate attached.

2. NNR-18.323 **PI:** Phuoc Le

Illuminating Global Health: Social Theory and Medicine

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

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

3. NNR-22.456 **PI:** Dornell Pete

Navajo ABID Study II: Helicobacter pylori risk and treatment experiences in Navajo Adults

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Quarterly Reports covering: 1) October 1- December 30, 2025, 2) January 1 - March 25, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Change in Investigators

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval to add Ms. Brooke, MPH, BS to Project. Enclosed Part 5 certificate, CITI Certificate.

4. NNR-25.563 **PI:** Renee Tsinigine

Socio-economic and health impacts of coal mining and well-being of Din'e residents living within the Peabody Coal Leasehold Area using the Din'e Health Model

Reason on Agenda: Addition of Co-Investigator

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval to Add Three (3) New Staff to Project. 1) Joseph Hoover (Providing Research Support), 2) David Dalmar (Interpretation of Dine spoken during listening sessions), 3) V. Ruth Pannill (IRB Compliance Coordination & Project Management). CV's, Part 5 Certification and CITI Training Certifications attached.

5. NNR-25.567 **PI:** Laura Hammitt

VAX31-103 Study: A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Active-Controlled Clinical Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of VAX-31 in Healthy Subjects 50 Years of Age and Older with Immunobridging to Subject 18-49 Years of Age

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Amendment: 1) Due to recent change to IRS rules for research participants compensation \$600 to \$2,000. *IRS Research Information Update v1.0, JHU IRB Approval Letter enclosed.*

6. NNR-22.445 **PI:** Joshuaa Allison-Burbank

Piloting + Connection is Medicine

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

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

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report Covering May 17, 2025 - May 17, 2026.

7. NNR-26.578 **PI:** Laura Hammitt

VAX31-105 Study: A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Active-Controlled Clinical Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of VAX-31 in Healthy Subjects 50 Years of Age and Older with Prior Pneumococcal Vaccination

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of One (1) Amendment: 1) Due to recent change to IRS rules for research participants compensation.

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

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

Reason on Agenda: Abstract Submission

Description: Request Review and Approval of Abstract titled: "*Carriage Dynamics of Streptococcus Pneumoniae in Southwest U.S. Indigenous Communities Following PCV13 Impementation*" for in-person International Society of Pneumonia and Pneumococcal Disease (ISPPD) in Copenhagen, Denmark in May 17-21, 2026.

9. NNR-19.343 **PI:** Laura Hammitt

Active Surveillance for Invasive Bacterial Disease Among Native Americans in the Southwest (US)

Reason on Agenda: Abstract Submission

Description: Request for Review and Approval of Abstract titled: "*Serotype 4 Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (IDP) Among Indigenous Individuals i the Soutwest United States*" for in-person International Society of Pneumonia and Pneumococcal Diseases (ISPPD) in Copenhagen, Denmark on May 17-21, 2026.

10. NNR-25.546 **PI:** Rose Weeks

Service-side Constraints and Opportunities to Improve Vaccine Coverage in two Service Units in the Navajo Nation

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report Covering May 20, 2025 - May 20, 2026 period

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

Dine' Household Water Survey

Reason on Agenda: Conference Presentation

Description: Request, Acceptance, and Approval of Powerpoint Presentation Titled "Beyond the Numbers: Centering Community Voices and Equity in Water Data" at the 2026 U.S. WASH Convening Conference in Washington D.C., from May 5 - 7, 2026

12. NNR-23.492 **PI:** Kristin Mitchell

NATIVE-RISE (Risk Identification for Suicide and Enhanced Care)

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of four (4) Amendments: 1) add demographic questions to the povider and case manager surveys and edit questions that case manager complete, 2) adjust the maximum compensation amounts for IHS providers and case manager survey participants, 3) add texting and mailing services to help case managers caring contacts, 4) revise the

adverse event (AE) reporting plan with respect to anticipated AEs to report individual, anticipated (suicide-related) AEs for Groups A and C - groups where the Native_RISE model information is provided.

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

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

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of 3 Amendments; 1) a partner with additional Chapter Houses implementing Native STAND via their Summer Youth Employment Program in the Northern Navajo Area (these include six total: Nenahnezad, Gadi'ahi, Newcomb, San Juan, Shiprock, and Upper Fruitland). 2) increase the number of cohorts served at each Chapter House (approximately 3-4 at each Chapter House). 3) increase the size of each cohort (approximately 25-50 youth in each).

14. NNR-21.427 **PI:** Lorenda Belone

Family Listening Program a Culturally-Centered Dissemination & Implementation Project

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance of Quarterly Reports covering 1) February 2025 - April 2025, 2) May 2025 - July 2025, 3) August 2025 - October 2025, 4) November 2025 - January 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering November 16, 2025 - November 16, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report covering November 2024 - August 2025 period

Reason on Agenda: Abstract Submission

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Two (2) Abstracts title; 1) *Tribal-University Partnership: Appropriate role of institutions in supporting the implementation of an evidence-based Indigenous family programs*, at UNM Indigenous Education Research Conference, on April 23, 2026. 2) *Tribal-University Partnership in the Adaptation and Implementation of an Evidence-Based Indigenous Family Program*, at Nation Indian Child Welfare Association Annual Conference, in Oklahoma City, on March 29-April 01, 2026.

15. 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 December 17, 2025 - March 17, 2026 period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report covering March 17, 2025 - March 17, 2026 Study Period.

Reason on Agenda: Continuation Request

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Continuation Request covering March 17, 2026 - March 17, 2027 study period.
(Attached with UArizona IRB for January 12, 2026)

16. NNR-24.495 **PI:** Priscilla Sanderson

Hozhoogoo Naashaa doo (I Will Live in a Good Way): Breast Cancer Prevention

Reason on Agenda: Conference Presentation

Description: Request: Acceptance and Approval for two abstracts for dissemination. 1) Undergraduate Symposium on NAU Campus for April 24, 2026, requesting to give oral presentation and poster presentation.
2) Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Annual Conference on October 29-31, 2026 in Long Beach, California

17. NNR-25.565 **PI:** Sheila Hammer

Identifying the Psychosocial Impact of Cancer on American Indian Cancer Patients

Reason on Agenda: Conference Presentation

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of powerpoint presentation titled: Identifying the Psychosocial Impact of Cancer on American Indian Cancer Patients: Improving Quality of Life: Developing a Psychosocial Survey for Navajo Cancer Patients" at World Indigenous Cancer Conference in April 2026.

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

Perspectives on Genetic Research in the Navajo Nation

Reason on Agenda: Conference Presentation

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Presentation protocol title "Perspectives on Genetic Research in the Navajo Nation" at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in November of 2026

19. 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 November 2025 - January 2026 Period

Reason on Agenda: Annual Report

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Annual Report covering February 2025 - February 2026 Period

20. NNR-18.302 **PI:** Mark Bauer

Navajo NARCH Partnership: Evaluation of the Student Enhancement Program

Reason on Agenda: Addition of Co-Investigator

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval to add Dr. Christopher Dickerson as PI for the NARCH project at Dine College

Reason on Agenda: Amendment

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Amendment to approve planning meeting with IRB members of Navajo Nation and Dine College IRB Board

Reason on Agenda: Abstract Submission

Description: Request Acceptance and Approval of Abstract Submission, titled; *The Summer Research Enhancement Program: Culturally guided experience-based learning for Native American Undergraduate Public Health Students*, to the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, from November 1-4, 2026

Reason on Agenda: Quarterly Review

Description: Request Review and Acceptance for Quarterly Reports covering 1)April 17, 2025 - July 17, 2025, 2)July 17, 2025 - October 17, 2025 period

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