



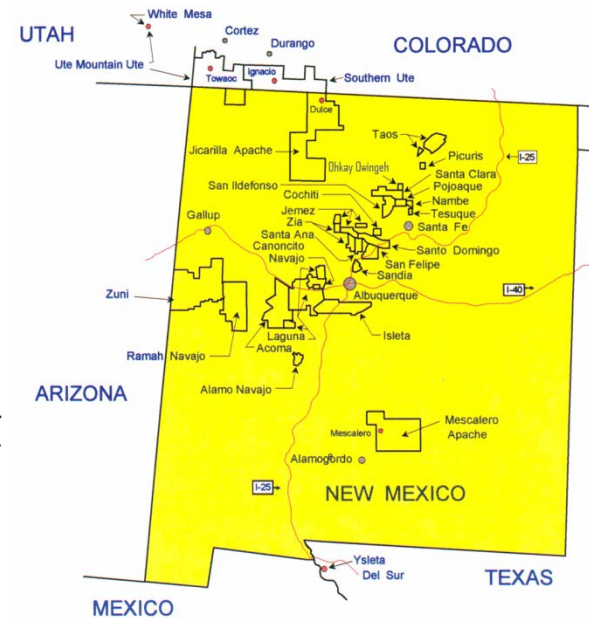
SOUTHWEST TRIBAL IRB

Tribal Environmental Public
Health Tracking Symposium
Albuquerque, NM
September 28, 2018



Why is the Establishment of a Local IRB Important to AAIHB and Southwest Tribes?

- AAIHB Native American Research Centers for Health projects (NARCH3, NARCH5, NARCH7, NARCH 10)
- Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center projects
- Other tribally-funded research projects



Southwest Tribal Institutional Review Board (IRB)

- Southwest Tribal IRB follows federal guidelines (Office of Human Research Protection).
- Tribal review is encouraged. Southwest Tribal IRB supplements the tribal review process.



Southwest Tribal IRB - Continued

- Tribes are required to submit a resolution from their tribal government authorizing Southwest Tribal IRB services.
- Research projects may be subject to review from other IRBs (examples: UNM IRB, Navajo Nation HRRB, IHS National IRB)



Southwest Tribal IRB Activities

- IRB educational outreach workshop for researchers conducting projects in southwest tribal communities
- IRB members and staff can provide technical assistance to Tribes who decide to start their own IRBs.



Southwest Tribal IRB Activities

- Next meeting: October 4, 2018 (usually 1st Thursday of the month)
- Annual revision of the IRB policies and procedures
- SW Tribal IRB members to attend national IRB conference/trainings (November 2018)

Research and the SW Tribal IRB

Research protocols that have been reviewed: 50

- Submitted by Tribes/Tribal organizations: 30
- Submitted by Universities (NM and AZ): 12
 - Student dissertations: 4
- Submitted by New Mexico Departments: 4
- Submitted by National Institute: 1
- Submitted by Private/For-profit: 2

The Southwest Tribal Institutional Review Board is committed to assisting Native students in navigating the IRB process. Members of the IRB will fill the role of mentor and advisor to students in need of this service.



Southwest Tribal IRB Membership

- Physician: Dr. William Freeman & Dr. Don Clark
- Community members: Rainey Enjady & Helen Klinekole (Mescalero Apache Tribe)
- Chair/Community member: Marvin Sarracino (Laguna Pueblo)
- Non-affiliated: Cheryl Fairbanks (Tlingit-Tsimpshian) & Roberto Armijo
- Scientist: Robbie Paul, PhD (Nez Perce); Emily Haozous (Chiricahua Fort Sill)

IRB Staff (non-voting): Rachell Tenorio, Delrae Peterson, and Geanna Capitan



IRB Review

- Types of review:
 - Full
 - Expedited
 - Exempt
- Cultural review
- Inquires (TA provided to researchers)

Research Proposal Submittal Checklist



A research packet must contain the following items to be considered complete:

1. Signed cover letter
2. A clear and complete description of the research to be conducted.
3. A copy of the consent form.
4. Information on the consent process.
5. If applicable, a copy of the assent form.
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7. If the Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator is faculty of a university or institution, a copy of the university or institution's IRB decision needs to be submitted.
8. If applicable, a copy of the Indian Health Service Area or Service Unit approval letter.



Research Proposal Submittal Checklist



9. A copy of the tribal approval letter from each participating tribe.
10. A copy of the proposed procedures to maintain confidentiality and anonymity.
11. If the proposal includes a survey or questionnaire, copies need to be submitted.
12. CV's or resumes of all project staff.
13. Budget
14. Timeline
15. Proof of human subjects' protection training completion for key research personnel, especially those working directly with the community.
16. Procedure for reporting adverse events.
17. Funding source(s) disclosure.
18. Signed principal investigator assurance.



IRB Member Training

IRB members receive appropriate training. IRB members and staff to attend comprehensive training at least once every three years to include; Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R), Office of Human Research and Protection (OHRP) training, and Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) online training).



Questions or Comments?



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