



ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, INC.

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Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. Celebrates 45 Years of Service to Tribal Communities

Albuquerque, NM — February 4, 2025 — The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. (AAIHB) proudly celebrates 45 years of dedicated service to the health and well-being of tribal communities across the Albuquerque Area. Since its establishment in 1980, AAIHB has remained steadfast in its mission to support the health priorities of the 27 tribal communities it serves through innovative programs, collaborative partnerships, and culturally grounded public health initiatives.

“Reaching this 45-year milestone is a testament to the resilience, commitment, and collaboration of our staff, tribal leaders, partners, and community members,” said Ayn N. Whyte, Executive Director of AAIHB. “Our work is rooted in honoring the strengths of our communities while addressing evolving health needs with respect, integrity, and cultural humility.”

Over the past four and a half decades, AAIHB has led numerous initiatives focused on health promotion, disease prevention, research, and advocacy. Its programs have addressed critical areas such as behavioral health, epidemiology, environmental health, sexual health, substance abuse, and youth development, reflecting the organization’s commitment to holistic well-being.

“This anniversary is not just a reflection of our past accomplishments but an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the future,” added Donnie Garcia, Chair of the AAIHB Board of Directors. “We look forward to continuing our work alongside tribal communities to promote health equity and support thriving generations to come.”

About the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board: The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. (AAIHB) is a non-profit organization established in 1980 to serve the health needs of tribal communities in New Mexico, Southern Colorado, and West Texas. AAIHB provides advocacy, technical assistance, and public health services to support the health and well-being of American Indian populations within its service area.

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