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Re: Collaborative- Opportunity to Participate in the WA-DOH Data@Health Collaborative

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals,

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we are writing to invite tribal partners to help shape Washington's public health data strategy as the [Data@Health Collaborative \(D@HC\)](#) enters its second year of implementation. [See last year's DTLL](#).

The D@HC brings together public health leaders from across Washington to set shared priorities for how the state collects, governs, and uses data to drive equitable public health action. As a governmental public health partner, tribal perspectives are essential to ensuring this work reflects the needs of all communities it serves.

Why Your Participation Matters:

- Amplifying Tribal Voices – Your input will ensure the Collaborative's decisions and strategies are culturally appropriate and responsive to the unique needs of tribal communities.
- Shaping Public Health Data Modernization – Your engagement will help co-create solutions that enhance data interoperability, usability, and accessibility, while preserving data sovereignty.
- Building Partnerships – Your participation will join a network of state, local, and tribal leaders dedicated to advancing equitable public health outcomes.

What to Expect - Members of the Data@Health Collaborative will:

- Contribute to the development of strategies and recommendations on data modernization efforts.
- Participate in quarterly meetings (virtual and/or in-person).
- Engage in sub-committees or working groups on specific focus areas of interest.

If you are interested in participating as a member of this committee, please review our charter and submit your interest [here](#). Invitations, meeting schedules and resources will be forthcoming.

For additional information, please contact Data Strategy Manager, Dannelle Hauser-Saslo, at dannelle.hauser-saslo@doh.wa.gov, or Executive Director, Candice Wilson, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations (OTPHR) at 360-819-7626 or candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov.

We look forward to collaborating with you to build a stronger, more resilient public health data ecosystem.

Sincerely,

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