CALL FOR ARTISTS
Due: Friday, March 20, 2020

Do you want to be involved in a community art project?

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) Advisory Workgroup is currently seeking American Indian and Alaska Native artists within Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to help create a BHA logo.

Theme? Please review the BHA/P Talking Points for Leaders for concept ideas (attached). Note: there are no restrictions

To be considered for this project, please submit no more than three (3) high resolution images and/or one (1) video of your original artwork (i.e. paintings, drawings, beadwork, crafts, pottery, sculpture, photography, woodwork, etc.). Your submission will be reviewed by a panel and selected artists will be contacted for an interview.

- The interview will take place during the BHA advisory meeting April 13, 2020 in Grand Mound, WA. We will pay your travel expenses (lodging/per diem/mileage) during this initial interview process.
- During your interview, you will have an opportunity to discuss your initial thoughts and approach of the development of the BHA logo.
- After the interview process, each artist will be given two (2) months to complete and submit their final logo design.
- The final logo concepts will be reviewed by the advisory group and the selected artist will be announced and awarded $1,000.

The final logo will be used for the sole purpose of creating a strong branding of the Behavioral Health Aide educational and career pathway. NPAIHB agrees to only use the selected logo and respectfully return artists’ submissions that were not selected. The selected artist will be asked to sign an agreement for the use of their artwork in various promotional material.

All applicants will be reviewed and receive notification of the next steps of their application.

Please submit no more than three (3) high resolution images and/or one (1) video of your original artwork (paintings, drawings, beadwork, crafts, pottery, sculpture, photography, woodwork, etc.), brief biography with recent and relevant links to your work (i.e. website, social media, etc.) by March 20, 2020 to:

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March 20, 2020 submission deadline
BHA/P Talking Points for Leaders

What is BHA/P?

- A Behavioral Health Aide/Practitioner (BHA/P) is a culturally informed, community and/or residential based, behavioral services Tribal Health Provider (THP);
- Behavioral Health THP’s are educated in traditional healing/spiritual healing as mentored by tribal respected practitioners providing holistic care for their community;
- Care includes behavioral health prevention, intervention, aftercare and postvention services to elders, youth, families and individuals;
- Treatment includes screening, case management, community education, substance abuse assessment and treatment, rehabilitative services, and quality assurance for case reviews;
- Connects mental health and SUD services;
- BHA/P care and services wrap around the patient in unison with the other two disciplines of CHAP THP (DHA/T and CHA/P) to provide holistic care.

How do you become a BHA/P?

- Interested parties need to apply at their local Tribe;
- Must be a high school graduate or have a GED;
- Must pass a 10M TABE test;
- Prior behavioral health experience is helpful.

Education & Career Track:

- Most education is online, in real-time virtual class rooms and independent study environments with occasional face to face sessions that may last one to two weeks;
- Online class can be accessed anywhere that internet connectivity is available;
- Education is delivered in a manner that supports the American Indian/Alaska Native learner in a way that is appropriate for them;
- The BHA/P can be working in the community, providing patient care at their current scope while continuing their education to BHP, BSW or MSW;
- An MOA with a tribal college will help drive that educational and degree seeking path.

Funding:

- Tribes currently receive no re-occurring program funding;
- Current efforts are supported through MTF & ACH grants;
- To achieve sustainability, SPA’s will need to include encounter rates for THP’s of all disciplines;
Impact:

- Access to on time, culturally appropriate, gold standard care is increased for beneficiaries;
- When a BHA/P works in a clinic with other Behavioral Health Providers, the attrition rate for all provider’s decreases;
- The program includes local elders to inform the BHA about ceremony, traditions and history while supporting them with individual and community activities;
- Local tribal based practices can be woven into the curricula and electronic Behavioral Health Aide Manual (eBHAM) to benefit all Pacific Northwest Tribes;
- The IHS policy needs amended to include tribal and Indian urban health care clinics.

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