



Application for Appointment

Seat: Native Person with Lived Experience of opioid use disorder (OUD), substance use disorder (SUD), mental health (MH), and/or reentry from carceral settings.

Please see the Dear Tribal Leader Letter (DTLL) included at the end of this application for more information about the Washington State Tribal Opioid and Fentanyl (WTOF) Taskforce.

Applicant Information

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Pronouns (optional):

Tribal Affiliation/Community Connection:

1. Lived experience (check all that apply)

I identify as a person with lived experience of:

- Opioid Use Disorder
- Substance Use Disorder
- Mental Health challenges or conditions
- Reentry after incarceration
- Family member/loved one impacted by OUD, SUD, MH, and/or Reentry

2. Briefly describe your lived experience and recovery/healing journey.

3. Letter of Reference

Please include at least one reference from a person who can speak to your lived experience.

4. Connection to Tribal communities and the priority areas.

The WTOF Taskforce focuses on five priority areas which serve as our monthly workgroup meetings. All Taskforce members are encouraged to participate in one or more of these workgroups:

- **Public Safety and the Justice System** (*Meeting dates TBD*)
- **Continuum of Care** (*2nd week of the month on Tuesday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm*)
- **Tribal Housing and Wraparound Services** (*2nd week of the month on Tuesday 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm*)
- **Family and Community Services** (*4th Wednesday 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm*)
- **Community Response** (*4th Thursday 8:30 am – 10:00 am*)

More information can be found on the Taskforce's [Fact Sheet](#) and [Legislative Report](#)

- a) Which of the Taskforce's priority areas are you most connected to through your lived experience? (You can reference one or more of the five areas)
- b) Briefly describe your connection to American Indian/Alaska Native communities (Tribal or Urban Indian):

- c) What perspectives or strengths do you bring as a person with lived experience that will help the Taskforce develop recommendations for programs, laws, and policies?

5. Availability and Commitment

The WTOF Taskforce meets quarterly, the second week of the month, on Thursday at 9:00 am with the option of attending at least one of the monthly subcommittee meetings related to the priority areas above. These meetings are virtual with occasional in person opportunities.

- a) Are you available to regularly attend the quarterly meetings and at least one of the monthly subcommittee meetings?

6. Selection Process

The American Indian Health Commission will receive and review the applications prior to submitting them to the WTOF Taskforce co-chairs who are elected Tribal leaders. The WTOF Taskforce co-chairs will make recommendations to the governor who will appoint the two seats per the legislative proviso [SB 5950](#), Section (145)(a). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the two seats are filled. If you are not appointed to the Taskforce, we may recommend you to one or more of the workgroups.

7. Confidentiality and Consent

I understand that my lived experience is valued as expertise and that I may be asked to share my perspectives in meetings and workgroups; it is not required. _____(initial)

I consent to being contacted by the American Indian Health Commission and their partners about this application and, if appointed, about Taskforce-related meetings and activities. _____ (initial)

By signing below, I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and to the best of my knowledge, and that I am applying to serve as a Native person with lived experience on the Washington State Tribal Opioid and Fentanyl Taskforce.

Signature: _____ Date: _____