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During the 2019 Washington Summit, NCUIH provided an update on findings of impacts from the government shutdown and published trackers for regulations and legislation online.

Washington, DC (April 30, 2019) — On April 23 and 24, NCUIH hosted over 120 attendees including representatives from Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHPs) and federal agencies. During the Summit, NCUIH released a preliminary report on the impact on the government shutdown on Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHPs). In addition, the Policy Department released online trackers for regulation and legislation.

- The shutdown report survey brief and key findings can be found [here](#).
- The legislative tracker will be updated on a biweekly basis with new legislation that NCUIH is watching as it relates to Urban Indian Health Program (UIHP) funding and policy. View the legislative tracker [here](#).
- The regulation tracker is a resource for following activities at federal agencies as they relate to the work of UIHPs. View the regulation tracker [here](#).

The conference featured 7 keynote speakers for a total of over 47 speakers who presented on topics including [2020 Census Update](#), [Strategies to Promote Compliance and Achieve Quality in your Healthcare Program](#), Sovereignty in the Era of Medicaid Work Requirements and ICWA from [Gregory Smith](#) and [Elliott Milhollin](#) of Hobbs Strauss, and [Past, Present, Future: Urban Indian Health Policy](#). Many of the presentations are available online [here](#).

“During the shutdown we heard about clinics closing. Indian Country has come together to say we can’t afford another shutdown,” said **Jacqueline Pata**, Executive Director at the National Council of American Indians (NCAI).

“Indian health is part of a trust obligation that goes back to the earliest treaties of American Indians with the United States Government. There is no argument to justify that urban Indian populations

should receive any different level of health care from US Government as part of that trust obligation,” said **Professor Matthew Fletcher**, Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center at the Michigan State University.

Day two of the Summit included a keynote from **Dr. Rose Weahkee**, Acting Director of Office of Urban Indian Health Programs at the Indian Health Service and a panel of Native American Staffers from Capitol Hill including Naomi Miguel from the House Committee on Natural Resources, Jacqueline Bisille from the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Heidi Todacheene from the Office of Congresswoman Deb Haaland.

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The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) is the premier National 501(c)(3) organization devoted to the support and development of quality, accessible, and culturally-competent health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) living in urban settings. NCUIH envisions a nation where comprehensive, culturally competent personal and public health services are available and accessible to AI/ANs living in urban communities throughout the United States. NCUIH represents 42 Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHPs) in the United States.