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At long last we are excited to formally announce that HSLIC is the recipient of \$41,029 in funds from the [Network of the National Library of Medicine's \(NNLM\) Region 4](#) (based out of the University of Utah's Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library) to conduct a series of Community Engagement Studios to better understand how the [Native Health Database](#) (NHD) can best facilitate collaborations between its key stakeholders.

A summary of the project as submitted in late 2022:

To meet the needs of multiple stakeholders, the NHD has necessarily evolved numerous times since its initial creation in the early 1990s. Just before New Mexico's move from NNLM Region 3 to Region 4 in May 2021, HSLIC was the successful recipient of Region 3 funding that supported migrating its former platform to one now served through [Mukurtu CMS](#). This unique content management system provides numerous pathways for content creators, Indigenous communities, users, and providers to collaboratively—and respectfully—exchange information. To ensure it continues meeting the needs of its myriad stakeholders, this Region 4-supported project will engage the services of UNM's Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) and their Community Engagement Studios to understand how best to leverage the outreach tools housed in the new NHD that will be most beneficial for each group. We will invite equal representation from content creators, community members, users/learners, and providers (I.e., clinicians) to participate as community experts. The purpose of each studio is to provide critical feedback about strengths and areas of opportunities of/for the resource. This is especially well-timed as HSLIC—in concert with the Native Health Database

Advisory Council—prepares to deploy a robust and wide-reaching outreach and engagement program for the NHD in 2023.

Our first Community Engagement Studio is anticipated to be held this Summer (as early as July), with the final Studio wrapping up in early 2024. Stay tuned as we work with our CTSC on the coordination of each Studio, and any subsequent information we learn from each one.

We wish to thank our NNLM champions, both from Region 3 and Region 4, who have supported the Native Health Database in its goals to help improve health outcomes among our Indigenous populations here in New Mexico and across North America. In particular, we extend gratitude to our new colleagues in Region 4 for this incredible recent support. We look forward to future collaborations with NNLM as it pertains to our NHD and other programs offered through HSLIC.

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