



## Fall 2021 CSAC Newsletter

September – November 2021

Hello Community and Scientific Advisory Committee! Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to celebrate our accomplishments and share important information. It will also improve GLNARCH evaluation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of our work in many ways. Thank you for your hard work during this challenging time and your patience as we continue to recover. We are happy to report that our work is staying on track thanks to you.

Fall 2021 Metrics	
<b>GLNARCH Meetings</b>	6 meetings
<b>Student Enhancement and Capacity Building Site Visits</b>	19 visits
<b>Tribal College and University Site Visits</b>	5 visits
<b>Digital Storytelling Videos Posted</b>	5 videos
<b>Social Media Views</b>	578 views
<b>New Projects</b>	1 Internal 3 External
<b>Community Events</b>	2 events
<b>Ongoing Research Projects</b>	4 projects

### Announcements

#### Successful CSAC 2021

The 2021 Annual Community and Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the company of 20 attendees. The day started with updates on student enhancement, capacity building, research, and digital storytelling projects. We also announced the capacity building component of GLNARCH 11 has been awarded funding; this newsletter is part of the grant. We are waiting to hear about GLNARCH 12, which proposes developing a NARCH IRB. Also covered, were GLNARCH accomplishments and next steps, including a new partnership with the MCW Cancer Center to address disparities. We ended the day with engaging presentations from our research interns. If you missed it, see the [GLNARCH evaluation slides](#) and [the full CSAC report](#) on our website.

#### We are happy to announce GLNARCH 10 and 11 funding!

Our ongoing center (GLNARCH 10) has been funded for the final year of the 4-year funding cycle. We also were awarded, for the first time ever, an additional GLNARCH grant (GLNARCH 11). The ongoing funding will continue our impactful efforts in research and training, especially with the student enhancement activities. The newer funding will expand our efforts to support Tribal Colleges and support small-scale research projects in the Bemidji region.

## Lac du Flambeau Family Circles Videos

We are working with the Lac du Flambeau Family Circles AODA Traditional Parenting Program to record the curriculum and post promotional videos online. See the “[Public Service Announcement](#)” and “[History of Family Circles](#)” videos linked here and on our [website](#).



## Research Updates

*Menominee Student Resilience Survey:* The 2020 survey results were shared with members of the Community Advisory Board throughout the year for feedback on how to best present the large amount of data. A virtual meeting was held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to present the study results to the advisory board. Next steps are to survey high school students on resilience and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Then, results will be shared with the advisory board, and the results for both surveys will be shared with the students. These discussions will determine the topics covered in the digital storytelling phase.

*Fish Consumption Survey:* The Gigiigoo’inaan study is approaching its 5<sup>th</sup> and final year. The team has successfully created a fish consumption advisory app and tested the fish consumption patterns of 234 Anishinaabe fish consumers. They are preparing to publish those findings soon. The mobile app and website will be published before Christmas! Stay tuned for download links to try these materials out.

*Community Wellness Survey:* The GLNARCH team has submitted a brief report to the Wisconsin Medical Journal describing a proposed format for a community wellness survey. This publication is in review at the revision stage and reports preliminary findings on health and wellness. It also reports on what Ojibwe words the surveyed community members use to describe health and wellbeing.

*Perceptions of Cannabis Use Study (GLNARCH/CTSI collaboration)*: GLNARCH has partnered with the Medical College of Wisconsin to develop a survey on the perceptions of cannabinoid use during pregnancy. The inter-disciplinary team is funded by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute of Southeast Wisconsin (CTSI) novel Team Science-Guided Integrated Clinical and Research Ensembles program. The team seeks to determine if expectant mothers, currently in the Milwaukee area, understand the potential risks of cannabinoid use during pregnancy and where they get their information on the topic.

## For Your Calendar



[Save the date](#) for the **2022 American Indian Science Scholars Program (AISSP)** taking place July 11 – 22! For more information and to apply, visit us at our [program website](#).



Interested in participating in **Research internships for Native American College Students**? There are opportunities available for mentors and interns! Students will need to submit: Application, Letter of Interest, Community Involvement, College Transcript with GPA (unofficial copy accepted) and Writing Sample. For more information, see our [flyer](#) and [website](#).



Save the date for the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Environmental Health Summit (TEHS)** taking place Summer 2022 at Lake of the Torches Resort and Casino in Lac du Flambeau, WI! The theme is “Through Our Eyes: Advancing Resiliency Through Research”. Travel assistance funds available for speakers and native students. For more information and to register, contact GLNARCH at 800-472-7207 or [apoupart@glitc.org](mailto:apoupart@glitc.org) . For more information, see our [website](#).

See our [website homepage](#) for upcoming community events, job postings, funding opportunities, and more!



We welcome your thoughts, questions, and concerns on all things GLNARCH. Please share your feedback by email to [apoupart@glitc.org](mailto:apoupart@glitc.org) subject line “CSAC Feedback”.

The Great Lakes Native American Research Center for Health (GLNARCH) provides meaningful enrichment opportunities for Native American students, researchers, and Tribes in the Great Lakes region.

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