



Indian HEALTH BOARD

COMMUNITY TRADITION WELLNESS

MENAANDAWIWE WELLNESS CAMPUS

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WHO

The Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Inc. (IHB), founded in 1971, has provided quality healthcare to generations of urban American Indians. Our new Wellness Campus will continue this legacy of service to improve the lives and health of our community.

WHAT

Menaandawiwe (translated as “a place where healing happens”) is IHB’s Wellness Campus, combining traditional healing methods with state of the art medical, dental, and specialty services in a campus setting. Giving a name to a building or project endows it with a spirit and personage. IHB’s Elder in Residence, Richard Wright, dreamed of our project, in which he saw an isolated site, with encampments of Indian people surrounded by nature, which made him think of “an old-style Indian camp” in a sacred garden. There were people helping others and healing them. The vision for Menaandawiwe is that it becomes a place of healing, a connection to nature for Urban Indians looking to be healed or improve their well-being. This building, or wigwam, or lodge will be that sacred place in the Urban environment of Minneapolis.

Phase 1 of the project, the 7,700 square foot IHB Counseling Center, with a total development cost of \$2.99 million, is complete.

Phase 2, the 27,000 square foot IHB Dental and Administrative Services Center, with a total development cost of \$5.49 million, is underway and rehabilitation of the structure will be completed in August 2023.

Phase 3 consists of the new construction of the 20,000 square foot IHB Medical Center. IHB purchased the development site for \$3 million in January 2019.

Cost to complete the planning and development of the IHB Medical Center is approximately \$13.3 million and is expected to be completed in January 2025. Central to planning this place and space is utilization of biophilic design to connect people with nature and to develop a Net Zero project that will produce more energy than it uses. A high-performance envelope, efficient mechanical systems, use of solar panels, and many other “green” strategies will be used to attain these goals.

WHERE

Approximately 2.2 acres located on and adjacent to Franklin and Minnehaha Avenues, in the heart of Indian Country in South Minneapolis. Menaandawiwe will extend the American Indian Cultural Corridor along Franklin Avenue to the east across Cedar Avenue to 21st Avenue. The campus is well served by light rail and regular bus service.

Indian Health Board of Minneapolis Dakota “Makoce Okiciyaka”

(Land Acknowledgement Statement)

The Indian Health Board of Minneapolis recognizes the magnificent land upon which our institution is located as the ancestral, cultural, and spiritual homeland of the Dakota Oyate. Since time immemorial, the Dakota Oyate have acknowledged this wonderous land of lakes and rivers as *Minisota Makoce*, a term of endearment meaning the Land of Misty Waters. This ancient name reflects the Dakota gratitude for the natural gifts of *Unci Maka*, or Grandmother Earth, whose maternal generosity and nurturing compassion contributed immeasurable health, healing, and vitality to her great-grandchildren: the two-legged, the four-legged, those that fly, those that live in the ground, those that grow from the earth, and those that fly. *Wopida tanka* (immeasurable thanks)!

WHEN

Phase 1: IHB Counseling Center

2101 Minnehaha Ave

Completed: Spring 2020

Total Development Cost: IHB purchased the property in June 2018 for \$1.25 million and completed the \$1.74 million rehabilitation in March of 2021 for a total development cost of \$2.99 million.

Phase 2: IHB Dental & Administrative Services Center

2010 Minnehaha Avenue

Expected completion: August 2023

Total Development Cost: IHB purchased the property in January 2019 for \$3.0 million. Planning is underway with the \$2.49 million rehabilitation to be completed in August 2023 for a total development cost of \$5.49 million.

Phase 3: New IHB Medical Center

Pre-design Phase: Complete

Design Phases: January – August 2023

Start of Construction: October 2023

Substantial Completion: January 2025

Total Development Cost: IHB purchased the property in November 2015 for \$1.75 million. The total estimated development cost, including the land is estimated to be \$15.1 million.

WHY

The need for enhanced, culturally sensitive, health services for our community members are driven by the data:

1. The American Indian community in Minnesota has been disproportionately affected by the recent opioid epidemic. Since 2000, Minnesota Department of Human Services data reflects an increase in treatment admissions of 1,016% for illicit diverted pharmaceutical opioids and 3,729% for heroin in American Indians living in Minnesota. Respectively, this is 1.6 times and 7.4 times greater than rates experienced by non-American Indians.
2. Data from the American Community Survey - Minneapolis (American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2012-2016) shows American Indians (17.9%) are 1.4 times more likely to be uninsured compared to the general population of Minneapolis (12.5%).
3. 14.3% of IHB's service area population report having diabetes, which is the fourth leading cause of mortality in the service area.
4. In all Urban Indian Health Organization (UIHO) service areas, 15.0% of American Indians report rarely or never receiving emotional and social support, compared with 9.2% of the general population.
5. Yet in IHB's service area, American Indians are nearly three times more likely to report having frequent mental distress compared to the general population.
6. While 70% of American Indian people live in urban centers, UIHOS get less than 1% of the IHS budget. Yet, UIHOS do not have access to IHS building or facilities capital, which requires us to seek other sources of funds for our capital projects.
7. The project will support a 38% increase in patient visits over 2020 levels.

HOW

Your support for IHB's request of \$4 million in State General Funds will support construction costs for the Phase 3 IHB Medical Center.