

A TRIBAL AGENDA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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What are we talking about?



Diagram courtesy of Australia's EnHealth.

“Public health programs designed to protect the public health from hazards which exist or could exist in the physical environment.”

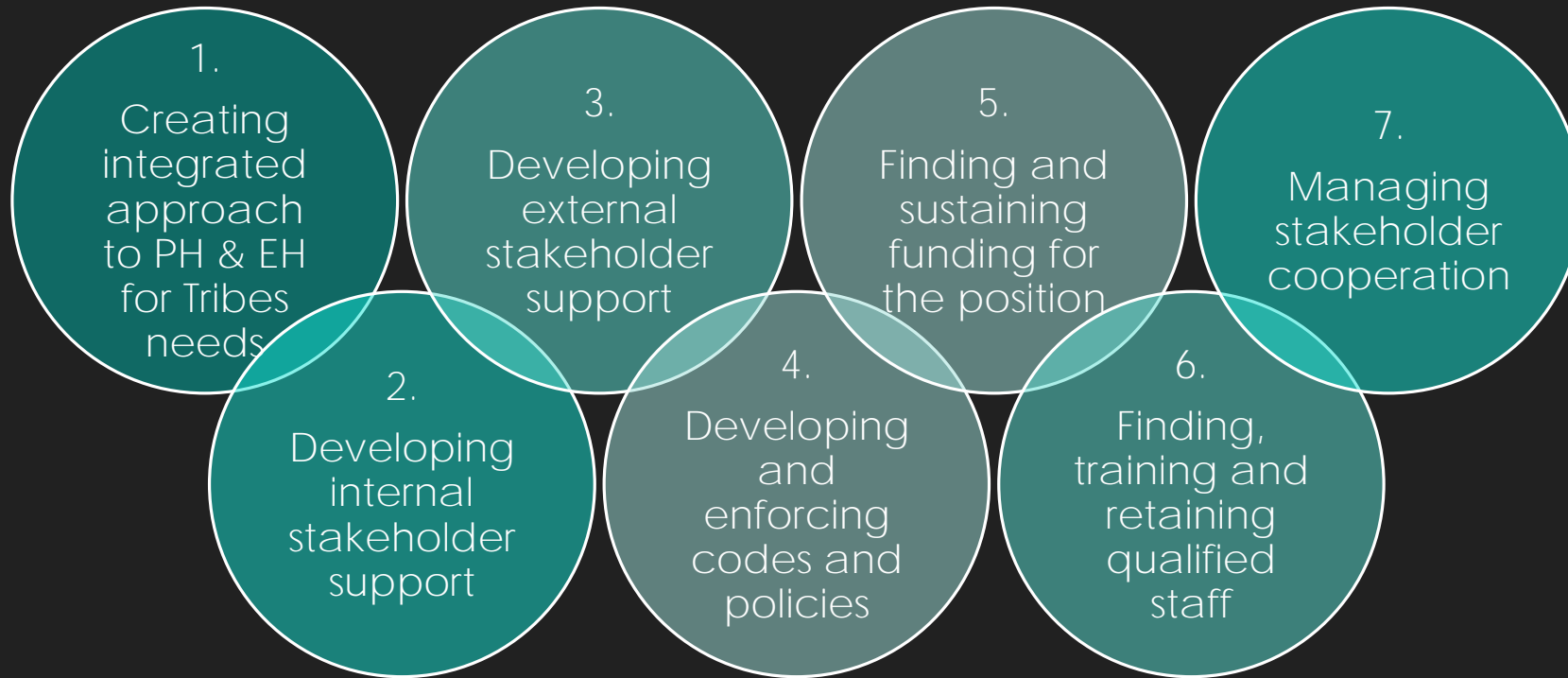
--Minnesota SCHSAC Environmental Health Leadership Team, December, 2002

Modern History of Tribal EH Programs



Challenges in Developing Tribal EH Programs

Tribes must be prepared to navigate these 7 common challenges



A Toolkit for Successful Tribal EH Programs

- a set of resources and a “roadmap” to help Tribe’s assess and strengthen their Environmental Health programs and services in order to support a comprehensive, integrated approach to environmental health
- a critical support in clearly identifying the operational standards for a governmental environmental health system



Figure 1.1 Roadmap for Developing Tribal EH Programs and Services

Moving Forward

- Nurture relationships
- Hold federal and state governments accountable for the services needed to develop capacity
- Look at other successful tribal health programs
- Be curious, be bold – let you be the only thing holding you back
- Listen to stories

