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Issue : Disparities in Native Health

- ❑ The American Indian and Alaska Native people have long experienced lower health status when compared with other Americans.
- ❑ Lower life expectancy and the disproportionate disease burden exist. Factors may be:
 - ❑ inadequate education
 - ❑ disproportionate poverty
 - ❑ discrimination in the delivery of health services
 - ❑ cultural differences
 - ❑ broad quality of life issues rooted in economic adversity and poor social conditions.
- ❑ Diseases of the heart, malignant neoplasm, unintentional injuries, and diabetes are leading causes of American Indian deaths
- ❑ American Indians born today have a life expectancy that is 4.4 years less than the U.S. all races population (73.7 years to 78.1 years, respectively).
- ❑ American Indians continue to die at higher rates than other Americans in many categories, including chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, diabetes mellitus, unintentional injuries, assault/homicide, intentional self-harm/suicide, and chronic lower respiratory diseases.

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Issue : Disparities in Native Health

What is the cause of the debilitation of Indian health? Is it deeper than addictions, poverty and loss?

Indian youth, just as all American youth, need a place to define their future, to understand who they are and what they can become. There are unique barriers to finding that self that many non-native people do not share

Indian youth often:

- ☐ are not on the standard tracks that lead to study in U.S colleges and universities
- ☐ isolated from a myriad of America's cultures
- ☐ residing in communication and food deserts
- ☐ unseen by much of America, especially, the special, unplumbed aspects of their world that could enrich all aspects of society

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Issue : a Solution to Native Health

An institution easily open to all young (and older) Native Americans in an empathetic environment in tandem with non-native American youth that promotes health, not only in body, but in the mind and spirit

- ❑ Given the higher health status enjoyed by most Americans, the lingering health disparities of American Indians and Alaska Natives are troubling
- ❑ In trying to account for the disparities, health care experts, policymakers, and tribal leaders are looking at many factors that impact upon the health of Indian people, including the adequacy of funding for the Indian health care delivery system
- ❑ A central repository for all health data could be a critical tool
- ❑ A living research center that seeks answers in both the data and lives of native people
- ❑ An national educational institution designed to tap the native culture, its history, its knowledge and its youth
- ❑ Indian youth, just as all American youth, need a place to define their future, to understand who they are and what they can become.
- ❑ There are unique barriers to finding that self that many non-native people do not share and Indian youth are not as often on the standard tracks that lead to study in U.S colleges and universities

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Concept

A Center of Healing & Inspiration for Native Americans

A sustainable hospital, college, community and research center

. . . in harmony with the Native American Museum on restored lands

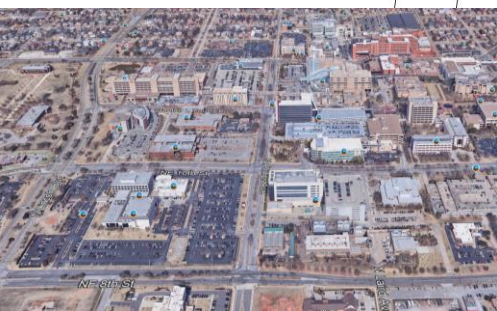
Development of healthy doctors and teachers who can go back to their tribes and communities to spread the science and psychology of health . . . physically, mentally and spiritually

Research, education and practice of sustainability in urban, rural and architectural design

Creating the heart of Native America . . . A dynamic, future oriented community drawing deeply from the history and knowledge of the First Nations

An entity that squarely and permanently defines Oklahoma City and Oklahoma . . . as the inspiration in the global approach to indigenous people

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O.U. Medical Center



Community

Hospital

Research

Library

Waters

Campus

Museum



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MAIN COMPONENTS

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as seen from Indian Museum

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First Nations Healing Village

as seen from above west

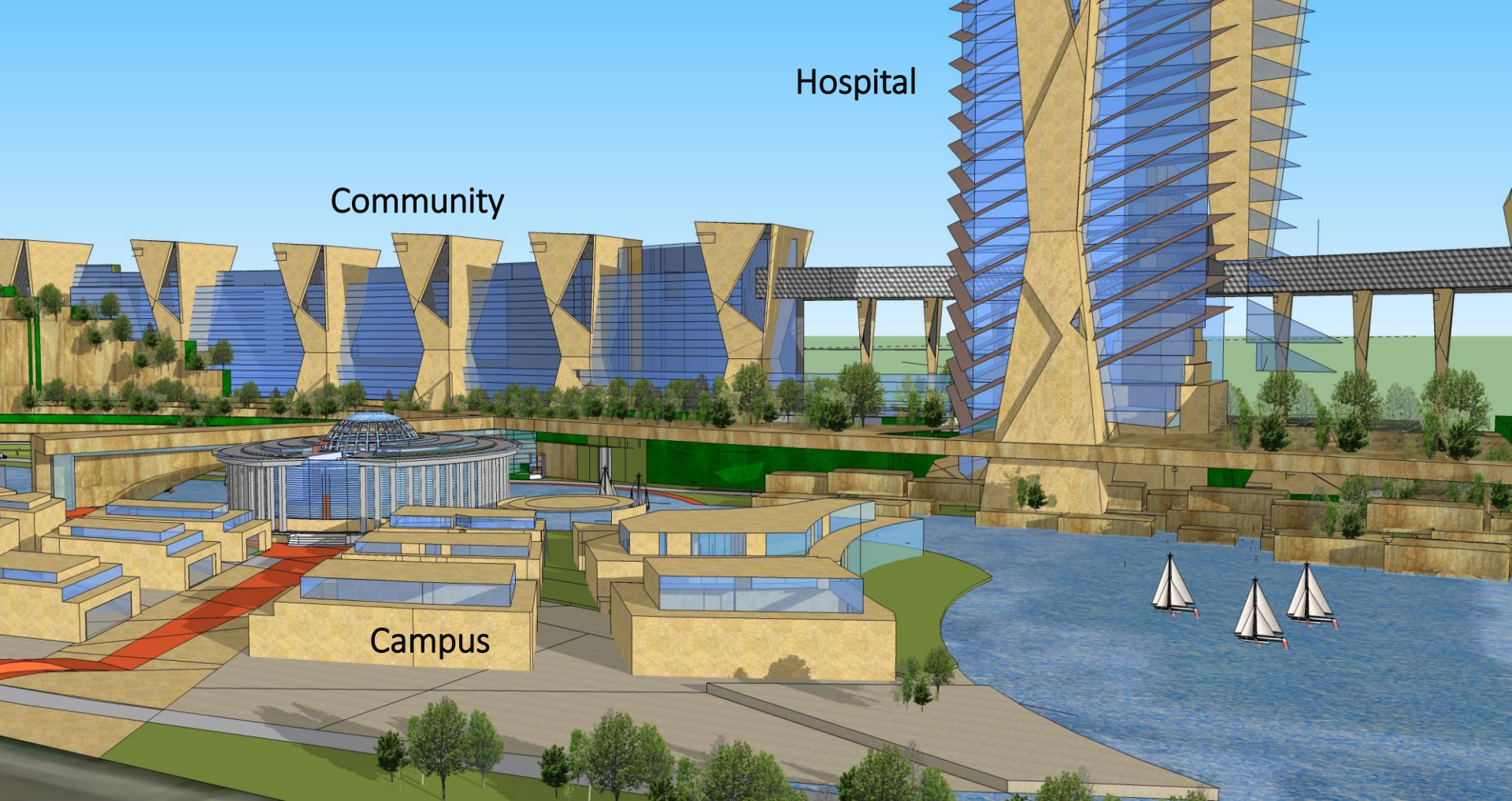
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as seen from above south

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Hospital

Community

Campus

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Community

Library

as seen from east

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Looking forward downtown

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Devon
Tower

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looking toward downtown

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Health Comparison

More statistics

	AI/AN Rate 2008-2010	U.S. All Races Rate - 2009	Ratio: AI/AN to U.S. All Races
ALL CAUSES	986.5	749.6	1.3
Diseases of the heart	189.7	182.8	1.0
Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	180.6	173.5	1.0
Accidents (unintentional injuries)*	94.7	37.5	2.5
Diabetes mellitus (diabetes)	63.6	21.0	3.0
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	47.2	42.7	1.1
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	43.7	9.1	4.8
Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	40.6	39.6	1.0
Influenza and pneumonia	26.0	16.5	1.6
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome (kidney disease)	24.2	15.7	1.5
Drug-induced	23.9	12.6	1.9
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	20.2	11.8	1.7
Hypertensive diseases	18.9	18.7	1.0
Alzheimer's disease	17.9	24.2	0.7
Septicemia	17.4	11.0	1.6
Assault (homicide)	11.6	5.5	2.1

* Unintentional injuries include motor vehicle crashes.