

## VERBAL CONSENT FORM

When an elder agrees to be interviewed this is verbal consent. Before beginning each interview, read the following paragraphs to the elder.

“Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed regarding the health and social needs of Native American elders. We, as a Nation, place great value on our elders and we hope these interviews will help us to better understand the needs of the elders in our community. All of your responses will be kept confidential. Your name will not be entered on any part of this survey. You do not have to answer any question that makes you uncomfortable. You may stop the interview at any time for any reason.

The confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal data is of the utmost importance; therefore, the data for this survey will be collected anonymously by community members with the data stored at the National Resource Center on Native American Aging located at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years.

We encourage you to contact your local healthcare providers if you experience any concerns about potential health problems. A list of health providers in your area is available upon request from (INSERT TRIBAL AGENCY).

The (INSERT TRIBAL AGENCY) is coordinating the needs assessment for our area with technical assistance from the National Resource Center on Native American Aging. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact (INSERT TRIBAL AGENCY) for more information at (INSERT CONTACT INFORMATION).”