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CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015	
8:00 AM	Coffee Service
8:00 AM-4:30 PM	Registration and Exhibits Open
8:30-11:30 AM	<p>Listening Session: Indian Health Service (IHS) The IHS will be hosting a listening session to provide the Deputy Director of IHS the opportunity to hear recommendations and input from Tribal Leaders to enhance the healthcare delivery to American Indian and Alaska Natives. *OPEN to ALL Tribal Leaders and conference attendees.</p> <p>Tribal Moderators: Lester Secatero, Chairman, National Indian Health Board</p> <p>Sandra Ortega, Tucson Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p> <p>Lincoln Bean, Alaska Area Alternate, National Indian Health Board</p>
9:00 AM-4:30 PM	<p>SAMHSA Training: Winning Strategies to Obtain Federal Grants Want to boost your success rate at obtaining federal grants? This workshop will be provide you with winning strategies on how to seek, plan, and write a federal grant application. Beginners will learn what they need to be successful. Experienced grant writers will gain new insights and sharpen their skills. All who attend will affirm their value, and leave with a sense of renewed confidence in their abilities and mission. This workshop has been presented all over the United States to wide acclaim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael J. Koscinski, Project Officer, SAMHSA Office of Tribal Affairs

11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Lunch Break
12:30-1:30 PM	<p>Special Session: NIHB/IHS/SAMHSA Developing a Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda: Introduction and Invitation for Tribal Engagement</p> <p>Research indicates that American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) have the higher rates of and are at higher risk for many behavioral health conditions and concerns, including depression, substance dependence, abuse and suicide. As effectively combatting these issues will involve a coordinated response from the federal government, Tribes, and health allies across Indian Country, SAMHSA is launching a Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda. They are working with NIHB and IHS to host this session to discuss the nature of the Agenda, how to operationalize it and to review primary components of the draft Agenda. The session is jointly facilitated and specifically designed for Tribal leaders and health administrators, but is open to all who have an interest in resolving mounting behavioral health concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert McSwain, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service • Kana Enomoto, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration • Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee • Andy Joseph, NIHB Board Member and Chairman, SAMHSA Tribal Advisory Committee • Chester Antone, Legislative Councilman, Tohono O’odham Nation • Joe Garcia, Former President of National Congress of American Indians; MistyLake Consulting Services, LLC
1:30-4:30 PM	<p>Tribal Consultation: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)</p> <p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will use this opportunity to consult with Tribal leaders on a wide-range of CMS policy matters impacting Indian Country, including those related to the Health Insurance Marketplace and the Medicaid program. Consistent with the CMS Tribal Consultation Policy, CMS leadership and subject matter experts will be available to provide program updates and receive comments and answer questions from Tribal Leaders and/or their designees.</p> <p>Tribal Moderators: Tim Tall Chief, Oklahoma City Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p>

	<p>Patrick Marcellais, Great Plains Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p>
	<p>Tribal Consultation: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) shares many priorities with American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, including but not limited to: reducing the burden of disease; increasing health professional workforce development; improving access to health services; increasing health information technology investments in health care facilities that serve AI/ANs; and improving access to funding and grant opportunities. The purpose of the HRSA Tribal Consultation is to listen to ideas, comments, and feedback and to receive input on HRSA strategic initiatives, so that HRSA can continuously work to improve their program services.</p> <p>Tribal Moderators: Andy Joseph, Jr., Member-At-Large/Portland Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p> <p>Charles Headdress, Billings Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p> <p>Cedric Cromwell, Nashville Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p>
	<p>Tribal Consultation: National Institutes of Health (NIH) The National Institutes of Health (NIH) tribal consultation session is intended to hear feedback from Tribal leaders on NIH programs and policies and to hear about NIH relevant Tribal priorities. The NIH mission, primarily achieved through research, research training and the dissemination of research findings, is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and to apply that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. The NIH will provide brief presentations on select programs and policies during the consultation and then will solicit input on each topic. There will also be time for an open discussion in which all relevant topics can be considered.</p> <p>Tribal Moderators: Sam Moose, Bemidji Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p> <p>Lisa Elgin, California Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p>
<p>4:30-6:00 PM</p>	<p>Dinner Break</p>

6:00 PM	Opening Reception – U.S. Capitol Visitors Center
7:00-8:30 PM	<p>2015 Native Youth Digital Storytelling Reception</p> <p>The Native Youth Digital Storytelling Reception is the culmination of the National Indian Health Board’s 6th Annual Native Youth Health Summit taking place September 16-21, 2015 in Washington, DC. Native youth from across Indian Country will present the digital stories they create during the Youth Summit on the health and resiliency of their Tribal communities.</p>

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015	
8:00 AM	Coffee Service
7:00-5:00 PM	Registration and Exhibits Open
7:30-8:45 AM	<p>Area Tribal Health Caucus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska: Alaska Native Health Board • Albuquerque: Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board • Bemidji: Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes • Billings: Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council • California: California Rural Indian Health Board • Great Plains: Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board • Nashville: United South and Eastern Tribes • Navajo: Navajo Nation Division of Health • Oklahoma: Oklahoma City Area Inter Tribal Health Board • Phoenix: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona • Portland: Northwest Portland Area Health Board • Tucson: Tohono O’odham National and Pascua Yaqui Tribe
9:00 AM	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Presentation of Colors: Women Warriors Intertribal Association – National Capital Region</p> <p>Blessing: Cedric Cromwell, Treasurer and Nashville Area Representative, National Indian Health Board; Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag</p>
9:10-9:20 AM	<p>Welcome to These Lands</p> <p>Cedric Cromwell, Treasurer and Nashville Area Representative, National Indian Health Board; Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag</p>
9:20-9:30 AM	<p>Welcome to the 32nd Annual Consumer Conference</p> <p>Lester Secatero, Chairman, National Indian Health Board</p>
9:30-9:40 AM	Conference Overview

	Stacy A. Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board
9:40-10:00 AM	Keynote Address The Honorable United States Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)
10:00-10:15 AM	Native Youth Health Summit and Digital Storytelling Highlights The 6 th Annual Native Youth Health Summit was held in Washington, DC on September 16-21, 2015. Thirty Native youth from across Indian Country gathered to meet with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, White House staff, and create digital stories on the health and resiliency of their Tribal communities. During this session, two Native Youth Health Summit participants will feature their digital stories and provide highlights of the Summit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Castagne, Public Health Project Coordinator, National Indian Health Board • Selected NIHB Youth Summit Participants
10:15 AM-10:45 AM	NATIVE YOUTH ARE THE NOW! Building on the increasing momentum of empowering and elevating the voices of Native youth, partners will gather to present a dual purposed initiative that includes a push to advance changes in national, state and Tribal policy to create conditions in which American Indian and Alaska Native children can thrive, and a community-based effort to engage local leaders and communities in developing, nurturing and strengthening community supports for all Native youth. <p>Generation Indigenous (Gen-I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raina Thiele, Associate Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, White House – <i>invited</i> <p>First Kids 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacy A. Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board • Sara Kastelic, PhD., Executive Director, Indian Child Welfare Association • Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians • Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director, National Indian Education Association
10:45-11:10 AM	Remarks from the Indian Health Service Robert McSwain, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service
11:10-11:40 AM	Fireside Chat: Federal Leaders in AI/AN Health

	<p>Representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Health Resources and Services Administration; and Office of Minority health will engage with conference attendees on top issues around Indian health, and what their respective agencies are doing to improve health and wellness in Tribal communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judith Monroe, MD, Director, Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention • Jim Macrae, Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration • Nadine Gracia, MD, Director, Office of Minority Health <p>Moderator: Tim Tall Chief, Oklahoma City Area Representative, National Indian Health Board</p>
11:40-12:00 PM	<p>Remarks from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Kana Enomoto, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</p>
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00-2:30 PM	<p>AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS – Session I</p> <p>Recruitment and Retention of Medical Professionals at Indian Health Service and Tribal Facilities <i>Room: Jefferson East</i> <i>Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform</i> This session will look at provider recruitment and retention and the current physician shortage that faces every healthcare organization. Both IHS and Tribal perspectives will be presented, looking at current trends and coming issues that will make future recruitment more challenging. Available programs will be discussed that can help you recruit new providers and retain them.</p> <p>Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe IHS programs available for recruitment and retention. • Describe strategies employed by Tribes to recruit and retain medical staff. <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Pittman, BPharm, MPH, Director, Division of Health Professions Support • Ronnie Shaw, Recruiter, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health <p>Understanding Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP</p>

Room: Jefferson West

Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform

This session will provide an overview of the Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP programs highlighting specific provisions for American Indian/Alaska Native beneficiaries/consumers. It will also provide the enrollment process and information on how to maximize collections for services provided in tribal communities. CMS' Native American Contacts (NACs) will be available to answer your questions.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain how Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs work in Indian Country.
- Explain how Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP can be used to maximize collections for services provided by I/T/Us.
- Explain how the enrollment process works.

Presenters:

- Kitty Marx, Director of Tribal Affairs, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Cyndi Gillaspie, Technical Director, Lead Native American Contact, Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
- Mary Munoz, Region VIII – Native American Contact, Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Health Policy 101

Room: Lincoln East

Track: Policy and Advocacy Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing

Hear why Tribes need to be involved in health policy at the state and national levels. This session will examine what health policy is and the types of responsibilities that health policy analysts have and perform on a day-to-day basis. Strategies and examples will be shared on how to provide health policy training. For those Tribes that cannot afford full-time employees to do policy work, alternatives will be shared for how Tribes can still participate in policy formulation and analysis.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain why health policy is important
- Describe how to hire and train health policy analysts
- Explain how to find alternative ways to be involved in health policy analysis

Presenters:

- Devin Delrow, Director of Federal Relations, National Indian Health Board
- Mim Dixon, Technical Advisor to CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group and the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee
- Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Indian Health Board

Premium Assistance Programs for Patients

Room: International Ballroom West

Track: Policy and Advocacy Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing

The presentation will discuss how to begin a premium assistance program by pointing out practices that were implemented by the Chickasaw Nation. The session will go on to review criteria that can be used to select patients, and the reporting requirements and processes that can be established to help analyze the program data (including reach and effectiveness). The content and discussion will be facilitated by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health and guided by what they have learned through their implementation of a premium assistance program for the past 2 1/2 years.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain how to begin a premium assistance program.
- Describe the potential returns on investment a Tribe can see with a premium assistance program.
- Describe the feedback and responses that may be received during initial implementation of the program.

Presenters:

- Marty Wafford, Undersecretary of Support, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health
- Brenda Teel, Executive Officer of Revenue, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health
- Pam Benedict, Lead Patient Benefit Assistant, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health

Special Diabetes Program for Indians: Past Successes, Creating Future Change

Room: Lincoln West

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) is a \$150 million per year grant program that is funded through Congressional legislation and administered by the Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention. The purpose of SDPI is to provide funding to address diabetes treatment and prevention in American Indian and

Alaska Native people. In 2016, SDPI will undergo significant changes in its funding distribution and program elements to continue to meet the ongoing challenges that AI/AN communities face with preventing and treating diabetes.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the major milestones of SDPI.
- List the three components of SDPI.
- Describe the major changes that are being launched in SDPI for FY 2016.

Presenters:

- Ann Bullock, MD, Acting Director, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, Indian Health Service
- Carmen Licavoli Hardin, Deputy Director, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, Indian Health Service

Calricaraq: Community Wellness from a Yup'ik Perspective

Room: Georgetown East

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

This is a 2-part presentation. Part 1 is a 32-minute DVD that captures the perspectives and stories of a traditional healer, Western-trained health practitioners, and American Indian community members about the benefits derived from traditional healing when used alone or in conjunction with primary care. The DVD advocates for American Indian health policy for traditional healing as a permanently-funded benefit of publicly supported health care. Part 2 involves audience engagement in a focused conversation to explore entry points for public funding of traditional healing and related policy that can be implemented at multiple levels.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the importance of using traditional-based interventions to promote healing among Alaska Native and American Indians.
- Describe Calricaraq, a promising practice wellness program for Alaska Natives.
- Explain strategies to begin similar efforts in their own community or Tribe.

Presenters:

- Mark Anaruk, Calricaraq System of Care Evaluator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- Raymond Daw, Behavioral Health Administrator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- Jim Chaliak, Calricaraq System of Care Coordinator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Implementing Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Programs in Native American Communities

Room: Georgetown West

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

The session will describe the recent science and social science findings about the physiological and social effects of trauma, review the activities of The Roundtable on Trauma in Native American Communities, and focus on how Native American communities can create a comprehensive trauma-informed initiative whether on a reservation, in Alaska, or in an urban community. Attendees will also hear best practices about trauma-informed programming at the Menominee Indian Tribe. There will also be discussion about various Federal funding sources available to pay for such initiatives and how to apply.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the latest science about the causes and inheritance of trauma and its connection to such destructive behaviors as suicide, substance abuse and incarceration.
- Describe how various tribes such as the Menominee Tribe and other communities have created initiatives that have significantly reduced destructive behaviors.
- Name potential federal sources of funding for Tribes, Native communities and urban health centers wishing to implement comprehensive trauma-informed initiatives.

Presenters:

- Daniel Press, Legal Counsel, Roundtable on Trauma in Native Communities
- Mirtha Beadle, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Pilar Gauthier, Director of Wellness Programs, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Oral Health Access in Tribal Communities

Room: Monroe

Track: Dental and Oral Health

This workshop will present the state of oral health in Native communities based on research conducted by the Indian Health Service and the Center for Native Oral Health Research at the University of Colorado. Once the state of oral health has been presented, new approaches to improve this problem will be proposed. The potential solutions will include changing the dental team to include dental therapists (which is a program that has been in use in Alaska for ten years). Solutions will also include the use of behavioral interventions to

	<p>encourage healthy behaviors and efforts to increase oral health literacy among Native people.</p> <p>Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the current state of oral health in AI/AN communities • Describe at least two potential strategies to elevate the state of oral health in AI/AN communities <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Batliner, Associate Director, University of Colorado, Center for Native Oral Health Research
2:30-2:45 PM	<p>Break: Healthy Snacks – <i>Sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribes of Chippewa Indians</i></p>
2:45-4:15 PM	<p>AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS – Session II</p> <p>Leveraging 3rd Party Revenue: Strengthening Indian Health Systems through 3rd Party Billing Room: International Ballroom West <i>Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform</i></p> <p>Third party billing can be an important new source of revenue for Tribal health programs and can increase the scope and type of health care services they can provide to their members. This panel will discuss new opportunities for Tribes to maximize third party revenues as a result of health reform, with a focus on methods to increase revenues from Medicaid, Medicare, the Exchanges, and other sources, including the Federal Employee Health Benefits program.</p> <p>Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the Indian Health Service policy for recording, controlling, and accounting for patient-related resources. • Understand the process of specific internal controls to safeguard and properly account for third-party related revenue. • Explain how the authorities for collecting debts owed to the IHS by third-party sources and non-beneficiary patients. <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raho Ortiz, Division of Business Office Management, Indian Health Service • Sam Ennis, Associate, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP • Kristen Bitsuie, Patient Benefits Coordinator, San Xavier Health Center, Tucson Indian Health Service <p>Medicare and Medicaid Payment Reform</p>

Room: Jefferson East

Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform

This presentation will provide an overview and goals of outpatient quality programs of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with a focus on what the IHS/Tribal/Urban medical care provider needs to know about the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and the Value Modifier (VM), including eligibility, reporting requirements, incentive payments, new programs, penalties, payment adjustments, and their application to Tribal communities. The session will also describe the transition from current quality incentive programs to those that will develop as a result of the Medicare Reform Law and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and the upcoming Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Provide an overview of Medicare and Medicaid payment reform programs.
- Clarify how these programs do and do not apply to Tribal health programs.
- Discuss upcoming payment reform deadlines and transitions.

Presenters:

- Akilah Kinnison, Attorney, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
- Michael Toedt, MD, FAAFP, Acting Chief Medical Information Officer, Indian Health Service
- Melissa Gower, Senior Advisor and Policy Analyst, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Why Worry About HIPAA and HITECH? The Pitfalls and their Application in Indian Country

Room: Jefferson West

Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform

With HIPAA (**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act**) and HITECH (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health) fines, penalties and audits increasing, Tribal health care providers are at increasing risk of enforcement actions. Our presentation will offer participants a summary of the latest HIPAA/HITECH privacy and security concerns from misuse of social media to unauthorized intrusions into health care networks, and preventative compliance measure.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain how the laws apply to Tribes.
- Explain how to comply with the laws.

- Explains how to avoid penalties.

Presenters:

- Starla Roels, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
- Marissa Flannery, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP
- Joan Wilson, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Innovative Solutions to Advance the IHS Budget

Room: Lincoln East

Track: Policy and Advocacy Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing

The Indian Health Service (IHS) budget is funded at only \$4.6 billion, yet Tribes estimate the necessary funding at \$30 billion in order to bring the IHS system up to the standard of health care enjoyed by most Americans. With the ever-shrinking federal budget, it is critical to think of innovate solutions to make IHS dollars go further and be more effective. In this session, attendees will learn about the federal budgeting process, and hear about proposed solutions to increase the IHS budget including efforts to achieve Medicare-Like Rates and advance appropriations for the IHS.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain the steps in the federal budgeting process
- Describe proposed solutions to increase the IHS budget to meet the stated need in Indian Country
- Describe strategies to effectively engage in the budgeting process

Presenters:

- Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board
- Liz Malerba, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.
- Tim Schuerch, President, Maniilaq Association

Advocacy for Healing Historical Trauma from the Boarding School Experience

Room: Lincoln West

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

Historical trauma is now understood to transmit across the generations. In AI/AN communities, traumas experienced as part of the federal Indian boarding school continue to impact day to day life, and the efficacy of attempts to provide care and services of all types. The Native American Rights Fund and the National Native American Boarding

School Healing Coalition have been building a movement to support healing on the biggest of scales, involving Tribes and other AI/AN communities, scientists, government, and the churches in an attempt to begin to turn towards finally healing and moving forward from the pains of the past.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe epigenetic transfer of historical trauma.
- Describe how the transfer of historical trauma is impacting health services delivery today.
- Explain at least two examples of what can be done to create healing from the historical trauma that originated in the boarding school era.

Presenters:

- Brett Lee Shelton, JD, MA, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund.
- Erma J. Vizenor, Ph.D., Chairwoman, White Earth Nation

Lac Du Flambeau: A Return to the Circle

Room: Georgetown East

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

The Lac Du Flambeau Tribe declared a state of emergency in 2013 to deal with a drug epidemic in their community. They have been able to move from a state of crisis to one of stability in a few short years. This story is one that demonstrates how a Tribal community can unite to combat external influences to promote healing in their community. Through transformation of their governance structure, strategic planning, and sustainable new programming, the Tribe has made great strides to reclaim their community and to start rebuilding their nation.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain how to implement a culturally based systems change process.
- Describe how to overcome drug usage through prevention, intervention, recovery and treatment.
- Describe how to engage the community and Tribal leadership to address a drug epidemic.

Presenters:

- Ryan Champagne, Emergency Transition Coordinator, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Band of Chippewa Indians

Public Health Budget Basics and Funding Application Tips

Room: Georgetown West

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

	<p>Have you wondered how the basic appropriations process works and what factors the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers in budget, funding opportunity announcement, and program planning? Are you wondering how you might engage with CDC and other stakeholders in resource and program planning? This session will provide insight on public health funding sources, the federal budget process, engaging in budget and resource planning, tips on applying for funding opportunity announcements, and useful budget and funding resources.</p> <p>Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the public health budget and appropriations process basics. • Describe major factors CDC considers in budget, funding opportunity announcements and program planning. • Describe ways to engage in the process and tips for responding to funding opportunity announcements. <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia Moore, Associate Director for Policy, Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <p>Youth Perspectives on Oral Health and the Power of Story Room: Monroe <i>Track: Dental and Oral Health</i></p> <p>In an effort to expand access to dental care in Indian Country, the Center for Native American Youth is facilitating dialogues and lifting up Native American youth voices on oral health to ensure that their powerful voices are heard. Through their perspectives in op-eds and social media, youth are central to helping change the narrative about oral health for Tribes.</p> <p>Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the state of oral health among American Indian and Alaska Native youth. • Explains strategies for youth engagement. • Explains how to best use media and social media. <p>Presenter: Ryan Ward, Senior Program Associate, Center for Native American Youth</p>
4:30-5:00 PM	Remarks and Q&A from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

	The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

6:30-7:30 AM	<p>Smoke Free Journey! Quit It! <i>Event check-in at Terrace Level Foyer</i> Smoke Free Journey! Quit it! Fitness Walk event. Have fun increasing awareness of the value and benefits of smoking cessation. Receive a free event t-shirt for participating while supplies last. <i>Sponsored by American Indian Cancer Foundation, National Indian Health Board and Keep It Sacred</i></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oklahoma: Oklahoma City Area Inter Tribal Health Board • Phoenix: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona • Portland: Northwest Portland Area Health Board • Tucson: Tohono O’odham National and Pascua Yaqui Tribe
9:00-9:05 AM	Welcome to the Day’s Policy Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform
9:05-9:35 AM	<p>Session 1: Affordable Care Act and Indian Country: Where are We Now? A Tribal Snapshot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff Strommer, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker • Doneg McDonough, Technical Advisor, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee • Mim Dixon, Technical Advisor, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee • Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health <p>Moderator: Mark LeBeau, Executive Director, California Rural Indian Health Board</p>
9:35-9:50 AM	<p>Remarks from the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight</p> <p>Kevin Counihan, Director, Center for Consumer and Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</p>
9:50-10:20 AM	<p>Session 2: Federal Perspective: Fireside Chat About the Affordable Care Act and the Tribes – Where are We Now?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimberly Koch, Special Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Services • Kitty Marx, Director, Division of Tribal Affairs, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services • Raho Ortiz, Director, Division of Business Office Enhancement, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, Indian Health Service <p>Moderator: Dee Sabattus, Vice Chair, CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG)</p>
10:20-10:30 AM	Audience Q&A
10:30-11:00 AM	<p>Session 3: The Business of Medicine</p> <p>Tribal Health Systems Innovation and Entrepreneurship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Nez, Vice President of Navajo Nation, NIHB Board Member

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ileen Sylvester, Vice President of Executive and Tribal Services, Southcentral Foundation • Brian Thompson, MD, Assistant Dean of Diversity/Clinical Assistant Professor, Upstate Medical University • Melanie Four Killer, Policy Advisor, Choctaw Nation Health Authority <p>Moderator: Cedric Cromwell, Chairman, Wampanoag Tribe, NIHB Board and Executive Committee Member</p>
11:00-11:30 AM	<p>Remarks from the Veterans Administration The Honorable Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, United States Department of Veterans Affairs</p>
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	<p>Session 4: Medicaid Expansion: State Perspectives and Tribal Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vikki Wachino, Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services • Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board - <i>invited</i> • Jerilyn Church, Executive Director, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board • Alida Montiel, Health Systems Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona <p>Moderator/Presenter: Valerie Davidson, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services</p>
12:20-12:30 PM	Break
12:30-2:00 PM	<p>Session 5: Dental and Oral Health Focus on Dental Health and the Future of Access to Quality Dental Care in Indian Country</p> <p>Over a decade ago, the Tribes in Alaska spearheaded an innovative solution to increase oral health access among Alaska Natives by bringing mid-level dental providers to the United States. Ten years later, Tribes in other states are now looking to pursue this highly successful model. During this lunch session, attendees will learn about the success of the Dental Health Aide Therapist program in Alaska, and learn about Tribes in other areas who are looking to replicate the success in Alaska.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Cladoosby, President, National Congress of American Indians; Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community • Mary Williard, DDS, Director, Dental Health Aide Therapist Training Program • Savannah Bonorden, Dental Health Aide Therapist, SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska Native Youth Video Presentation <p>Moderator/Presenter: Valerie Davidson, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services</p>
2:10-3:30 PM	<p>AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS – Session III</p> <p>The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Room: Jefferson East <i>Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform</i></p> <p>Partnership with Tribes and Tribal organizations is central to IHS efforts to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This session on the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) Public Law 93-638, as amended, Title I & Title V will provide an overview of the principles, statute, and regulations associated with ISDEAA Title I Self-Determination Contracting and ISDEAA Self-Governance Compacting. This training will be a great opportunity for Tribal and federal partners to network, share experiences and best practices, and explore opportunities available under the ISDEAA.</p> <p>Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the differences between Title I and Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Explains what administrative support and technical assistance available for both programs. List the IHS Area and Headquarters points of contact for both programs. <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Cooper, Deputy Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service CAPT Chris Buchanan, Director, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes, Indian Health Service <p>Tribal Facility Revenue Cycle Best Practices Room: International Ballroom West <i>Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform</i></p> <p>The presentation is based on best practice models that have been very successful for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health and portrays some pro-active initiatives that can be done to streamline processes, enhance revenue, save on purchased care cost, and provide opportunities for third party coverage for our uninsured patients.</p>

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explains the importance of personal accountability in revenue cycle processes.
- Describe the value and role of premium assistance programs.
- Name at least two best practices for registration, coding and billing operations.

Presenter:

- Brenda Teel, Executive Officer of Revenue, Chickasaw Nation

Using Data to Inform Tribal Organizations about Medicare, Medicaid and American Indian and Alaska Native Enrollment in State and Federal Marketplaces

Room: Jefferson West

Track: Policy and Advocacy Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing

The goal of this workshop is to share recent findings from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) Data Project. The TTAG Data Project is funded to provide information on health coverage among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) peoples and health status and service utilization by AI/AN enrolled in Medicaid or Medicare and Medicaid and Medicare payments for services provided to AI/AN. Presentations will include "Health Care Coverage among American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples" and "Preventable Hospitalizations among American Indian and Alaska Native Medicare Enrollees."

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain recent findings from the CMS TTAG Data Project.
- Describe the latest information on AI/AN health care coverage.
- Explain the latest data on preventable hospitalizations among AI/AN Medicare enrollees.

Presenters:

- Mark LeBeau, Executive Director, California Rural Indian Health Board
- Joan O'Connell, Associate Professor, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Denver
- Ed Fox, PhD, Director, Health Services Department, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

The Affordable Care Act in Indian Country

Room: Lincoln East

Track: Policy and Advocacy Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing

The passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement (IHCIA) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was a great success as these laws provide the legal basis for increased access to healthcare for thousands of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) . The complexity of the health care law, including the variety of choices an individual AI/AN can make creates a huge need for community education. This workshop will provide information on updated policies and new implementation techniques that impact enrollment processes and education and outreach to Tribal communities.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the special protections and provisions for American Indians and Alaska Natives through the passage of the Affordable Care Act.
- Describe the primary components of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Presenters:

- Dawn Coley, Director of Tribal Health Care Reform, National Indian Health Board
- Jason Curley, Tribal Health Care Reform and Education Program Coordinator, National Indian Health Board

Using ISDEAA, IHCIA and ACA to Expand Service

Room: Lincoln West

Track: Policy and Advocacy Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing

Presenters will outline the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) opportunities for expansion of Indian health services and how Tribes can use the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) to take advantage of those opportunities. The presenters will give examples of innovative programs developed by Tribes and Tribal organizations based on these authorities. The audience will be encouraged to share their experiences, as well.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explains the authority available for various services under the ISDEAA, IHCIA, and ACA.
- Describe Tribal experiences in expanding services under new authority.
- Describe examples of new initiatives that are possible under these authorities will be provided.

Presenters:

- Myra Munson, JD, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP
- Jaylene Peterson-Nyren, Executive Director, Sovereign Nation of the Kenaitze

Insights and Lessons Learned from Launching the Zero Suicide Model in the Pacific Northwest

Room: Georgetown East

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

THRIVE-Tribal Health: Reaching Out InVolves Everyone (THRIVE) is the suicide prevention project at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB). NPAIHB serves the 43 federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. This workshop will provide an overview of the Zero Suicide Model and share lessons learned while implementing the model in three Northwest Tribal health clinics. Participants will discuss strategies to create a leadership-driven, safety-oriented clinic culture to reduce suicide, and gain access to multimedia resources to decrease stigma surrounding mental health.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the Zero Suicide Model as a health care system tool to prevent suicide.
- Explain how a systems-wide approach to suicide prevention could reduce stigma.
- Discuss culturally-appropriate media campaigns, tools, and resources.

Presenters:

- Celena McCray, THRIVE Project Coordinator, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- Stephanie Craig Rushing, PhD, Director of Project Red Talon and THRIVE, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

Expanding Oral Health Care Access in Indian Country: Strategies for Achieving Legislative Victories in Indian Health

Room: Georgetown West

Track: Dental and Oral Health

Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) have been making serious impacts on improving the oral health status of Alaska Natives for many years by providing consistent, routine, high-quality care. Many Tribes throughout Indian Country are considering this as an option for their own communities, but state and federal laws can stand in the way. This workshop will explore strategies for advocating on Indian health policy issues, with a special look at expanding the DHAT model to Tribes in the lower 48. Attendees will learn tips and methods for effective

	<p>advocacy including how to formulate talking points; strategy for meetings; and grassroots engagement.</p> <p>Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe specific advocacy strategies that can be used to advance the discussion of oral healthcare locally. • Describe basic strategies for Tribal grassroots engagement. <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board • David Jordan, Project Director, Community Catalyst • Kristen Mizzi, Senior Associate, Children’s Dental Campaign, The Pew Charitable Trusts <p>DHAT Projects in the Pacific Northwest Room: Monroe <i>Track: Dental and Oral Health</i></p> <p>There is an oral health crisis in Native communities. Our communities are experiencing some of the greatest barriers to oral health care. Tribes in the Portland Area are modernizing their dental teams with the use of Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) to address these barriers. DHATs are an innovative, community-grown solution – strengthening the oral health team and transforming the care delivery system. DHATs are recruited from their Tribes to ensure culturally competent care, and off-site supervision creates a patient-centered delivery model that improves access to care and oral health outcomes while providing quality and economic care.</p> <p>Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the functions of a dental health aide therapist. • Explain how DHATs can improve the dental team and delivery model. • Describe how Tribes can begin to use DHATs in their oral health programs. <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Johnson, Oral Health Specialist, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board • Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
3:30-3:40 PM	Break: Healthy Snacks – <i>Sponsored by Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians</i>
3:40-5:10 PM	AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS – Session IV

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Options and the Benefits through Purchased and Referred Care

Room: Jefferson East

Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) is an integral part of the Indian Health Service and Tribal health programs as it purchases health care services from private sector providers to support direct care facilities. This workshop will explain the referral requirements for Marketplace cost-sharing and standard plans and the benefits covered by PRC under the Affordable Care Act.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Determine if purchased and referred care covers if the plan does not cover the medical service.
- Explain if purchased and referred care covers the co-payments, deductibles, and/or any balance after a plan pays out the benefits.
- Determine if a referral is needed from a covered primary care provider if it is not within IHS or the Tribe

Presenters:

- Doneg McDonough, Technical Advisor to CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group and the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee
- Terri Schmidt, RN, Acting Director of the Office of Management Services, Indian Health Service

Proactive or Reactive? Indian Health Programs Addressing State Level Pushback on Limitations on Covered Services, Benefits & Eligibility and Opportunities through Medicaid Demonstrations

Room: Jefferson West

Track: The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform

Tribes have faced challenges when it comes to limitations imposed on Medicaid/CHIP covered services, benefits and eligibility by the States. Advances are difficult to achieve, but attainable through state Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstrations and other innovations. The panelists will address examples of current challenges, how premium and cost sharing protections aide the Indian health care system in this regard and engage the workshop participants in formulating recommendations on I/T/U engagement at the state level in Medicaid policy development.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain specific state policy directives and legal actions inhibiting Medicaid expansion affecting the I/T/U health care system.
- Explain the limitations on Medicaid/CHIP covered services, benefits and eligibility and what solutions exist to overcome these barriers in the Indian health care system.
- Explain Medicaid/CHIP proposed and/or approved policies (including demonstrations) with regard to health care delivery improvements in Indian Country.

Presenters:

- Kim Russell, Director, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care
- Adam Archuleta, Sante Fe Service Unit, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
- Elliott Milhollin, Partner, Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker, LLC
- Lane Terwilliger, Technical Director, Division of Waivers and State Demonstrations, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Federal Advisory Committee Act 101: Getting the most out of Tribal/Federal Work Groups

Room: International Ballroom West

Track: Policy and Advocacy Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing

The presenters will present an outline of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and its implementation by Federal agencies. Tribal representatives will identify how Federal implementation affects the authority of Tribes and Tribal organizations to appoint individuals selected by them to Federal committees and discuss options for improved implementation. Examples and suggestions will be solicited from the audience.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Explain the primary components of the FACA.
- Explain how FACA is implemented by various federal agencies.
- Identify issues with FACA implementation experienced by Tribes and how to overcome these.

Presenters:

- Myra Munson, JD, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP
- Jerilyn Church, MSW, Chief Executive Officer, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board
- Dee Sabattus, Tribal Health Program Services Director, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Sovereignty and Marijuana in Tribal Communities

Room: Lincoln East

Track: Policy and Advocacy Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing

With medical marijuana legal in more than 23 states and recreational marijuana legal in four, Tribal governments are grappling with the question of how to best regulate marijuana in our communities. The answer will be different for every Tribe, but there are key laws and policies that Tribes will need to know as they exercise their sovereignty on this issue. This workshop will explore the Tribal perspective when it comes to marijuana legalization. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of federal and state law and policy around this timely issue.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the primary points comprising Tribal perspectives on the issue of marijuana legalization
- Describe the federal and state laws that are impacting marijuana legalization in Tribal communities

Presenters:

- Will Micklin, First Vice President, Executive Council, Central Council of Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- Craig Jacobson, JD, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP

Preventing HIV: Sharing the Voices of Young Native Women, and Improving HIV and HCV Services in the Indian Health Service

Room: Lincoln West

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

This workshop will discuss recent advancements in prevention programming for both HIV and HCV. Recent informal assessments were conducted with young AI/AN women to learn about prevalent attitudes, perceptions and beliefs about HIV risk unique to this important population. This presentation will provide practical tips to reach young AI/AN women with prevention programming based upon those assessments. In addition, the IHS has shown improvements in providing HIV and HCV screening and improving access to care by using a quality improvement approach. IHS has launched a range of clinical support tools, including electronic reminders and training events. This presentation will discuss those tools and their applicability to support a strong clinical prevention and treatment approach.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Participants will understand the scope of HIV and HCV infections in AI/AN people.
- Identify two unique HIV prevention challenges and protective factors young Native women experience.
- Participants will be able to describe at least two best practices for improving screening rates at the service unit level.

Presenters:

- Michaela Grey, MPH, Deputy Director, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
- Lisa Neel, MPH, Program Coordinator, Indian Health Service

Strengthening Tribal Self-Determination through Community Health Assessment: An Indigenous Health Policy Blueprint

Room: Georgetown East

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

This presentation describes a collaborative approach to health capacity building by highlighting lessons learned from the Community Health Assessment (CHA) Workshop curriculum designed for health leaders from Tribes, Pueblos, Nations and off-Reservation American Indian serving organizations. The presenters will describe their approach to Indigenous CHAs as a pathway for strengthening self-determination and highlight ways that professionals, advocates, and Tribal leaders can think about integrating CHAs by establishing a vision and process that is locally-relevant, builds upon community strengths, and reinforces cultural core values.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Identify at least two ways that conducting a community health assessment can contribute to future program planning, policy development, and accreditation.
- Describe an Indigenous approach to community health assessment.
- Identify at least two challenges faced by Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations in conducting community health assessment and strategies for overcoming the challenge.

Presenters:

- Tassy Parker, PhD, RN, Associate Vice Chancellor for American Indian Health Research and Education, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center
- Nathania Tsosie, MCRP, Principal Indigenous Health Education Planner, Center for Native American Health, University of New Mexico

The Role of the Grandparents and the Community in Perinatal Health

Room: Georgetown West

Track: Youth, Behavioral Health and Community Wellness

In an effort to understand maternal and child health issues, the Penobscot Indian Nation (PIN) conducted focus groups of mothers, fathers and grandparents. The data indicated that grandparents have influence on the decision-making of families regarding the health of their children. United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. subcontracted with PIN to develop a methodology for addressing these concerns by leveraging the influence of grandparents, mass media, art, and education to create a culture of breastfeeding and knowledge. As a result, PIN successfully increased its 6-month exclusive breastfeeding rate from 20% to 80% in just two years' time.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the unique status of grandparents within AI/AN communities
- Draw upon community strengths to learn how to improve breastfeeding rates
- Explain the importance of storytelling and word of mouth within AI/AN communities

Presenter:

- Angela Davis, Health Communication Specialist, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Moving Mountains to Bring Children's Smiles Back

Room: Monroe

Track: Dental and Oral Health

Native children suffer disproportionately from untreated tooth decay; 80% of all AI/AN children two years old and younger have tooth decay. There is disagreement though over how to solve the problem of improving the quality of dental care in Indian Country. Dental therapy uses mid-level dental providers to ensure community members can get dental care when needed. Presenters will share materials that showcase the benefits of dental therapists and how they differ from other options. Presenters will also detail how to establish dental therapists in your own community so Native children can smile again.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe the impact and consequences of dental disease in Indian Country.
- Present the latest information on dental therapy and how this workforce opportunity is improving dental care in Alaska Native villages.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information on the benefits of dental therapy and the policy initiatives helping to expand the dental therapy provider program. <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvette Joseph, MSW, Project Manager, Kauffman & Associates, Inc. • Linda Loranger, Senior Vice President, Burness Communications • Lowell Dempsey, Senior Health Policy Coordinator, Burness Communications
6:30-9:00 PM	<p>Native Health Awards Gala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jake White Crow Award (1) • National Impact Award (6) • Area/Regional Impact Award (12) • Local Impact Award (24) • Youth Leadership Award (2)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015	
8:00 AM	Coffee Service
7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Exhibits Open
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Registration Open
8:00-8:05 AM	Welcome and Overview of the Day
8:05-9:00 AM	<p>Area Tribal Health Caucus Report Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska: Alaska Native Health Board • Albuquerque: Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board • Bemidji: Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes • Billings: Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council • California: California Rural Indian Health Board • Great Plains: Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board • Nashville: United South and Eastern Tribes • Navajo: Navajo Nation Division of Health • Oklahoma: Oklahoma City Area Inter Tribal Health Board • Phoenix: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona • Portland: Northwest Portland Area Health Board • Tucson: Tohono O’odham National and Pascua Yaqui Tribe

<p>9:00-10:00 AM</p>	<p>World Café for Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda Development The World Café is an opportunity to involve people in conversations that matter on topics that matter. This interactive session will seek to deepen understanding and commitment to the Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda by engaging participants by looking at the mission, vision, guiding principles, and action items for the Agenda. This is an opportunity for developers to share the plans and hope for the Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda and for participants to provide input in the final stages of development and adoption of the Agenda.</p> <p>Speakers: National Indian Health Board</p>
<p>10:00-10:30 AM</p>	<p>The Federal Budgeting Process and How it Impacts AI/AN Health: Indian Health Service and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention One of the key challenges to ending health disparities in Indian Country is the underfunding of the Indian Health Service (IHS). During this session, conference attendees will hear from panelists from the Administration and Tribal community on how the federal budget is created each year, and how we can advocate for better funding for the IHS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Petzinger, Program Examiner, Office of Management and Budget • Elizabeth A. Fowler, Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service • Gary Hayes, Co-Chair Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup
<p>10:30-11:15 AM</p>	<p>Affordable Care Act in Indian Country: Tribal Perspective on Outreach, Enrollment, Advocacy and Overcoming Obstacles The National Indian Health Outreach and Education (NIHOE) initiative, funded by the Indian Health Service (IHS) and supported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), provides national partners – NIHB, National Congress of American Indians, National Council of Urban Indian Health and Tribal Self-Governance – along with 12 area partners the opportunity to build awareness on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). Each presenter will share their respective outreach and enrollment activities, obstacles and ongoing advocacy efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Coley, Director of Tribal Health Reform, National Indian Health Board • Laura Bird, Legislative Associate, National Congress of American Indians • Maurice “Mo” Smith, Executive Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doneg McDonough, Technical Advisor, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee <p>Moderator: Stacy A. Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board</p>
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	<p>Indian Health Care Improvement Act: Where Are We? Where Do We Need to Be? How Do We Get There?</p> <p>It has been over five years since the Indian Health Care Improvement Act was permanently reauthorized as part of the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148). However, many of the authorities granted in this law have not been implemented or funded. This session will provide an overview of some of the key authorities in the law and provide information on how Indian Country can advocate to ensure that the full potential of this law is realized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myra Munson, Partner, Law Firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP • Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board • Doneg McDonough, Technical Advisor, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee <p>Moderator: Devin Delrow, Director of Federal Relations, National Indian Health Board</p>
12:00-12:15 PM	Grant Award Presentation by the Department of Justice
12:15-12:30 PM	<p>Summing Up the NIHB 32nd Annual Consumer Conference: Lessons Learned and Next Steps</p> <p>Closing Ceremony Bur-nur-wurb-skek Singers, Penobscot Nation: Robert Dana, Dean Francis, Nick Bear, Ron Bear</p> <p>Retirement of Colors: Women Warrior Intertribal Association – National Capital Region</p> <p>Blessing: James Sappier, Tribal Councilman, Elder and Firekeeper for Medicine Men, Penobscot Nation</p> <p>Adjourn</p>

Post Conference Activities, Meetings

and Opportunities

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

12:30-1:00 PM	<p>Briefing for all participants in Capitol Hill visits. Issues overview will be provided and packets of materials for you to use when visiting Members of Congress will be distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lester Secatero, Chairman, National Indian Health Board • Stacy A. Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board • Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board
1:00-2:30 PM	National Indian Health Outreach and Education (NIHOE) Initiative: ALL PARTNERS MEETING
1:00-4:00 PM	<p>Listening Session: Veterans Administration (VA)</p> <p>The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Indian Health Service (IHS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on October 1, 2010 with the goal “to improve the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Veterans.” To accomplish this goal, VA and IHS collaborate to outreach to AI/AN Veterans, improve care coordination and provide health care closer to home through reimbursement agreements with IHS facilities and tribally operated health programs.</p> <p>This listening session will allow Veterans, Veteran family members, tribal leaders and other stakeholders to provide IHS and VA leadership direct feedback about Veteran health care needs in their communities, and to communicate how the MOU is affecting Veterans locally. The expert panel will include leaders from IHS, VA Office of Rural Health, Veterans Cemetery Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration and the VA Office of Tribal Government Relations.</p> <p>ALL WELCOME</p>
1:00-5:00 PM	Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting
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