Achieving Healthy Native Communities

National Indian Health Board

National Tribal Public Health Summit

Our Health, Our Way
Achieving Healthy Native Communities

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  *  TULSA, OKLAHOMA
May 30, 31 & June 1, 2012
Jane Semple Umsted was born in Durant, Oklahoma in 1946. She continues to live and work in Oklahoma, at her studio in Durant. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, in 1969. She has been working professionally for 40 years.

She is very proud of her Native American heritage and being a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Oklahoma is one of the sources of inspiration for much of her artwork. Working in multiple media, to include oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, and also sculpture. Perhaps the most unique media for her is that of Batik, an ancient resist technique that uses molten wax to create images. This she executes this using a paint brush, then step by step she carefully dyes one color after another until the completed image evolves. The final step involves removing the wax with heat, allowing the finished piece to emerge as an extremely colorful and dramatic piece on fabric. Each piece is entirely unique, due to the unpredictable nature of the materials.

Semple Umsted was honored by the Choctaw Tribe of Oklahoma to be asked to create a 8' x 16' oil painting of the Choctaw Trail of Tears. The painting is titled, "Long Journey-Many Tears." It hangs in the entrance to the Choctaw Capitol Museum in Tushka Homma, Oklahoma. This mural depicts the historic and tragic removal of the entire tribe from their homeland of Mississippi in 1832.

She is a direct descendent of two Choctaw Chiefs, Peter Pitchlynn (great, great, great grandfather) and William Semple (great uncle). Her artwork brings alive the spirit of her Choctaw heritage.
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OFFERING TRACKS IN:

★ Public Health Accreditation
★ Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
★ Research in Indian Country
★ Environmental Public Health Concerns
May 30, 2012

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Welcome to the 3rd National Tribal Public Health Summit in Tulsa, Oklahoma! On behalf of the entire National Indian Health Board, I would like to thank the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB) and the Cherokee Nation for co-hosting this national Summit highlighting the success of the Tribal public health initiatives in Indian Country.

NIHB’s Summit is the platform to demonstrate unity, share our valuable resources and teach one another about the importance of prevention. NIHB, OCAITHB and Cherokee Nation have joined forces to provide you with information on public health accreditation, law and policy, health promotion/disease prevention, research and environmental health to honor and promote the talent, promise and capacity present in Tribal public health. In addition, we have collaborated with universities and other national organizations to provide education so we can continue to achieve the impossible. Thank you – Miigwech – to you and our Summit speakers and presenters.

**Our Health, Our Way: Achieving Healthy Native Communities** is the theme for this year’s Summit. The National Tribal Public Health Summit provides a venue for Tribal leaders, Area Health Boards, health administrators, health care providers, policy and lawmakers, and public health professionals. It is time to celebrate the successes, identify challenges and opportunities, and plan for a future consisting of preventing illness and addressing health disparities for all American Indian and Alaska Native people.

NIHB is excited about this week’s events and appreciate you for sharing your knowledge and expertise. Please share the information in your respective communities and join NIHB in inspiring others to promote the importance of public health in Indian Country!

Thank you to our co-hosts, sponsors, exhibitors and all of the Oklahoma and Kansas tribes who have generously shared time and resources to make the Summit a success.

Sincerely,

Cathy Abramson  
Chairperson, NIHB Board
Cathy Abramson  
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Seminole Nation — Secretary
On behalf of Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker, Deputy Principal Chief S. Joe Crittenden, and Council Members, welcome to the Cherokee Nation! We are pleased to host the 2012 National Indian Health Board Tribal Public Health Summit, May 30th through June 1st at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa. As the second largest Tribal Nation in the United States with a jurisdictional area spanning over 7,000 square miles in northeastern Oklahoma, maintaining and protecting the public’s health is a priority for the Cherokee Nation.

The Summit’s Agenda provides many valuable opportunities to hear dynamic speakers on various public health topics, exchange ideas on promising practices, and shape the future for vibrant and thriving American Indian/Alaska Native communities. In Oklahoma, we place a heavy emphasis on partnerships and cooperation to address public health issues, which has resulted in several valuable partnerships that we are excited to highlight during the Summit.

Best wishes on a successful Summit and we encourage you to take some time and enjoy everything that is great about the Cherokee Nation during your visit.

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What is the National Indian Health Board?

**OUR VISION: THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD ADVOCATES ON BEHALF OF ALL FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, AMERICAN INDIANS, AND ALASKA NATIVES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL INDIAN PEOPLE!**

The National Health Board (NIHB) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, charitable organization providing health care advocacy services, facilitating Tribal budget consultation and providing timely information and other services to all Tribal Governments. Whether Tribes operate their own health care delivery systems through contracting and compacts or receive health care directly from the Indian Health Services (IHS), NIHB is their advocate. NIHB also provides policy analysis, program assessment and development, national and regional meeting planning, training, technical assistance, program and project management. These services are provided to Tribes, Area Health Boards, Tribal organizations, federal agencies, and private foundations. The NIHB presents the Tribal perspective while monitoring, reporting on and responding to federal legislation and regulations. It also serves as conduit to open opportunities for the advancement of American Indian and Alaska Native health care with other national and international organizations, foundations, corporations and others in its quest to build support for, and advance, Indian health care issues.

**RAISING AWARENESS**

Elevating the visibility of Indian Health care issues has been a struggle shared by Tribal governments, the federal government and private agencies. For 40 years, NIHB has continuously played a central role in focusing national attention on Indian health care needs. These efforts continue to gain results and momentum.

Since 1972, the NIHB has advised the U.S. Congress, IHS, other federal agencies and private foundations about health disparities and service issues experienced in Indian Country. The future of health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives is intertwined with policy decisions at the federal level and changes in mainstream health care management. The NIHB brings to Tribal governments timely information to assist tribes with effectively making sound health care policy decisions.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Because the NIHB serves all federally-recognized tribes, it is important that the work of the NIHB reflect the unity and diversity of Tribal values and opinions in an accurate, fair, and culturally-sensitive manner. This objective is accomplished through the work of the NIHB Board of Directors and Area Health Boards. The NIHB is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of representatives elected by the Tribes in each of the twelve IHS Areas. Each Area Health Board elects a representative and an alternate to sit on the NIHB Board of Directors. In Areas where there is no Area Health Board, Tribal governments choose a representative. The Board of Directors elects an Executive Committee comprised of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary who serve two-year appointments with staggered terms, and Member-at-Large who serves a one year term. The Board of Directors meets quarterly.
Caring is Strong Medicine.

The vision of IHCRC is to eliminate health disparities, expand innovative family-focused practices and promote an embracing approach to care that strengthens physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness within the Indian community.

HEALTH SERVICES
Medical Care • Well Child Care
Health Education and Wellness
Optometry • Dental Care
Lab • X-ray • Mammography
In-house Pharmacy
Behavioral Health Care
Substance Abuse Treatment
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SUMMIT AGENDA

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WEDNESDAY
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7:00 am - 5:00 pm
REGISTRATION OPEN
Main Foyer

7:00 am - 6:00 pm
EXHIBITS OPEN
Main Foyer

7:30 am - 8:30 am
OKLAHOMA CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST BUFFET
Sequoyah IV & V

8:30 am - 8:45 am
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
Cherokee Nation Color Guard

OPENING PRAYER
Lester Secatero (Tewa Pueblo Band of Navajos), NIHB Board member (Albuquerque Area), Chairperson, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

8:45 am - 9:10 am
NIHB OPENING REMARKS
• Cathy Abramson (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians), Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Board (Bemidji Area), Secretary, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians

9:10 am - 9:20 am
Speaker Introduction:
• Tom John (Seneca Nation of Indians), Treasurer, NIHB Board member (Oklahoma City Area), Administrator of Self Governance, Chickasaw Nation

9:20 am - 9:40 am
KEYNOTE ADDRESS FROM THE NCAI
• S. Joe Crittendon (Cherokee Nation), Deputy Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation (invited)

9:40 am - 9:50 am
WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE OKLAHOMA AREA INTER TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD
• Tom John (Seneca Nation of Indians), Treasurer, NIHB Board member (Oklahoma City Area), Administrator of Self Governance, Chickasaw Nation

9:50 am - 10:00 am
WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE OKLAHOMA AREA INTER TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD
• Tom John (Seneca Nation of Indians), Treasurer, NIHB Board member (Oklahoma City Area), Administrator of Self Governance, Chickasaw Nation

10:00 am - 10:15 am
Speaker Introduction:
• Michelle Hayward (Redding Rancheria), NIHB Board member (California Area), Secretary, Redding Rancheria

10:15 am -11:00 am
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES
Presenters:
• Jennifer Cooper (Seneca Nation of Indians), JD, MPA, Legislative Director, NIHB

9:40 am - 9:50 am
Sequoyah IV & V Room

7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Main Foyer

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THE SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS
In 1997, Congress established the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) to respond to the diabetes epidemic among American Indians and Alaska Natives. Today, SDPI is a $150 million per year grant program that provides funding for diabetes treatment and prevention services at over 400 IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health programs across the United States. Administered by the Indian Health Service’s Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention and with guidance from the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, the SDPI grant programs use evidence-based, community-driven diabetes treatment and prevention strategies that
address each stage of the disease. With a demonstrated proven record, SDPI has become our nation’s most successful effort in treating and combating diabetes in Indian Country. This panel will provide an overview of the program, the outcomes that have been achieved, and future opportunities to translate and disseminate these outcomes across Indian Country. The session will also highlight the impact of these programs on local communities and individual tribal members.

Moderator:
* Buford Rolin (Poarch Band of Creek Indians), Chairman, IHS Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, NIHB Board member (Nashville Area), Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Panel Presenters:
* Jennifer Cooper (Seneca Nations of Indians), JD, MPA, Legislative Director, NIHB
* Allen Dale, SDPI Grantee
* Ann Bullock (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), MD, Clinical Consultant, Indian Health Service
* Shondra McCage (Chickasaw Nation), MPH, CHES, Chair, Awakening the Spirit/American Diabetes Association

11:00 am - 11:30 am Sequoyah IV & V Room
Speaker Introduction:
* Martin Havier (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community), NIHB Board Member (Phoenix Area), Vice President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council

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* Thomas R. Frieden, MD, MPH, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (Invited)

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Sequoyah IV & V Room
Speaker Introduction:
* Sally Smith (Yukon Eskimo), Secretary, NIHB Board (Alaska Area), Chairman, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

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* J. Nadine Gracia, MD, MSCE, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health (Acting), Office of Minority Health

12:00 pm - 12:05 pm Sequoyah IV & V Room
Closing Remarks
* Cathy Abramson (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians), Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Board (Bemidji Area), Secretary, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians

12:05 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch on your own

Workshops

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Sequoyah III Room
Track 1 - Accreditation/Law and Policy
A Guide to Advocacy and Partnerships Workshop
Strong Partnerships are an essential element in successful advocacy campaigns. The Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) is the result of such a successful partnership. This workshop will provide details, methods and examples of how NHIB, American Diabetes Association (ADA) and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), led a successful, multi-year effort to retain the SDPI. The SDPI program will expire in September 2013. This workshop will discuss the plans for continuing partnerships.

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Presenters:
* Jennifer Cooper (Seneca Nations of Indians), JD, MPA, Legislative Director, NIHB
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1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Wolf Room
Track 2
A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO SUICIDE PREVENTION AND POSTVENTION

Through this effective public health approach to the complex issue of suicide, we will look at suicide prevention in the context of the individual and the family, clan, tribe, community and society. Involving key community stakeholders, such as the school system, law enforcement, mental health/substance abuse providers, social services, spiritual leaders and tribal elders is necessary for successful suicide prevention and intervention awareness. These entities are also key for postvention efforts. This workshop will examine these factors and highlight evidence that a community working together to improve the interface between service systems, community protective factors will create a sustainable suicide prevention infrastructure.

Moderator:
* Lester Secatero (ToHajiilee Band of Navajos), NIHB Board member (Albuquerque Area), Chairperson, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

Presenter:
* Elaine de Mello, LCSW, Manager of Training and Prevention Services, Native Alliance for the Mentally Ill New Hampshire

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Deer I Room
Track 3
RESEARCH
INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARDS: INFLUENCING RESEARCH IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Tribes are frequently approached by researchers to study health related issues of their tribal members. Occasionally, Tribal researchers initiate their own research and need definite policies and procedures to guide them through the review and oversight processes. As a result, several tribes have developed their own federally registered IRB’s. These boards work alone or in collaboration with the IHS area/National Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) to ensure compliance with human subject protection. What distinguishes tribal IRBs from a traditional IRB is the proactive involvement in all three phases of research.

During this workshop, collaboration between Oklahoma’s multiple tribal IRBs and one Indian Health Service IRB will be examined and presented.

Moderator:
* Sally Smith (Yupik Eskimo), Secretary, NIHB Board (Alaska Area), Chairman, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Presenters:
* Michael Peercy, MPH, MT(ASCP)H, Epidemiologist/IRB Administrator, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health
* Sohail Kahn, MBBS, MPH, CIP, Tribal Epidemiologist/Director of Health Research, Cherokee Nation Health Services
* David Wharton, MPH, RN, Preventive Health Informatics Program Manager, Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority
* Bobby Saunkeah, RN, CDE, CIP, Program Manager, Department of Epidemiology, Research, and Public Health, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health
* Julie A. Erb-Alvarez, MPH, LCDR U.S. Public Health Service - Area Epidemiologist, Indian Health Service, Oklahoma City Area Office
A PROSPECTIVE BIRTH COHORT STUDY INVOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL URANIUM EXPOSURE IN THE NAVAJO NATION

Uranium mining and processing operations on the Navajo Nation left potential uranium exposure sources through waste piles, drinking water and soil contamination, as well as in homes and structures built with mining waste. In response to requests by the Navajo Nation, Congress allocated funds to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to study non-occupational exposures to uranium wastes. This workshop will include an examination of the resulting research "A Prospective Birth Cohort Study Involving Environmental Uranium Exposure in the Navajo Nation," also known as the Navajo Birth Cohort Study (NBCS).

Moderator:
* Sally Smith (Yupik Eskimo), Secretary, NIH Board (Alaska Area), Chairman, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Presenters:
* Candis M. Hunter, MSPH, Epidemiologist, LT-US Public Health Service, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
* Chris Shuey, MPH, Co-Investigator, Navajo Birth Cohort Study, Southwest Research and Information Center
* Mae-Gilene Begay (Navajo Nation), MSW, Community Health Representative Program Director, Navajo Nation Division of Health
* David Begay (Navajo Nation), PhD, Co-Investigator, Navajo Birth Cohort Study, Assistant Research Professor, University of New Mexico

BUILDING TRIBAL/STATE PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH

During this workshop presenters will examine how the State of Arizona's managed care behavioral health system has incorporated tribes and improved tribal member access to behavioral health services in the state. The two methods of working with tribes will be described, including Intergovernmental Agreements with tribes to be tribal regional behavioral health authorities (TRBHAs), and Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) contract requirements to work with tribes and provide behavioral health services on reservations with permission of the tribal governments. The Division of Behavioral Health Tribal Contract Administrator will provide an overview of the State's managed care system as well as work conducted in partnership with the Indian Health Service.

Moderators:
* Martin Havier (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community), NIH Board Member (Phoenix Area), Vice President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council
* Tom John (Seneca Nation of Indians), Treasurer, NIH Board member (Oklahoma City Area), Administrator of Self Governance, Chickasaw Nation

Presenters:
* Lydia Hubbard-Pourier (Navajo/Telchone C'dham), BSN, MPH, Tribal Contract Administrator, Bureau of Compliance, Division of Behavioral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services
* Sheina Yellowhair (Navajo), Tribal Liaison, Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona
* Julia Chavez (Telche C'dham Nation/Asuena Yaqui), Tribal Liaison, Community Partnership of Arizona
### Track 2
**2:45 pm - 4:15 pm**
**Sequoyah III Room**

**HEALTH PROMOTION/DISEASE PREVENTION**

**DIABETES, MENTAL HEALTH, AND WELLNESS:**
**USING CULTURALLY-APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS AND TOOLS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES**

Type 2 diabetes is epidemic among American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN). The lack of early detection and culturally-bound illness beliefs and attitudes may add to diabetes-related complications, such as depression, heart disease, blindness and amputations. Depression and fatalistic beliefs can impact diabetes self-management and lifestyle. This session will highlight the importance of early diabetes detection through screenings and the use of culturally appropriate tools (Talking Circles) to aid in the education, intervention and screening of diabetes, thus increasing knowledge about the disease and improving healthy lifestyle choices. It will also describe the development of a new toolkit, Living a Balanced Life with Diabetes, which addresses diabetes and depression—and how it has been disseminated to healthcare professionals who serve AIAN populations.

**Moderator:**
Buford Rolin (Poarch Band of Creek Indians), Chairman, IHS Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, NHB Board member (Nashville Area), Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

**Presenters:**
- A. Felicia Schanche Hodge (Wailaki Tribe), DrPh, MPH, Professor, School of Nursing/Public Health, Director, Center for American Indian/Indigenous, University of Los Angeles, School of Public Health
- Ann Bullock (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), MD, Clinical Consultant, Indian Health Service
- lorelei DeCorra (Winnebago Indian Tribe), RN, BSN, Project Director, Diabetes Wellness, American Indian Talking Circles
- Shondra McCage (Chickasaw Nation), MPH, CHES, Health Promotion Specialist, Chickasaw Nation Health System/Diabetes Care Center

### Track 3
**2:45 pm - 4:15 pm**
**Deer II Room**

**RESEARCH**

**RESEARCH IN INDIAN COUNTRY: CHALLENGING THE EXISTING PARADIGM**

The need for public health research with American Indians and Alaska Natives is growing, evidenced by well-documented, disproportionate rates of risk factors, disease and other health disparities. There is a corresponding need for tribal entities to develop and oversee research conducted within their communities, protecting not only tribal research subjects, but also the heritage and overall wellbeing of the tribe. In the traditional research paradigm, academic or institutional investigators approach potential tribal partners with research protocols that are already well-developed, offering funds in exchange for the permission to conduct research and data collection activities within the tribal community. In 2011, the Chickasaw Nation established the department of epidemiology, research and public health with a goal of creating a research infrastructure that challenges the existing paradigm. This session will describe and examine that initiative.

**Moderator:**
Michelle Hayward (Redding Rancheria), NHB Board member (California Area), Secretary, Redding Rancheria

**Presenters:**
- Michael Peercy, MPH, MT(ASCP), Epidemiologist/IRB Administrator, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health
- Bobby Saunkeah, RN, CDE, CIP, Program Manager, Department of Epidemiology, Research, and Public Health, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health
THE TAR CREEK SUPERFUND SITE IN NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA HAS A LEGACY OF LEAD AND ZINC MINING. ORIGINALLY, THIS INCLUDED 40 SQUARE MILES, CONTAMINATING QUAPAW TRIBAL LAND AND EIGHT ADDITIONAL TRIBE SITES DOWNSTREAM. THE SITE WAS ABANDONED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UNTIL IHS RESEARCHERS DISCOVERED THAT 32% OF LOCAL INDIAN CHILDREN HAD LEAD POISONING. THIS SESSION WILL EXAMINE HOW ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND LAND CONTAMINATION IMPACT HUMAN HEALTH. IN ADDITION, ATTENDEES WILL GAIN TOOLS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH.

MODERATOR:

* Tom Anderson (Cherokee Nation) Tribal Epidemiology Center Manager, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board

PRESENTERS:

* Cara Cowan Watts (Cherokee Nation), BS, MS, PhD Candidate (ABD), Deputy Speaker, Tribal Council Cherokee Nation

* Rebecca Jim, (Cherokee Nation), Executive Director LEAD Agency, Inc., Local Environmental Action Demanded

THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT WILL FEATURE:

Robert Lewis
Lead Village Interpreter for the Cherokee Heritage Center

International Renowned
Cherokee National Youth Choir
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7:00 am - 10:00 am    Main Foyer
REGISTRATION OPEN

7:00 am - 5:00 pm    Main Foyer
EXHIBITS OPEN

7:30 am - 9:00 am    Sequoyah IV & V
SPA CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 am - 9:45 am    Sequoyah IV & V
Speaker Introduction:
* Cathy Abramson (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians), Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Board (Bemidji Area), Secretary, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
* David G. Perdue (Chickasaw Nation), MD, MSPH, Medical Director, American Indian Cancer Foundation, Minneapolis, MN

Topic:
ALONG COMES A SPIDER. THE EPIDEMIC OF CANCER IN INDIAN COUNTRY
Cancer has or will soon surpass heart disease as the leading cause of adult mortality in many parts of Indian country. Native community cancer rates show dramatic regional variation. This variation is often directly related to modifiable risk factors including smoking prevalence, diets, environments, and health system factors that impede cancer prevention, early detection, access to treatment and survivor support.

This presentation will provide an overview of our cancer epidemic, and review known and probable risk factors. We will examine cancer best practices, and place them in the context of tribal health systems. We will then identify strategies and resource needs for eliminating our cancer disparities.

9:45 am - 11:00 am    Sequoyah IV & V
Speaker Introduction:
* Sally Smith ( Yupik Eskimo), Secretary, NIHB Board (Alaska Area), Chairman, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Topic:
PUBLIC HEALTH LAW: PROMOTING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY
Law provides an important foundation for many public health programs designed to prevent disease and promote health. Many of the most successful public health initiatives have utilized public health law as a central component of their campaigns. Childhood immunization programs and motor vehicle safety campaigns have reaped significant benefits from this approach. In Indian Country, public health law holds great potential as a tool to successfully address some of the most pressing public health issues facing American Indians and Alaska Natives. Furthermore, developing this area of law can promote and strengthen Tribal sovereignty.

Presenters:
* Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle, JD (Mohawk), Public Health Project Coordinator for NIHB, Public Health Department
* Clifford Rees, JD, Practice Director, Western Region of the Network for Public Health Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law, Institute of Public Law
* Montreece Ransom, JD, MPH, Senior Public Health Analyst with the Public Health Law Program (PHLP) in the Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

11:00 am - 11:10 am    BREAK
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Workshops

11:10 am - 12:30 pm Deer I Room
Track 1
ACCREDITATION / LAW AND POLICY
SUPPORTING TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION
One of the ways that communities can work together to ensure they achieve healthy communities is to strengthen the role of the public health department that serves the community. For the past five years, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has been working with its partners to develop a national voluntary public health accreditation program for Tribal, state, local and territorial health departments. Draft standards, measures, and an accreditation process were tested in a year-long beta test in 30 health departments across the country. Three of those were Tribal sites. Information from that field testing, along with other means of feedback, has been used to revise the program elements for the September 2011 opening of the first national accreditation program for health departments. Special attention has been given to ensuring that the standards, measures and accreditation process respect Tribal health department practices and culture.

Moderator:
• Paul Allis (Pueblo Tribe), MEd, Director, Public Health Programs, NIH

Presenter:
• Kaye Bender, President/CEO, Public Health Accreditation Board

11:10 am - 12:30 pm Bear Room
Track 2
HEALTH PROMOTION /DISEASE PREVENTION
PREVENTING HIV AMONG INJECTION DRUG USERS (IDUS) IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES
To achieve healthy communities for all Native people, we must continue to address the health disparities associated with HIV/AIDS. In some Native communities, there is access to HIV testing, improved condom distribution efforts and community awareness and education activities. However, more awareness and education is needed to address the HIV prevention needs for injection drug users (IDUs). According to the CDC (2012), 27.5% of American Indian/Alaskan Native men acquired HIV through behaviors linked to injection drug use; 34% of American Indian/Alaskan Native women acquired HIV through injection drug use - the second highest percentage compared to all other racial and ethnic groups. Participants will examine how syringe access programs protect the overall health of the community and often help IDUs begin the process of changing their drug using behaviors towards recovery. This workshop will also serve as a rare and exciting opportunity for participants to engage in an honest dialogue regarding the fears, judgments and biases we, as community members, often experience when dealing with this issue.

Moderator:
• D'Shane Barnett (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation), Board Member, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, Executive Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health

Presenter:
• Matt Ignacio (Tohono O'odham), MSSW, Capacity Building Liaison, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC)
• Mary Helen Deer (Kiowa/Muskogee), RN, Secretary, NNAAPC Board of Directors
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Track 3

RESEARCH

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL RESEARCH REVIEW BOARD (OSTRRB): SOVEREIGNTY THROUGH RESEARCH

This presentation will highlight the importance of tribes taking the lead in research and promoting true community-based participatory research with tribal partners. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Health Administration Department sustains a Tribal Research Review Board (RRB) on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The boards’ primary responsibility is to provide monitoring and assessment services for research on proposed to the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The RRB also provides cultural orientation to off-reservation researchers and a mechanism through which data becomes tribally owned.

Moderator:
• Michelle Hayward (Redding Rancheria), NIHB Board member (California Area), Secretary, Redding Rancheria

Presenters:
• Lisa Schrader-Dillon (Oglala Sioux Tribe), MSW, Tribal Health Administrator, Oglala Sioux Tribe
• Angela Sam (Oglala Sioux Tribe), OSTRRB Coordinator, Oglala Sioux Tribe
• Marie Zephier (Oglala Sioux Tribe), MPH, Outreach Coordinator, Oglala Sioux Tribe Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) grant: Sacred Beginnings

11:10 am - 12:30 pm Wolf Room

Track 4

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH LAW: INTERJURISDICTIONAL LEGAL AUTHORITIES FOR TUBERCULOSIS (TB) CONTROL

This workshop will provide an overview of public health law and the inter-jurisdictional legal mechanisms applicable to TB control. It will examine a number of important legal structures in place including the five levels of jurisdiction in the U.S. and the five sources of public health law in the U.S. at federal, state, local and tribal levels. The workshop will also look at the ways tribes exercise their health powers, using examples from the Navajo Nation Code and Inter-Jurisdictional Agreements. Finally, the workshop will discuss the applicability of the 2005 International Health Regulations and the future direction of this field of law.

Moderator:
• Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle, JD (Mohawk), Public Health Project Coordinator for NIHB, Public Health Department

Presenters:
• Clifford Rees, JD, Practice Director, Western Region of the Network for Public Health Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law, Institute of Public Law
• Montrece Ransom, JD, MPH, Senior Public Health Analyst with the Public Health Law Program (PHLP) in the Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

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ACCREDITATION / LAW AND POLICY

PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION: A TRIBAL BETA TEST SITE PERSPECTIVE

In 2010, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) began a beta test of the voluntary public health accreditation process. A total of 30 beta test sites were chosen of those sites included three tribal sites: Navajo Nation Division of Health, Cherokee Nation Health Service, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community – Department of Health and Human Services. This presentation will share with the attendees the issues, challenges and successes of the tribal beta test site process, the outcome of the beta test site review, and the current plans and activities of the tribal beta test sites.

Moderator:
* Kaye Bender, President/CEO, Public Health Accreditation Board

Presenters:
* Anita Muneta (Navajo Nation), B.S., MPH, Navajo Nation Division of Health
* Lisa Pivec, Director of Community Health, Cherokee Nation
* Jerry Cline, PhD, Oklahoma Commissioner of Health

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm  
Bear Room

HEALTH PROMOTION / DISEASE PREVENTION

HECEL LENA OYATE KI NIPI KITE (SO THE PEOPLE MAY LIVE): AN INDIGENOUS PERMACULTURE APPROACH TO PREVENTING DIABETES AND PROMOTING WELLNESS

The presentation will provide an overview of the Native Gardens Project, activities, successes, and challenges from the Tribal viewpoint of implementation and evaluation. Presenters will share lessons learned so this model may be replicated by participants in their home communities. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST) is one of 17 tribes that received a five year grant from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to build capacity of tribal programs and communities to integrate traditional knowledge and western science into strategies for diabetes prevention.

Through the Native Gardens Project, SRST is reclaiming traditional foods, physical activities, and Lakota life ways in order to support reduction of Type 2 diabetes.

Moderator:
* Michelle Hayward (Redding Rancheria), NIHB Board member (California Area), Secretary, Redding Rancheria

Presenters:
* Aubrey Skye (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe), Project Coordinator, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Diabetes Program/Native Gardens Project
* Aiko Allen, MS, Evaluator, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Native Gardens Project Director, Center for Health Equity, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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Track 3
RESEARCH

A RIGOROUS DIABETES TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES (CHRS)
WITH THE GOAL OF EXPANDING THE DIABETES
CARE TEAM

Health care reform initiatives require a paradigm
shift in health care delivery and the looming diabetes
pandemic further necessitates the need for reform. CHRs
are trained lay health workers who provide support,
education, and advocacy to Native American patients
and their communities. As members of the communities
they serve, CHRs understand the language, culture,
community, resources and barriers to health and health
care delivery and can serve as vital members of the
health care team.

The presenters developed and implemented an
innovative, highly rigorous diabetes training program
for CHRs called the Diabetes Community Resource
Education Worker (CREW) initiative. This workshop will
provide a thorough overview of this model.

Moderator:
• Buford Rolin (Poarch Band of Creek Indians),
  Chairman, IHS Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee,
  NIHB Board member (Nashville Area), Chairman,
  Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Presenters:
• Kathleen Colleran, MD, Professor of Medicine,
  University of New Mexico HSC (UNMHSC)
• Billie Jo Kipp (Blackfeet), PhD, President, Blackfeet
  Community College
• Erika Harding, MA, Education and Outreach Manager,
  Project Extension for Community Health Outcomes
  (ECHO), UNMHSC
• Andrea Zurawski, RN, Nurse Manager Diabetes and
  Cardiac Care Clinic, Project ECHO, UNMHSC

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm  Wolf Room

Track 4
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

TRIBAL HOME VISITING'S PROMISE AND
PROGRESS IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

This session will provide an overview and update
on the Affordable Care Act Tribal Maternal, Infant,
and Early Childhood Home Visiting program, a new
evidence-based public health initiative that was part of
healthcare reform and shows great promise for Native
communities. Under this program, which began in 2010,
19 Tribes, consortia of Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and
Urban Indian Organizations have been awarded 5-year
grants to conduct community needs assessments; plan
for and implement high-quality, culturally-relevant,
evidence-based home visiting programs in AI/AN communities; and conduct tribally-driven research and
evaluation activities. The goals of the Tribal Home Visiting
program are to: 1) support the development of happy,
healthy, and successful American Indian and Alaska
Native (AI/AN) children and families; 2) implement
high-quality, culturally-relevant evidence-based home
visiting programs in AI/AN communities; 3) expand the
evidence base around home visiting interventions with
Native populations; and 4) promote linkages among
various programs that serve young children and families
in Native communities. In addition to a program overview
from federal staff, session participants will hear from Tribal
Home Visiting grantee, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma,
about their progress towards planning for, implementing,
and evaluating a home visiting program as part of a
broader early childhood system in their community.

Moderator:
• Mickey Peercy, MSW, Executive Director, Health
  Service, Choctaw Nation

Presenters:
• Moushumi Beltangady, Senior Policy Analyst for
  Childhood Development, Administration for Children
  and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and
  Human Services (HHS)
• Carol Gage (Lakota), Program Analyst-Federal Project
  Officer, Cheyenne River Lakota, ACF, HHS
• Angela Dancer (Cheytoaw Nation of Oklahoma), Sr.
  Project Director, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal
  Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting
  Program- Project Chahta Inchukka
• Brandi Smallwood (Cheytoaw Nation of Oklahoma),
  Project Director, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal
  Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting
  Program - Project Chahta Inchukka

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Wolf Room  
Track 1  
ACCREDITATION / LAW AND POLICY  
HELD TO THE SAME STANDARDS: TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION  
Tribal public health departments are held to the same standards as state and local health departments when seeking accreditation. Learning about the domains of accreditation means learning about the full range of what Tribal health departments could be doing for their communities: working with their public health system partners. In this workshop, presenters will provide a basic overview of accreditation and its pre-requisites; a perspective of those in the trenches developing organizational policy; and examine data infrastructure changes that can support a Tribal health department’s journey toward accreditation. Presenters will also provide information about the ongoing development of an online tool through which Tribes and their public health system partners can support each other as they work toward accreditation.

Moderator:  
• Sally Smith (Yupik Eskimo), Secretary, NIHB Board (Alaska Area), Chairman, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Presenters:  
• Larry Voegele (Ponca Tribe of Nebraska), Tribal Health Planner, Ponca Health Services Department  
• Maylynn Warne (Ft. Sill/Santa Ana Pueblo), Health Promotion Programs, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board  
• Jennifer Giroux (Rosebud Sioux Tribe), MD, MPH, Medical Epidemiologist, IHS-Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board  
• Chairmen’s Health Board/Aberdeen Area IHS

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm  Deer I Room  
Track 2  
HEALTH PROMOTION /DISEASE PREVENTION  
DIGITAL NARRATIVES: TRANSLATING ORAL TRADITION INTO DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT FOR WELLNESS  
Story telling is a century’s old tradition used to hold and carry culture and history. Today, digital narratives create an archive of our wellness journeys and a collaborative map of the paths to wellness for the betterment of current and future generations. This presentation will describe and demonstrate some of the most popular Social Media and interactive tools in current use, such as Facebook, Twitter, Google+, YouTube, and Diigo. We will discuss how each tool is used and examine capabilities and measurements within each tool to evaluate its potential reach. Participants will see examples of current social media practices in health outreach and examine what impact research indicates about how to use these tools in combination with one another.

Moderator:  
• Lester Secatero (TeHujiilee Band of Navajos), NIHB Board member (Albuquerque Area), Chairperson, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

Presenters:  
• Stacy Braiuca (Citizen Potawatomi Nation), MSW, MPH, Research Associate, Center for American Indian Community Health and Healthy Living, University of Kansas Medical Center  
• Teresa Trumbly Lamsam (Osage), Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
• Michael Williams, Associate Professor, University of Kansas
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**Track 3**

**RESEARCH**

**THE HEALTHY NATIVE BABIES PROJECT, SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) RISK-REDUCTION**

The Healthy Native Babies Project provides Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) risk-reduction messages to American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) via culturally and regionally appropriate training and outreach materials. The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), working with AI/AN stakeholders, developed this project and the following deliverables: Workbook, Resource CD, and a Toolkit program for developing community-tailored materials; and training sessions. The materials and training encourage further development of community-specific cultural competence. Each outreach coordinator, health educator, and community partner can choose the most appropriate outreach approach for his or her specific audience and these tools will be discussed and provided during this session.

**Moderator:**
• Tom John (Seneca Nation of Indians), Treasurer, NIHB Board member (Oklahoma City Area), Administrator of Self Governance, Chickasaw Nation

**Presenter:**
• Folorunso Akintan, PhD, Senior Epidemiology/Acting Director, Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm  Sequoyah III Room

**Track 4**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**STRATEGIES TO COMBAT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem in communities across the United States, including American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Although the problem may seem overwhelming, communities, experts, and lawmakers alike are discovering strategies that work. This workshop will provide the facts on prescription drug abuse and discuss best and promising practices being used to address this epidemic. The workshop will look at ways Tribes can utilize take back days and drug monitoring programs to keep their communities safe and healthy.

**Moderator:**
• Cathy Abramson (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians), Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Board (Bemidji Area), Secretary, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians

**Presenter:**
• Paul Jaster, Diversion Group Supervisor, Tulsa Resident Office, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency
• BJ Boyd

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Location: TBA

**JOIN US FOR CULTURE NIGHT Celebration**

Sponsored by Cherokee Nation

The Cherokee Nation invites you to experience the culture, entertainment and food from our region. Attend "Culture Night" on the grounds of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino and enjoy an evening highlighting the rich heritage and culture of our people.

The event will feature a performance of Cherokee songs, a sampling of seasonal foods, and cultural sharing. We will also be holding a stickball demonstration, followed by a social stickball game. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes because everyone is invited to participate!

**Refreshments:**

TRADITIONAL AND SEASONAL FOODS TO BE SERVED
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COFFEE

Workshops

9:00 am - 11:30 am  Sequoyah IV & V

FINDING AND RESPONDING TO GRANT OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP
Presented by:
* Michelle Chino, Ph.D., SCHS Graduate Coordinator, Associate Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health, University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Community Health Sciences

11:30 am - 1:00 pm  LUNCH BREAK

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  Sequoyah IV & V

PROGRAM EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT
Presented by:
* Michelle Chino, Ph.D., SCHS Graduate Coordinator, Associate Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health, University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Community Health Sciences

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm  Sequoyah IV & V
CLOSING CEREMONY
* Cathy Abramson (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians), Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Board (Bemidji Area), Secretary, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians

CLOSING PRAYER
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NIHB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Aberdeen Area Representative
* John Yellowbird Steele (Pine Ridge, Oglala Sioux Tribe) is the newest member of the National Indian Health Board’s Board of Directors. In December of 2010 Mr. Steele was elected to serve as President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, a role he has been elected to six times in the past eighteen years.

Alaska Area Representative – Secretary
* Ms. H. Sally Smith served as the Chairperson for the National Indian Health Board’s (NIHB) Board of Directors from December 1999 until January 2009. Currently Ms. Smith is the Alaska Area Representative to the NIHB Board and also serves as NIHB’s Representative to the Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG).

Ms. Smith also serves as the Chairperson for the Alaska Native Health Board, a position she has held since 1998. She also presides as the Chair for the Alaska Native Medical Center Joint Operating Board, the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and serves as the Sergeant at Arms for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Ms. Smith is the National and Alaska Representative to the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee, the National Representative to the Tribal Leader’s Diabetes Committee and a member of the National Steering Committee for the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Sally serves as 3rd Chief of the Native Village of Dillingham and a Tribal Judge. In 1997, she was the recipient of the Alaska Federation of Natives Health Award and in 1998 she received the National Indian Health Board’s highest recognition, The Jake White Crow Award. She is Yupik Eskimo and the mother of four sons. hsmith@abbhc.org

Albuquerque Area Representative
* Mr. Lester Secatero (To’Hajiilee – Cameneito Navajo), Mr. Secatero is currently the Chairman of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Incorporated and a member of the National Indian Health Board. He has been the Pastor of The Jesus Church at To’Hajiilee for the past twenty five years. Mr. Secatero has served the To’Hajiilee Chapter in a number of different capacities. Mr. Secatero has served on the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board for the past five years and was elected Chairman in 2004. He has been married to his wife for over thirty-five years and is a father and grandfather. ddalea@aaahb.org

Bemidji Area Representative – Chairperson
* Ms. Cathy Abramson is a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians Tribe located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and represents the Bemidji Area Tribes (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) on the National Indian Health Board. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She was elected to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribes Board of Directors in 1996 representing Unit 1. She has been serving as a Tribal board member since that time, and was re-elected for a fourth term in the summer of 2008; she presently serves as Treasurer. Cathy’s Spirit Name is Wabanang Quay. She is a member of the Wolf clan. She resides in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan – Bawehnting. Cathy is actively involved with United Tribes of Michigan and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST). She also serves on the Tribes traditional living and foods program planning committee, and participates in the Sault Ste. Marie culture committee, higher education committee, conservation committee, and has served as an advisor for the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Youth Council. Cathy states, “The greatest gift that the Creator has given me is my family. I have been married for 30 years to Tony Abramson and we have 3 beautiful children Lisa, Laura, and Tony Jr. We have 6 beautiful grandchildren, and a beautiful grandson, who are the absolute joys of my life.” Cathy loves to hunt, fish and gather the indigenous foods of her area, and enjoys camping, hiking, traveling and family gatherings. cabramson@saulttribe.net

Billings Representative – Vice Chairman
* Mr. L. Jace Killshack, “Voaxaa’ee Nestootee” (Screaming Eagle) is a Northern Cheyenne Indian from Busby, Montana and is a direct descendant of Chief Dull Knife. Mr. Killshack is currently serving his second term as a Councilman for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and is the Billings Area Representative for the NIHB Board of Directors. In 2002 L. Jace received his Bachelors of Arts Degree from the University of California, Berkeley in
Native American Studies with a minor in Environmental Science. While pursuing his higher education in the Bay Area, L. Jace Killsback first became involved in health care issues as a board member of the Native American Health Centers of Oakland and San Francisco. Once home on the reservation and as an elected tribal official, Mr. Killsback was appointed as his Tribe’s delegate for the Montana and Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (MT/WY-TLC) and the Council of Large Land-Based Tribes (CLLBT). Mr. Killsback was the former Treasurer of the CLLBT and the past chairman of the MT/WY-TLC and is current chairman of the Subcommittee on Health. Mr. Killsback has facilitated Tribal Consultations with SAMHSA, made presentations on suicide prevention, and testified at a senate field hearing on Indian health care. Mr. Killsback has served as the Billings Area Representative for the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee, IHS HP/DP Policy Advisory Committee, and Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

California Area Representative
* Michelle Hayward is an enrolled member of the Redding Rancheria and is Wintu. She is Secretary of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council and has been involved in the healthcare field since 1993 at Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Clinic. Michelle was the Clinic Operations Manager for 5 years at the Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Clinic. She has been seated on the Tribal Council since 2005 and is now serving her second year of being Tribal Secretary. Michelle has served on the California Rural Indian Health Board since 2007 and was Vice-Chair for one year. She was elected in October 2011 as the Chair of the California Rural Indian Health Board. Board of Directors and since then has also been seated on the National Indian Health Board.

Nashville Area Representative
* Mr. Buford L. Rolin is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. He has served as Secretary for the Tribe and has served as the Vice-Chairman from 1991-2006. As of June 12, 2006 he was elected Chairman of the Tribe. In 1989, Mr. Rolin received a service award from the Indian Health Service for improving the Health of Indian People. In 1993, he was awarded the Director’s Award for Excellence by the Indian Health Service. In 1996, he also received the Area Director’s Special Commendation Award from the Indian Health Service. In 2007, he was awarded the NIHB Jake White Crow Award. Mr. Rolin has served on many national organizations including the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Atmore Area Partnership for Youth Board of Directors, and the Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs. He serves on United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) and currently as a board member of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB). He serves on the State of Alabama Public Health Advisory Board and is a member of the USET Health Committee. Mr. Rolin was appointed in 1998 by Dr. Michael Trujillo, Director, Indian Health Service, as Tribal Co-Chair National Steering Committee (NSC), for Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). He was appointed in 1999 Tribal Co-Chair to the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee by Dr. Michael Trujillo. During 2000, Mr. Rolin was appointed to the White House Commission on Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Policy by President Bill Clinton. Mr. Rolin was appointed to NCAI Tribal Leaders Health Information Technology Task Force in 2001 by NCAI President Tex Hall. Mr. Rolin was elected Chairman. Mr. Rolin was the Co-Chair for the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Planning Committee. Mr. Rolin is the Co-Chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) as well as a member of the IHS Strategic Planning Committee. tnancaster@pci-rsn.gov

Navajo Area Representative
* Mr. Rex Lee Jim, Vice President, Navajo Nation. After serving as a ranking member on the Judiciary Committee and chairman of the Public Safety Committee within the 21st Navajo Nation Council, Delegate Rex Lee Jim was sworn in as Vice President of the Navajo Nation on January 11, 2011. Born and raised in Rock Point, a small farming and ranching community in northern Arizona, Vice President Jim attended the local school where he learned to read and write in Navajo. He is of the Kin Lichii'nii clan born for Tachi'nii. His maternal grandfather is Kin Ya'a'ani and his paternal grandfather is Naakaii Dine'e. He has five children. Vice President Jim attended the Newfound School in Asheville, North Carolina, and graduated from Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale, Colorado. In high school, he was introduced to students from other countries and gained much appreciation for their unique languages and cultures. After graduating from Princeton University, Vice President Jim started work with the Rock Point Community School teaching Navajo to students K-12. During this time, he developed a...
Mr. John has been responsible for many multi-million dollar programs, and has had overall supervisory responsibility for as many as 145 staff. He worked with tribal health programs in particular for over thirteen years, including positions for both individual tribes and a tribal consortium. Eight years were specifically related to management of tribal diabetes programs. Other responsibilities have included personnel management, policy and procedure development, grant writing, development of educational and public information materials, program planning and evaluation, and overall organizational administration and fiscal management. Additionally, Mr. John has been entrusted to represent numerous American Indian tribes on regional and national level policy issues with the federal government. He has been involved with the technical development of a variety of federal Indian health policies, including analysis of federal legislation, consultation between Indian tribes and the federal government, health disparities and funding allocation methodologies.

Mr. John has also sat on several local, regional and national committees, workgroups and boards relative to American Indian health. Mr. John is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians, and was raised on his tribe’s Allegany Territory in New York State. He belongs to the turtle clan, and is also a member to their traditional longhouse. Mr. John is married to Lisa of the Chickasaw Nation, and they have two children, Lauren and Trevor. Tom.john@chickasaw.net

Phoenix Area Representative
* Mr. Martin Harvier took office as Vice President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) in December 2006. As Vice President, Harvier supports improving education for Community members and creating opportunities for cultural preservation and promotion. He notes that the Pima were a peaceful people and believes these feelings could come back into the hearts of families if people know who they are. As Vice President, he will support educational and health-based programming that furthers these goals. Harvier grew up in Poston, Ariz., and when he was in the sixth grade, his family relocated to Sacaton, Ariz., where Harvier attended the Bureau of Indian Affairs School. He graduated from Casa Grande High School in 1977. When Harvier was 19 years old, his father was diagnosed with cancer, and in 1979 lost his battle with the disease. Martin Harvier became the sole support for his mother, three sisters and two brothers. He worked as a chain man on a survey crew for the Gila River Indian Community, and then as a plant mechanic and welder for a company located on the Salt River Indian Community for 11 years. In 1996, the SRP-MIC hired Harvier as a civil tech soils tester. In 1998, he was promoted to plant manager of a water pump station, and until assuming the office of Vice President, served as the acting Irrigation Manager for the Community. In his spare time, he coached the Salt River High School baseball team for four years. Although he was not able to continue his education, Harvier has made a point of watching and learning by example. He is committed to treating people with respect and believes that you can tell a lot about someone by how he or she treats others. Harvier and his wife Toni are the proud parents of five children and one grandchild. When not working for the Community or involved with his family, Vice President Harvier is an avid sports fan.
Portland Area Representative - Member at Large
Mr. Andy Joseph, Jr. started his 4th term on the Confederated Tribes Business Council in July 2009. He is a Nespelem District Representative, where in 1997 he was elected to the Nespelem School Board. Mr. Joseph serves on his Council’s Executive Committee, Veterans Committee as 1st Vice, Tribal Government Committee as 1st Vice, Culture Committee as 1st Vice and 1st Vice for the Education and Employment Committee. He is also the Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and serves as the Tribe’s Delegate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) where he is the now the Chair. As Chair of NPAIHB, Andy represents the Portland Area on the Board of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), where he was recently elected as an at Large Executive NIHB Member. In addition, Andy represents NIHB on the SAMHSA Advisory Committee. Andy is also a voting delegate of ATNI, NCAI, and serves as the Vice Chairman of the IHS Direct Services Tribes Advisory Committee.

"Hello, I was born in Portland OR on September 23, 1959. When my parents were relocated during the Relocation Act; I moved home to the Colville Reservation in the spring of 1968. In 1970, my Father ran for Tribal Council - with my Grand Aunt Lucy Covington. Also, in 1970 our Tribe won the battle against Termination of our Reservation. From 1977-79 I served in the US Army 2nd of the 75th Airborne Ranger Battalion. I have been happily married Lori Lynn since December 18, 1983 and we have 5 children and 3 grandchildren. In 1997, I was elected to the Nespelem School Board. I come from the blood of many Chiefs and have been mentored by my Father who served on the Tribal Council for 17 years, my mother and her parents, Gorge and Celestine Friedlander. Gorge served on Tribal Council, as well as his sister, Lucy Covington. As a youth I listened to other Tribal leaders, Mel Torasket and Shirley Palmer. While on the Portland Area Indian Health Board I have been mentored by Pearl Capoeman-Baller, Bob Brisbois, Willy Jones, Linda Holt, Janice Clements and Bernice Mitchell." Andy.joseph@colvilletribes.com

Tuscon Area Representative
Francis Antone – Tohono O’odham Nation, Sells, AZ. A member of the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council representing the Baboquivari District, one of the eleven political district’s of the Nation, since 1997. Currently serving a fourth four-year term (fifteen years) as a Councilwoman in which terms ends in May 2013. Ms. Antone has worked in the public sector and prior to being elected, she was the Legislative Council Secretary and continues to work in public service in her current capacity. She has addressed all facets of issues in regards to the Tohono O’odham Nation in committees she has served such as Health, Commerce, Education, Natural Resources (Transportaton), served as DOI-BIA Western Region Representative to IRRPCC, Housing, Judicial and Appropriations. Ms. Antone serves as a NIHB Board Member representing Tucson Area and also represents TTAG for Tucson. She is currently a member of the Health and Human Services Committee in addressing all health-related issues.
NIHB STAFF

* Stacy A. Bohlen (Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) is the Executive Director of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB). With the support of a strong, tribally-elected Board of Directors, Ms. Bohlen's service to NIHB has contributed to the organization's successful work to establish and elevate the Tribal presence for improving health care in the Nation's Capitol, promoted and strengthened the organization's service to all federally recognized Tribes, significantly increased NIHB's budget, staff and connectivity to the Tribes and increased NIHB's effectiveness. Serving the NIHB on numerous national panels, Ms. Bohlen is the elected Chairman of the Board for the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, an appointed member of the American Diabetes Association Diversity and Inclusion Committee, an advisor to American University's Washington Internship for Native Students, was an appointed member of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Reducing Risk to Chemical Exposure" Committee and is the NIHB alternate to both the Tribal Technical Advisory Committee to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Reducing Risk to Chemical Exposure" Committee and is the NIHB alternate to both the Tribal Technical Advisory Committee to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Reducing Risk to Chemical Exposure" Committee and is the NIHB alternate to both the Tribal Technical Advisory Committee to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Reducing Risk to Chemical Exposure" Committee. Ms. Bohlen received her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Oakland University in Rochester Hills, MI and did her graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. She was born and raised in Michigan.

* Jennifer Cooper JD, MPA, (Seneca Nation of Indians) joined the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) in March 2009 as the Legislative Director advocating on behalf of all American Indians/Alaska Natives for quality health care. Her professional background includes working for the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission, serving as summer law clerk for the California Indian Legal Services, working for the law firm of Stradling Yooca Carlson and Rauth and working for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., in Oakland, California. During the 2008 Presidential general election, Jennifer served as a Get-Out-The-Vote Organizer for the Obama campaign in Nevada. Jennifer holds a Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School, a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colgate University.

* Paul R. Allis, M Ed, (Peole Tribe) is the Director of Public Health at the National Indian Health Board and provides direct oversight and management of the public health related grants, contracts and activities. Mr. Allis joined the NIHB after working as a Regional Wellness Director for the Aleutian Pribilof Region and other regions across Alaska where he managed the health promotions, disease prevention and behavioral health programming. Mr. Allis also has a specialized knowledge for forensic evaluation and therapy for child who have experienced physical or sexual abuse or assault. His extensive knowledge of implementing and providing comprehensive health care to AI/AN populations provide NIHB with service delivery issues in Indian Country. He completed his undergraduate and graduate education at the University of Alaska in Anchorage, Alaska where he majored in Social Work and Counselor Education.

* Tyra Baer (Northern Cheyenne) is the Tribal Healthcare Reform Coordinator for the National Indian Health Board. She graduated from Iowa State University (ISU) with a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology and a minor in Native American studies. While attending ISU she was President of the United Native American Student Association and worked to preserve after school programs at the Sac and Fox Settlement. In 1997 she graduated from the Indigenous Study Linkage Program at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria. Tyra and her husband, Kyle Wittenborn have a beautiful six year old daughter. jcooper@nihb.org

* Jacqueline "Jackie" Engebretson, BA, (Athabascan) serves as the Executive Assistant and Office Manager at the National Indian Health Board. Jackie is from the Copper River Region of Alaska, though she was largely raised in Valdez. After graduating from high school, she spent a semester at the University of Hawaii at Manoa before transferring to the University of Alaska Anchorage. While attending the University of Alaska Anchorage, Jackie worked for her Alaska
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Native Corporation, Ahtna, Inc. Upon graduating from UAA with a B.A. in International Studies, she moved to Washington, DC to intern at the U.S. Agency for International Development through American University’s Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS) program. Upon completing WINS, Jackie transitioned into a Contract Specialist position with Koht’aene Enterprises, a subsidiary of Ahtna. After the contract ended, she started working for Ahtna Engineering as an Office Manager. Jackie is excited to join the team at NIHB and looks forward to establishing a rich professional relationship with each team member.

Blake A. Harper, MPH, serves as the NIHB public health project coordinator and provides comprehensive technical and program support assistance to all NIHB public health related grants, contracts and activities. Mr. Harper, a recent graduate of the George Washington University in Washington, DC with a Master of Public Health in Global Health, brings a fresh public health perspective to NIHB. In addition, he has served as the NIHB’s public health intern for the past year providing technical support, program support, and grants oversight to NIHB’s public health portfolio, aimed at strengthening public health capacity for AI/AN communities. Mr. Harper, originally from Texas, received his Bachelors of Science in Biomedical Science from the Texas A&M University in College Station, TX.

Jason Heinecke is the Director of Health Information Technology at the National Indian Health Board. Mr. Heinecke is the Director for the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) a certified Project Manager, Jason brings more than 18 years of experience in project management, activation, and project controls experience to NIHB. His strengths lie in a long, successful history in national grants and project management, successfully establishing grants management policies, processes and procedures for planning, estimating, risk assessment, management, scheduling, cost control, earned value, coordination and change control. As a veteran of the United States Army, he also brings a strong base in military discipline and service. Mr. Heinecke brings a depth of knowledge and experience to the National Indian Health Board. Jason is relatively new to the Washington, DC area, having lived in Alaska for fourteen years where he worked extensively with Alaska Native Villages and corporations, both as an employee and consultant. Most recently, Jason served as a project manager for the Ahtna Native Corporation.

Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle, JD, (Mohawk) currently serves as a Public Health Project Coordinator for the National Indian Health Board’s (NIHB) Public Health Department. Ms. Hornbuckle joined the Public Health Department after serving as a Law Fellow in NIHB’s Legislative Department. Ms. Hornbuckle graduated from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and was awarded her J.D. in 2009. During law school, Ms. Hornbuckle studied federal Indian law and served as an officer for the Native American Law Student’s Association. She completed internships at the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona and at the Arizona Attorney General’s Office. In her last year of law school, Ms. Hornbuckle worked as a student attorney for the ASU Civil Justice Clinic. After graduating, Ms. Hornbuckle interned as a law clerk for the Office of the General Counsel at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Ms. Hornbuckle’s professional interests include American Indian and Alaska Native health care, wellness and education. Ms. Hornbuckle is of Mohawk descent.

Bryce Roth (Lakota Sioux of the Standing Rock) is an Office Assistant for the National Indian Health Board. Bryce originally is from Oregon City, Oregon, a suburb of the greater Portland area. He has been working for the NIHB since 2008. Bryce has worked with other Native American organizations pertaining to healthcare and education. During the spring of 2005 and 2006, Bryce on behalf of the Pacific Northwest and the Native American Youth Association, attended the Jane Goodall Ecology of War and Peace in St. Petersburg, Russia. Bryce participated in the Christian Appalachian Project in Eastern Kentucky in 2009. Participants repaired, and built homes while positively influencing the impoverished Appalachian region.
The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board – Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center provides leadership, technical assistance, support and advocacy to the 18 Aberdeen Area tribal nations and communities in order to eliminate the disparities in health that currently exist for tribal people of the four-state region of Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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- Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center [NPTEC]
- Capacity Building Assistance - HIV Project
- NARCH
- Geographical Information Systems [GIS]
- Northern Plains Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- Northern Plains Tribal Cancer Data Initiative
- Behavioral Health Center of Excellence
- Northern Plains Healthy Start
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- Northern Plains Health Promotions

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Dr. Akintan is a maternal and child health epidemiologist for the Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center/Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leader Council. Dr. Akintan also serves as a workgroup member for the Healthy Native Babies Project. She works with Tribes in the Billings Area on SIDS risk-reduction messages and conducts training and outreach. Dr. Akintan provides a wide range of scientific, epidemiologic, and analytic support to Tribes and Tribal organizations.

Aiko Allen, MS
Evaluator, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Native Gardens Project Director, Center for Health Equity, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
As a health educator, evaluator, and community health consultant, Aiko Allen works with underserved populations to address health-related disparities. She has an emphasis on health issues for American Indian/Alaska Natives. As an evaluator, Aiko is focused on the intersection of traditional wisdom and western science and the strengths each brings in telling the story of why and how public health initiatives succeed. Aiko received her MS in Health Education (1996) and her BA in English (1989) from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Aiko directs the Center for Health Equity at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

D'Shane Barnett
(Chickasaw Nation)
Executive Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health
Mr. Barnett, a member of the Prairie Chicken clan of the Mandan tribe of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation of Fort Berthold, North Dakota, comes to NCUIH with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the urban Native American community as well as in the management of non-profit programs. Prior to his new role at NCUIH he served as the Director of Planning and Policy for the Native American Health Center, a comprehensive medical and dental clinic serving the San Francisco and Oakland, CA communities. He also worked as a program coordinator for the Inter-Tribal Council of California (Sacramento, CA) and the Native American Youth Association (Portland, OR). As part of his commitment to the Indian community, Mr. Barnett served as a founding member and President of the California Consortium for Urban Indian (CCUIH).

David Begay, PhD
(Navajo Nation)
Co-Investigator, Navajo Birth Cohort Study, Assistant Research Professor, University of New Mexico
Dr. Begay is Research Associate Professor with the UNM Community Environmental Health Program and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Northern Arizona University. He is a member of the Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board (IRB), and appointed by the Education Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Dr. Begay works as PI and Co-PI with many research projects and major universities with funds from National Aeronautic Space Administration (NASA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) on and off the Navajo reservation. He is also a member and advisor to the Dine' Hatalli Association (Traditional Spiritual Practitioners) for 12 years.

Mae-Gilene Begay
(Chickasaw Nation)
Executive Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health
Ms. Begay is the Executive Director of Urban Indian Health Programs for the Chickasaw Nation, a major Native American tribal body that spans the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and other states. In this capacity, she is the second-longest-serving urban Indian health executive director in the United States. In addition to her role at NCUIH, Ms. Begay also works with Tribal representatives from around the country in the Tribal Health Organization Technical Assistance Resource Center (T-HORTAC). Ms. Begay is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and serves on the board of the Oklahoma Indian Community Foundation, a Native American philanthropic organization that has provided millions of dollars in charitable support to Native American communities and organizations across the United States.

Moushumi Beltangady
Senior Policy Analyst for Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Moushumi Beltangady is Senior Policy Analyst for Early Childhood Development in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, she works across federal agencies on a wide variety of early childhood development issues. She has served as ACF’s Lead for the Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program since it became law in March 2010. Moushumi holds a Masters in Social Services Administration from the School of Social Services Administration at the University of Chicago, a Masters in Public Policy from the Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago, a Ph.D. in National Security at MIT, and a B.S. in International Relations and Economics from MIT.

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* Kaye Bender
President/CCE, Public Health Accreditation Board

Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the President and CEO of the Public Health Accreditation Board. Dr. Bender has over 26 years' experience in public health, working at both the state and local levels. Her last position there was as Deputy State Health Officer. Dr. Bender also served for 6 years as Dean of the School of Nursing and Associate Vice Chancellor for Nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She chaired the Exploring Accreditation Project, the precursor to the establishment of PHAB. Dr. Bender also served on the Institute of Medicine study committees for "The Future of the Public’s Health in the 21st Century" and "Who Will Keep the Public Healthy".

* Stacy Braiuca, MSW, MPH
(Citizen Potawatomi Nation) Research Associate, Center for American Indian Community Health and Healthy Living, University of Kansas Medical Center

Stacy is a Research Associate for the Center for American Indian Community Health and Healthy Living Kansas at the University of Kansas Medical Center, working on research projects about cancer, obesity, and health literacy. As a Clinical Social Worker she teaches at UMCK, and serves on the board of directors for MHAH. As a Public Health educator she is working on collaborations involving health literacy with disadvantaged populations, including active blogging and use of social media to promote health and wellness. She is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a lifelong Kansas City area resident.

* Ann Bullock, MD
(Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Clinical Consultant, Indian Health Service

Dr. Ann Bullock is a Board-certified family physician who has worked for the Indian Health Service and with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians since 1990, both as a clinical physician and then as the Medical Director for the tribe’s Health and Medical Division from 2000-2009. In 2009 she became the Clinical Consultant for the IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention. She is also the IHS Chief Clinical Consultant for Family Medicine and an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. She speaks regularly on diabetes-related issues, including the connection of stress and early life experiences with diabetes risk.

* Carol Gage (Lakota)
Program Analyst/Federal Project Officer, Cheyenne River Lakota, ACF, IHS

Carol Gage is a Program Analyst and Federal Project Officer in the Office of Child Care at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, she serves as the primary contact for the Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Grantees. Carol received her Master of Education from The Pennsylvania State University in Special Education and her undergraduate from Mankato State University in Speech Pathology. Carol is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Tribe in South Dakota.

* Julia Chavez
(Tohono O’odham Nation) Tribal Liaison, Community Partnership of Arizona

Julia Chavez is an enrolled member of the Tohono O’odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui. She grew up in Sells, Arizona on the Tohono O’odham Nation. Ms. Chavez received her Bachelor’s Degree in Family Studies from the University of Arizona in 1999. She returned to work for the Tohono O’odham Nation, as a Family Counselor for the Division of Alcohol/Substance Abuse. In 2004, Ms. Chavez left the Tohono O’odham Nation to work for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Southern Arizona, where she worked as a CPS worker and Foster Care Coordinator for the tribe. Julia is currently certified as a Lay Advocate in the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court. In 2008, Ms. Chavez joined the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) as their Tribal Liaison.

* Jerry Cline, PhD
Oklahoma Commissioner of Health Secretary of Health and Human Services

Terry L. Cline, Ph.D., began his tenure as Oklahoma’s Commissioner of Health effective June 30, 2009. Dr. Cline was appointed to this position by the Oklahoma State Board of Health and he is the 20th State Health Commissioner to serve since the position was first created in 1907. In February 2011, Gov. Mary Fallin appointed him to serve concurrently as Oklahoma’s Cabinet Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Cline previously completed a post as Health Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, where he advised the U.S. Ambassador, the Iraqi Minister of Health, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on health-related challenges in Iraq. Dr. Cline served in this capacity under the Administrations of both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama.

Prior to that position, Dr. Cline served as Administrator for the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) from
2006-2008, a position for which he was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. As SAMHSA Administrator, Dr. Cline directed the $3 billion agency that is responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the nation’s substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment, and mental health service delivery systems.

Dr. Cline has extensive experience in overseeing health and human services at the state level as well. In 2004, he was appointed by Gov. Brad Henry as Oklahoma’s Secretary of Health. At the same time, he served as Oklahoma’s Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, a position he held since January 2000.

Dr. Cline has also served as a local provider through an earlier post as the Clinical Director of the Cambridge Youth Guidance Center in Cambridge, Mass., and as a Staff Psychologist at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass. In addition, his professional history includes a six-year appointment as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Chairman of the governing board for a Harvard teaching hospital in Cambridge, Mass.

A native of Ardmore, OK, Dr. Cline attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology in 1970. He then received both a master’s degree and a doctorate in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University. Dr. Cline has involved himself in community service, including membership on a number of local, state and national committees and boards with a focus on improving the overall health of the community and the nation.

Kathleen Colleran, MD
Professor of Medicine, University of New Mexico HSC (UNMHSC)

Dr. Kathleen Colleran earned her MD from the University of Wisconsin. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency and Endocrinology Fellowship at the University of New Mexico and is board certified in these specialties. She has been on faculty since 1992 and was recently awarded Professor of Medicine with tenure. She directs Project ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) diabetes related programs. She has received funding from an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) grant under the Minority Research Infrastructure Program (MRISP). She has mentored minority faculty, residents and students in outreach research and has obtained several other grants and authored numerous papers.

Angela Dancer
(Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) Sr. Project Director, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program - Project Chalita Inchukka

Angela Dancer graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1994 with a BS in Sociology and Criminal Justice. In 1995, she began with Choctaw Nation Indian Child Welfare. In 2003, Angela was promoted to Assistant Director of Vocational Rehabilitation; and again in 2005 to Director of the AFA Teen Pregnancy Project. In 2011, Angela was promoted to Senior Director of Home Visitation and Disabilities Services. This allows her to oversee multiple evidenced based programs including: Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teen Project, Chalita Inchukka Tribal Maternal Early Childhood Program, and Personal Responsibility Education Program for the Prevention of Teen Pregnancy.

Elaine de Mello, LCSW
Manager of Training and Prevention Services, Native Alliance for the Mentally Ill New Hampshire

Elaine de Mello, LCSW, has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the NAMI NH’s Connect, a National Best Practice suicide prevention program. She has provided training and support to survivors throughout the United States and Canada for over a decade. With 30 years of experience as a licensed clinical social worker in inpatient and outpatient mental health settings, a school guidance counselor, and an adjunct college faculty, Elaine has expertise in early intervention for high-risk individuals, particularly in rural areas. Elaine is a certified Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR) trainer and serves on the New Hampshire Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team.

Lorelei DeCora RN, BSN
(Winnebago Indian Tribe) Project Director, Diabetes Wellness, American Indian Talking Circles

Lorelei DeCora, Registered Nurse, earned her Bachelor Science in Nursing from South Dakota State University and has worked in the field of American Indian health care since 1981. She is an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Lorelei is currently a Contractor with the Westat Consulting Corporation for the CDC Native Diabetes Wellness Program. Lorelei is a Diabetes Talking Circle Facilitator Trainer and works with dissemination and development of the Eagle Book Series, for diabetes prevention of AI/AN youth. She has three daughters and eight grandchildren.

Mary Helen Deer, RN
(Kiowa/Muscogee) Secretary, NNAAPC Board of Directors

A member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Mary Helen Deer was raised in a traditional home by her grandparents and learned early to walk in both worlds. Incorporating her traditional upbringing with the knowledge and skills she has gained as a health provider, health planner and administrator, and fund raiser she has been an activist on the local and federal level to bring health care services up to the level enjoyed by the dominant society in which the American Indian people must live. Ms. Deer has testified before Congress on the behalf of urban Indian programs and Indian women to increase access to health care. Her fifty year career has been varied with the past thirty-five years focused on provision of quality, comprehensive health care services to Indian people. Ms. Deer served as the Executive Director for two urban Indian out-patient clin-
ics, including the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic from 1975 to 1990, and one residential treatment center. Ms. Deer has worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Health as the Director of the Office of Primary Care (a DHHS, BPHC funded program) and assisted communities in recruiting primary care providers and developing health care facilities. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, where she serves as its Secretary. She is a health administrator, health planner, health educator and advocate for healthy Indian communities. Ms. Deer continues to advocate for healthy Indian communities.

* Julie A. Erb-Alvarez, MPH, LCDR
U.S. Public Health Service – Area Epidemiologist, Indian Health Service, Oklahoma City Area Office
Ms. Erb-Alvarez is an Epidemiologist for the Oklahoma City Area (OCA) Indian Health Service. In addition to her epidemiology duties, she serves as the Improvement Support Team Leader for the Area’s Improving Patient Care (IPC) initiative and is the Co-Chair of the OCA Institutional Review Board. LCDR Erb-Alvarez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Performance from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and a Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Public Health.

* Tekisha Dwan Everette, PhD
Managing Director-Federal Government Affairs, American Diabetes Association
Ms. Everette has been the Managing Director of Federal Government Affairs at the American Diabetes Association for nearly 3 years. Prior to joining the Association, Tekisha worked at a law firm in DC as a government affairs consultant for non-profit health organizations. She graduated from Virginia Tech in 1998 with degrees in Political Science and Interdisciplinary Studies and again in 2000 with her Master of Public Administration. In 2011, she received her Doctorate from American University in Sociology.

* Jennifer Giroux, MD, MPH (Rosebud Sioux Tribe)
Medical Epidemiologist, IHS-Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board/Aberdeen Area IHS
Dr. Jennifer Giroux is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, a mother of 3 (2 huntka) young women and a medical epidemiologist at Indian Health Service Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention. She is assigned to the AA-IHS and leads the management of outbreaks for 17 Tribes in the 4-state region: ND, SD, IA, NE. She provides public health and epidemiology leadership and technical assistance to Tribes and the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board (GPTCHB), state health departments and other organizations with a focus on building collaborations to meet Tribe’s public health needs.

* Charles W. Grimm, DDS, MHSA
Cherokee Nation, Senior Director for Health Services, Cherokee Nation (former IHS Director)
Charles W. Grimm, DDS is the Senior Director for Health Services for the Cherokee Nation. As Senior Director for Health Services, Dr. Grimm serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital (CNW HH). He is also actively involved in helping expand the health industry sector of the Cherokee Nation. Prior to joining the Cherokee Nation Health Services leadership, Dr. Grimm was appointed by President George W. Bush and received unanimous Senate confirmation as the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS). Dr. Grimm administered the nationwide multi-billion dollar health care delivery program from August 2002 until September 2007. Dr. Grimm has a strong health management background and during a 26-year career with the IHS held numerous clinical, administrative and executive leadership positions within the Agency prior to being appointed its Director. Dr. Grimm is a native of Oklahoma and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. He is a retired Assistant Surgeon General and Rear Admiral (upper half) in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). Dr. Grimm graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in 1983, where he was recently named Alumni of the Year. In addition to his dentistry degree, Dr. Grimm also holds a master’s degree in health services administration from the University of Michigan. Dr. Grimm is a member of numerous professional associations and boards. He is married to Dr. Gloria Grim and they have 5 children.

* Erika Harding, MA
Education and Outreach Manager, Project Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO), UNM/HS
Erika Harding, MA, has been the Education and Outreach Manager for Project ECHO’s diabetes and CHW-CHR initiatives for three years. She has a long history in public health education and advocacy work, including work with melanoma prevention and reproductive health. She has been primarily responsible for the design and implementation of Project ECHO’s Flagship Diabetes Community Resource Education Worker (CREW) training program, which has been the model for other CHW-CHR training initiatives based on the ECHO model of care.

* Felicia Schanche Hodge, DrPh, MPH
(Wailaki Tribe)
Professor, School of Nursing/Public Health, Director, Center for American Indian/Indigenous, University of Los Angeles, School of Public Health
Dr. Hodge holds a joint appointment in the UCLA Schools of Public Health and Nursing. She served as the Chair of the American Indian Studies and directs the Center for American Indian Indigenous Research and Education (CAIRED). An enrolled Wailaki tribal member, she has been continuously funded from federal sources since 1990. A smoking among California Indians study was followed by five subsequent grants on cervical cancer, breast cancer, nutrition, diabetes and cancer. Her
publications report barriers and tests interventions. She has worked for 36 reservation Northwest and Minnesota tribes conducting advocacy, developing programs, and providing Congressional testimony.

* Lydia Hubbard-Pourier, BSN, MPH
(Navajo/Tehono O'dham)
Tribal Contract Administrator, Bureau of Compliance, Division of Behavioral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services

Lydia Hubbard-Pourier, BSN, MPH, a member of the Navajo and Tohono O'dham Nations, is a health administrator with 40 years of experience in an array of tribal, state, and federal health programs. She has her baccalaureate degree in Nursing from Arizona State University and has a Master in Public Health degree from the University of California. Ms. Hubbard-Pourier has facilitated the development and implementation of the "Involuntary Commitment Process for American Indians" statewide training on behalf of the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services. She is the Contract Administrator in the Bureau of Compliance in the Division of Behavioral Health for the five tribal Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with the Gila River Indian Community, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Navajo and the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

* Candis M. Hunter, MSPH
Epidemiologist, LT US Public Health Service, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Candis M. Hunter is an epidemiologist at the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. She serves as an Environmental Health Officer in the US Public Health Service and is a member of the Southeast Regional Interagency Working Group for Environmental Justice. She received her Master of Science degree in Public Health from the joint Environmental and Occupational Health Epidemiology program at Emory University. While at Emory, she was an Environmental Protection Agency Science to Achieve Results Fellow and a NIOSH Training Grant Recipient. Ms. Hunter's research interests include environmental health disparities, occupational epidemiology, and environmental health impacts of nanotechnology.

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(Tehono O’odham)
Capacity Building Liaison, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC)

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Keel is firmly committed to the service of Indian people and actively supports their desire to become self-reliant. The welfare of the Chickasaw people is his first priority. A highly respected tribal leader, Lt. Governor Keel is serving his second term as the President of the National Congress of American Indians, the nation’s oldest and largest tribal organization. He was appointed by Senator Harry Reid to serve as a Commissioner on the Tribal Law and Order Commission. He serves as Chair for the Tribal Interior Budget Committee, serves on the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Advisory committee, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee. He is a Master Mason, a graduate of Leadership Adia and active in his church and the community. Lt. Governor Keel and his wife, Carol, have three children and eight grandchildren.

Billie Jo Kipp, PhD (Blackfeet)
President, Blackfeet Community College
Dr. Kipp, Ph.D., is President of Blackfeet Community College. She has also been Associate Director for Mental and Behavioral Health at the Center for Native American Health at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Kipp has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and was a child psychologist for the Pueblo of Sandia in New Mexico. Her research has focused on the effects of a Blackfeet cultural and language immersion program on Blackfeet children’s intelligence, racial identity and self-esteem. Additionally she has investigated the differences of crystallized intelligence and fluid intelligence in American Indian children and American Indian children with a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Her collaborative research on Psychological and Behavioral Characteristics of Incarcerated Native American Youth in New Mexico has resulted in program changes for Native incarcerated youth. Dr. Kipp has provided numerous presentations on the psychological wellness of Native Americans.

Teresa Trumbly Lamsam, PhD (Osage)
Associate Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Teresa Trumbly Lamsam (Osage), Ph.D., Osage, is a visiting associate professor in News and Information at the University of Kansas School of Journalism. She is on leave from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is a co-founder of a new website to facilitate health and wellness news coverage for indigenous communities. Dr. Lamsam is a former editor of the Osage Nation tribal newspaper. Dr. Lamsam received her B.A. in Journalism from Abilene Christian University, M.A. in Journalism/Media Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Ph.D. in Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Shondra McCage, MPH, CHES
(Chickasaw Nation)
Chair, Awakening the Spirit/American Diabetes Association
Shondra McCage is an enrolled citizen of The Chickasaw Nation (CN), and works for their diabetes program. She graduated from East Central University in 1996 with a degree in Exercise Science. In 2005 she received her Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma. Shondra currently serves on the National Diabetes Education Program’s Native American-Alaskan Native stakeholder group. She was recently nominated as chair for the American Diabetes Association’s Native American Initiative subcommittee and is also a member on the Adult Strategies Committee. She also serves as the secretary for the Oklahoma Intertribal Diabetes Coalition.

Anita Muneta, B.S., MPH (Navajo Nation)
Navajo Nation Division of Health
Anita serves as the Performance Improvement Manager (PIM) for a 5-year CDC Public Health Infrastructure Imitative grant of the Navajo Nation Division of Health (NNDHO), Window Rock, Ariz. The purpose of the grant is to move the Division forward to becoming a Department of Public Health with all the authorities and powers to oversee the Navajo Nation healthcare system on behalf of the Navajo Nation communities it serves. Prior to her current work with the Navajo Nation she worked for the Indian Health Service in the Navajo Area serving as a Special Assistant to the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) at the Gallup Indian Medical Center (Gallup, New Mexico) and as the Chief Executive Officer for the Crownpoint Indian Health Service Unit, Crownpoint, New Mexico for a period spanning 20 years. She retired from the federal service in 2009 and rejoined the work force when she accepted the position with the Navajo Nation in 2011. Anita holds a Bachelor of Science (B.S) degree from the Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah and a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) in Public Health Administration and Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, CA. Prior to her federal service she worked as the Director for various tribal and urban Indian health and social services organizations (i.e. the Santa Fe Service unit Health Advisory Board, the Urban Indian Child Resource Center, the Navajo Health Authority, and the Navajo Nation).

Michael Peercy, MPH, MT(ASCP)H
Epidemiologist/IRB Administrator, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health
Mr. Peercy is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center with a Master’s Degree in Epidemiology. He has worked for the Chickasaw Nation for 16 years as a medical technologist, laboratory manager, and health information technology project manager. He currently serves as Epidemiologist/Biostatistician for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health (CNDH) Department of Epidemiology, Research and Public Health. He is administrative director for the CNDH Institutional Review Board. He serves as a member of the advisory council to the Southern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center, advisory member to the Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and tribal self-governance representative on
the Native American Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC).

* David G. Perdue, MD, MSPH (Chickasaw Nation)
  **Medical Director, American Indian Cancer Foundation**
  Dr. David Perdue is the Medical Director for the American Indian Cancer Foundation. He is an enrolled Chickasaw and a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine where he completed the Indian Health pathway. His Masters in Public Health was earned at the University of Colorado, where he later returned to complete the Native Elder Research Center’s Native Investigators program. He has published multiple manuscripts on cancer in Indian Country and serves on several cancer workgroups including the IHS Colorectal Cancer Task Force. Dr. Perdue and his family live in Medicine Lake, Minnesota.

* J.T. Petherick (Creek/Cherokee)
  **Health Legislative Officer, Cherokee Nation**
  Mr. Petherick, Muscogee (Creek)/Cherokee, currently serves as the Health Legislative Officer for the Cherokee Nation and is responsible for federal and state health policy issues affecting the Tribe. Prior to joining the Cherokee Nation, J.T. served as the Executive Director and Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) in Washington, D.C. Before serving the NIHB, J.T. served as the Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission in Oklahoma City. He is a 1994 graduate of Northeastern State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration, 1999 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law and a 1999 graduate of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Public Health.

* Lisa Pivec
  **Director of Community Health, Cherokee Nation**
  Lisa Pivec is the director of Community Health Promotion for Cherokee Nation Health Services. She holds a master's degree from NSU in college teaching with an emphasis in health and has been with the Cherokee Nation since 1991. Currently, she is the principal investigator for several funding agreements with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Lisa recently served as the Accreditation Coordinator for Cherokee Nation's participation in the Public Health Accreditation Board Tribal Standards beta test. Lisa directs the Health Education Program, including the Male Seminary Recreation Center and serves as lead staff on the recently funded National Public Health Improvement Initiative from CDC. Lisa is citizen of the Cherokee Nation and is originally from the Peavine community in Adair County. She hopes to continue working with and for Cherokee people throughout her career.

* Montrece Ransom, JD, MPH
  **Senior Public Health Analyst with the Public Health Law Program (PHLP) in the Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
  Montrece McNeill Ransom, JD, MPH currently serves as a Senior Public Health Analyst with the Public Health Law Program (PHLP) in the Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Her primary responsibilities involve the development and delivery of public health law related training and curriculum to internal and external audiences. Prior to her return to PHLP, Ms. Ransom worked on The National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures, a collaborative project supported by CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Through her role in The National Conversation, Ms. Ransom coordinated the development of an Action Agenda with clear, achievable recommendations intended to help government agencies and other organizations strengthen their efforts to protect the public from harmful chemical exposures.
  Prior to joining NCEH-ATSDR, Ms. Ransom served as a Public Health Analyst and Presidential Management Fellow with CDC’s Public Health Law Program for almost 10 years. During this time, her responsibilities included directing the Community Public Health Legal Preparedness Initiative, serving as the lead coordinator for CDC’s annual Public Health Law Conference, and developing a first of its kind partnership between CDC and the American Bar Association.
  She is a licensed member of the Georgia Bar, and a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law and Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health. Ms. Ransom holds an undergraduate degree in Speech Communications from Columbus State University, Columbus Georgia, and is currently seeking certification as a Certified Master Facilitator. She has presented and published on a broad range of topics including public health emergency legal preparedness, health disparities, and environmental public health law.

* Clifford M. Rees, JD
  **Practice Director for the Western Region of the Network for Public Health Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law, Institute of Public Health Law.**
  Clifford M. Rees, JD is the Practice Director for the Western Region of the Network for Public Health Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law, Institute of Public Health Law. He is also affiliated with the University of New Mexico’s Department of Emergency Medicine as an Assistant Research Professor and since 2006 has served as staff for the Senate Public Affairs Committee during the New Mexico Legislature’s Regular Sessions. Cliff retired from New Mexico State Government on September 1, 2005 after twenty-five years of service as a Staff Attorney for the New Mexico State Agency on Aging, the New Mexico Department of Health and the New Mexico Department of Public Safety and as General Counsel of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. Cliff spent twenty-three years at the New Mexico Department of Health from 1981-2004.
specializing in the areas of public health, behavioral health, drug policy reform, emergency medical services, emergency preparedness, public procurement and the legislative process.

* Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH
  **Director, Indian Health Service**
  Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H., a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, South Dakota, is the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS). Dr. Roubideaux was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as IHS Director on May 6, 2009, and she was sworn in on May 12, 2009. Dr. Roubideaux previously worked for IHS for three years as a clinical director and medical officer at the San Carlos Service Unit on the San Carlos Apache Indian reservation in Arizona, and she worked for one year as a medical officer at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Indian Hospital on the Gila River Indian reservation in Arizona. Dr. Roubideaux recently served as assistant professor of family and community medicine at the University Of Arizona College Of Medicine. Dr. Roubideaux received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1984 and completed a residency program in primary care internal medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston in 1992. She completed her Master of Public Health degree at the Harvard School of Public Health in 1997. She also completed the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy before transitioning to a career in academic medicine and public health. She is a past president of the Association of American Indian Physicians and co-editor of the American Public Health Association’s book “Promises to Keep: Public Health Policy for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the 21st Century.” She has authored several monographs and peer-reviewed publications on American Indian/Alaska Native health issues, research, and policy.

* Angela Sam
  **(Oglala Sioux Tribe)**
  CSTRRB Coordinator, Oglala Sioux Tribe
  Ms. Sam was instrumental in sustaining the OSTRRB and oversights the 10 member board. She also reviews and monitors 21 research studies being conducted on the Pine Ridge reservation. Angie has been the Co-PI for 6 research studies on the Pine Ridge reservation.

* Bobby Saunkeah, RN, CDE, CIP
  **Program Manager, Department of Epidemiology, Research, and Public Health, Cheyenne River Division of Health**
  Mr. Saunkeah is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma of College Nursing and is currently enrolled in the Master’s in Health Care Ethics program at Creighton University. He has worked at the Cheyenne River Nation for the past 15 years as a certified diabetes educator and diabetes program manager. He is currently the program manager for the department of epidemiology, research and public health. Since 2000 he has served the Cheyenne River Nation IRB as secretary, member and is presently the IRB chair, as well as human subjects protection administrator. He is a Certified IRB Professional, a member of Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIMER), the Native Research Network, the American Diabetes Association and the American Association of Diabetes Educators. Rev. Saunkeah is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church.

* Lisa Schrader-Dillon, MSW
  **(Standing Rock Sioux Tribe)**
  Tribal Health Administrator, Oglala Sioux Tribe
  Ms. Schrader-Dillon is the Tribal Health Administrator for the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Ms. Dillon was the Principal Investigator that established the first research review board for the Oglala Sioux Tribe through guidance and direction from council and elders. She serves as a PI for 4 current research studies on the Pine Ridge reservation.

* Chris Shuey, MPH
  **Co-Investigator, Navajo Birth Cohort Study, Southwest Research and Information Center**
  Chris Shuey is an environmental health specialist at Southwest Research and Information Center, a not-for-profit, multicultural educational and scientific organization that provides technical assistance to communities affected by pollution from resource development. Mr. Shuey received his Master’s in Public Health, with a focus in environmental health and epidemiology, from the University of New Mexico. He has more than 33 years of experience working on the environmental health impacts of uranium development on the Navajo Nation, and was a founder and co-investigator for the Dine Network for Environmental Health (DINEH) Project kidney study in the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation.

* Aubrey Skye
  **(Standing Rock Sioux Tribe)**
  Project Coordinator, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Diabetes Program/Native Gardens Project
  Aubrey Joshua Skye is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST) and a life-long farmer, artist, and founding member of the SRST’s Native Gardens Project. The Native Gardens Project is an indigenous permaculture approach to the prevention and treatment of Type 2 diabetes across eight tribal districts in North and South Dakota. He has been Program Director for the project since 2003. He farms with his family at Porcupine, North Dakota on the Three Sisters Farm which is a family-scale, sustainable, agricultural enterprise.

* Laura Spencer
  **(Cherokee)**
  Manager of Public Health Projects, Cherokee Nation
  Laura is the Manager of the Public Health project. Performance Improvement Manager for Cherokee Nation’s Healthy Nation department. Laura is promoting and facilitating the expansion and improvement of CN’s Tribal PH System while assuring that PI and QI is implemented in these PH efforts. Some of Laura’s most immediate tasks...
include preparing CN’s Public Health System to apply for PH accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), developing CN Tribal Public Health System’s Strategic Plan, planning and facilitating CN’s Tribal Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Tribal Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which will enable Healthy Nation to produce the first ever “State of the Cherokee Nation” health report. Laura graduated high school from Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, OK – one of the few remaining boarding schools that is now currently run by Cherokee Nation. Laura went on to graduate with her Bachelor’s in Science degree in Organismic Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. Laura then went on to earn her Masters of Public Health degree at the University of Oklahoma. This past August 2010 Laura successfully became certified in Public Health (CPH) through the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPH) - Laura is the first Public Health Professional at Cherokee Nation to earn this CPH certification.

Larry Voegele
(Pawnee Tribe of Nebraska)
Tribal Health Planner, Pawnee Health Services Department
Mr. Voegele has served as the Health Planner for the Pawnee Health Services Department, since September of 2010. For the Department, he oversees the Public Health Services branch, researches funding opportunities, guides health teams in the development and implementation of public health projects at individual population levels, provides statistical and other technical support, establishes/maintains relationships with public health stakeholders and other Tribal departments, and identifies ways to move the tribal health department closer to meeting accreditation standards. Larry’s history also includes being a State-Tribe Public Health Liaison for the Nebraska DHSS and a Health Program Developer at Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Maylynn Warne
(Pawnee/Santa Ana Pueblo)
Health Promotion Programs, Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board
Maylynn Warne, MPH is an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and has worked for the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board since 2009 as the Director for the Northern Plains Health Promotion Programs. Mrs. Warne oversees 4 core programs which include STI and Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Great Plains Ride Safe, Northern Plains Tribal Technical Tobacco Assistance Center, Childhood Obesity Prevention Program. Mrs. Warne is also a scholar with Mr. Voegele, in the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute.

Cara Cowan Watts, BS, MS, PhD Candidate (ABD)
(Cherokee Nation)
Deputy Speaker, Tribal Council
Cara serves as the elected Tribal legislator for Tulsa and Rogers Counties, Oklahoma where she resides. She has a Bachelor’s of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science in Telecommunications Management. Currently, Cara is pursuing a PhD in Biosystems Engineering at Oklahoma State University entitled ‘Numerical Nutrient Criteria Supporting Cherokee Nation’s Culturally Significant Waters.’ Cara is a Louis Stokes National Science Foundation Fellow and former twice elected member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Board of Directors. Cara’s passion is serving her tribal community by educating youth in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Cara’s work in Health Care includes an appointment to the Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) Advisory Committee on Minority Health (ACMH) from November 1, 2007 to November 1, 2011 by HHS Secretary. She is the appointed primary delegate representing Oklahoma’s Indian Health Service (IHS) area in 2006 and elected Chair of the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Health Research Advisory Council in the HHS OMH. Cara has represented the HHS AI/AN HRAC at the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 HHS Tribal Budget Consultations with written and verbal testimony. Locally, Cara is an active member of the Claremore IHS Hospital Tribal Advisory Board since 2004. Vice-Chair from 2006 to 2007 and Chair from 2007 to present and has actively served on the Tribal Council Health Committee since 2009.

David Wharton, MPH, RN
Preventive Health Informatics Program Manager, Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority
Mr. Wharton is currently the Preventive Health Informatics Program Manager for the Choctaw Nation Health Services in Southeastern Oklahoma. David is the Co-Chair for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma’s Institutional Review Board. He holds an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from Seminole State College, Seminole, OK, a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration and Environmental Health Science from East Central Oklahoma State University, Ada, OK, and a Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In 2002 David was selected to develop and administer the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma’s Institutional Review Board and has served in that capacity for the past eight years. In this role he manages the operation of the Choctaw Nation’s IRB to insure all human and animal research, within the scope of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, is performed in compliance with Federal and Tribal Statutes thus protecting research subjects and tribal heritage. He enjoys working with researchers, to navigate the tribal IRB Process to assure research is conducted in a manner that optimizes patient safety and cultural sensitivity.

Michael Williams
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Michael Williams is the Director of Innovation and associate professor at the School of Journalism at the Uni-
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Andrea Zurawski is a master's-trained community health nurse, and the nurse manager of the ECHO Diabetes and Cardiovascular Care Clinic. Andrea also provides disease management training to participants in the ECHO Diabetes CREW (Community Resource Education Worker) training. Throughout her work at University Hospital, Andrea has been involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of patient-centered programs for chronic disease management. Prior to becoming a nurse, Andrea worked as a community development specialist for a Native American organization in rural northern New Mexico. She continues to work toward Spanish fluency and Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) credentialing.
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