National Indian Health Board
31st Annual Consumer Conference
Hosted by the Navajo Nation

Advancing Native Health Care Through Consultation, Technology, and Tradition

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Looking for Health Insurance that Fits Your Health Needs and Your Budget?

Medicaid or CHIP May Be the Answer!
You Can Enroll Any Time—But Why Wait?

Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) offer low-cost or free health insurance for you and your family. In many states, more adults than ever before may qualify for Medicaid.

Who may be eligible?
- Children and teens up to age 19
- Parents (and other adults, depending on the state)
- Pregnant women
- People with disabilities
- Youth “aging out” of foster care

Eligibility depends on income, the size of your family and the rules in your state.

When you enroll, you can get:
- Doctor visits
- Preventive care, such as immunizations, mammograms & colonoscopy
- Prenatal and maternity care
- Hospital stays
- Mental health care
- Needed medications
- Children get vision and dental care (adults may get these benefits too)

American Indians and Alaska Natives who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP:
- Can still get care from your Indian care provider.
- Don’t have to pay premiums or co-payments.
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You benefit by having greater access to health care services.
Tribes benefit because their health programs get more resources.

To find out if you qualify, visit HealthCare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 or contact your local Indian health care provider for help applying.
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Meet the Artist: JayCee Beyale

JayCee Beyale is a Diné (Navajo) artist from Navajo, New Mexico. He is of the Táchii'nii Clan and currently resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado. JayCee works in various mediums and styles to combine traditional forms with that of today’s technological advancements. He has developed a line of communication that speaks of an indigenous identity in an urban setting, but not forgetting the knowledge and wisdom of his ancestral lineage. JayCee draws inspiration from graffiti and street art for his choice of palette to expressively depict Indigenous figures and animals. Capturing movement and the aura of spiritual existence is key to JayCee’s work and is evident with his usage of various layers and line work.

2014 ANNUAL CONSUMER CONFERENCE ART INFORMATION:

Title: Shígméslni

Media: Spray Paint and Oil Paint

Size: 20” x 24”

Year: 2013

Description: A personal interpretation of a Diné Medicine Woman in today’s contemporary society who provides healing with beauty and peace. Shígméslni (grandmother in Navajo) travels through various dimensions to seek help and ailments for her patients.
Monday, September 8, 2014
OPENING RECEPTION
Please join the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board and the NIHB for a meet and greet in the Grand Pavilion Ballroom.

THIRD ANNUAL NATIVE YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL
Please join us following the Opening Reception for the NIHB’s 3rd Annual Native Youth Film Festival in Pavilion Ballroom.

Tuesday, September 9, 2014
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Robert M. Wah, MD
President of the American Medical Association
9:30 am in the Grand Pavilion Ballroom.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Dr. Yvette Roubideaux
Acting Director of the Indian Health Service
Please join us for an update on the Indian Health Service from IHS Acting Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux during plenary.

SPECIAL LUNCHEON
Health Information Technology in Indian Country
Please join the National Indian Health Board National Extension Center for the Implementation of Electronic Medical Records from 12:15-1:30 pm in the Grand Pavilion Ballroom.

NAVAJO NATION CULTURE NIGHT
The Navajo Nation invites you to experience a slice of their culture, entertainment and food from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Grand Pavilion Ballroom.

Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Day

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IN INDIAN COUNTRY
Please join us for a session on the 2010 Health Care law. The session will address where We Are Now in Enrollment, Obstacles, Advocacy, and Outreach. Pavilion Ballroom at 10:00 am.

AWARDS GALA
This premier event will honor those who have made significant contributions to improving the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Please join us in the Grand Pavilion Ballroom from 6:00-8:30 pm.

Thursday, September 11, 2014
PANEL DISCUSSION:
Contract Support Costs
Please join us for an update on the issue of contract support costs to discuss where we are currently and strategies for the future. Grand Pavilion Ballroom at 10:45 am.

OFFERING TRACKS IN:
- Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy
- Health Care Policy and Advocacy
- Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
- Tribal Oral Health
- Tribal Youth Health and Public Health
- Health Information Technology
WHAT IS THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD?
The National Health Board (NIHB) is a 501(c) 3 not for profit, charitable organization serving all 566 Federally recognized Tribal governments for the purpose of ensuring that the federal government upholds its trust responsibilities to provide health care to the Tribes. NIHB also works to elevate health care status, services and systems of the Tribes and our Peoples. NIHB provides policy analysis and advocacy on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) health and public health services, facilitates Tribal budget consultation, develops policy analysis, leads national Tribal public health programs and policy, is the coalition lead for the NIHB National Tribal Health Information Technology Extension Center (HITEC), and delivers timely information and other services to all Tribal Governments. Whether Tribes operate their own health care delivery systems through contracting and compacting or receive health care directly from the Indian Health Service (IHS), NIHB is their national advocate. NIHB also conducts research; provides policy analysis; assists with Tribal capacity building in health program development, management and assessment; provides national and regional Tribal health events; and provides training and technical assistance in a variety of Tribal health areas. These services are provided to Tribes, Area Health Boards, Tribal organizations, Tribal Leaders and members as well as federal agencies and private foundations. The NIHB presents the Tribal perspective while monitoring, analyzing, reporting on and responding to federal legislation, policy, law and regulations. NIHB works collaboratively with the Tribes, through the Tribal health organizations, in the 12 IHS geographic Service Areas. NIHB also serves as a conduit to open opportunities for the advancement of AI/AN health care with other national and international organizations, foundations, corporations, academic institutions and others in its quest to build support for, and advance, Indian health care issues.

RAISING AWARENESS
Elevating the visibility of Indian health care and public health issues has been a struggle shared by Tribal governments for hundreds of years. For more than 40 years, NIHB has played a central role in focusing national attention on Indian health care and public health needs. These efforts continue to gain results and momentum. The Tribes formed NIHB to serve as the unified advocate to the U.S. Congress, IHS and other federal agencies, private foundations and potential friends and allies about health disparities, public health and health care issues experienced in Indian Country. The future of health care for AI/AN remains grounded in the Federal Trust Responsibility between AI/AN and the federal government. It is intertwined with policy decisions at the federal level and changes in mainstream health care management. The NIHB provides Tribal governments with timely information in order to assist Tribes in effectively making sound health care policy decisions.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Because the NIHB serves all federally-recognized Tribes, it is vital that the work of the NIHB reflects the unity and diversity of Tribal values and opinions in an accurate, fair, and culturally-sensitive manner. This objective is accomplished through the efforts of the NIHB Board of Directors and through working with the regional health boards, Tribes and health organizations located in the 12 IHS Service Areas. The NIHB is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of representatives elected by the Tribes in each of the twelve IHS Areas, through their regional Tribal Health Board or health-serving organization. Each Area Indian 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 Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, who serve staggered, two-year terms and a Member-at-Large who serves a one year term. The Board of Directors meets quarterly.

NIHB MEMBERSHIP
The membership of NIHB is comprised of all Federally Recognized Tribes through the 12 regional Tribal health organizations:

Aberdeen Area: Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board  
Alaska Area: Alaska Native Health Board  
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board  
Bemidji Area: Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes  
Billings Area: Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council  
Nashville: United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.  
California Rural Indian Health Board  
Navajo Nation  
Oklahoma City Area Intertribal Health Board  
Phoenix Area: Intertribal Council of Arizona  
Portland Area: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
Tucson Area: Tohono O’odham Nation & Pascua Yaqui Tribe
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Great Plains Area Representative
Council Representative – Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

CEDRIC CROWWELL
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
Nashville Area Representative
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe – Chairman

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Seminoles Nation of Oklahoma
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Tohono O’Odham Nation
Tucson Area Representative
Tohono O’Odham Nation – Councilwoman

NIHB 2014 Annual Consumer Conference
Dear Friends, Colleagues and Advocates:

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is pleased to welcome you to its 31st Annual Consumer Conference! We are grateful to the Navajo Nation for hosting the conference and for their welcome and support. We also are delighted to be also joined by Tribes from the region and thank them for their help in making this Conference a success.

This year’s theme, “Advancing Health Care through Consultation, Technology and Tradition,” acknowledges three important pillars of the Indian health system. At NIHB we believe that culture and tradition are key in restoring healthy Native communities, and throughout the conference we will hear about new opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives to integrate tradition into our health system. From oral health and public health to youth health and wellness, Tribes across Indian Country are embracing traditional healing and therapy methods to advance health care in their communities. At the same time, new technological possibilities exist so that Indian Country can be on the cutting edge of health communication. This is why we have included a dedicated Track to Health IT. Finally, by engaging in meaningful, communication and consultation with the Administration and Congress, we can effect real policy change and we will achieve even greater health outcomes for our people. As part of this Conference, NIHB offers training and tools that will assist Tribes as they advocate for their health care priorities and determine their own path to wellness. During this year’s pre-conference activities Tribes will have the opportunity to engage in consultation with four different federal agencies.

NIHB is thrilled that you are participating in this week’s events and sincerely appreciates your commitment to sharing the week with us. Thank you to our sponsors, exhibitors, and especially, the Navajo Nation who have generously shared their time, talent and resources in order to make the NIHB 31st Annual Consumer Conference a reality! I look forward to visiting with all of you throughout the next several days.

Yours in Health,

Cathy Abramson
Chairperson
National Indian Health Board
September 8, 2014

Yá'át'ééh Tribal Leaders, Friends and Advocates:

It is an honor that the Navajo Area was selected to host the National Indian Health Board 2014 Annual Consumer Conference. We hope you enjoy your time in Albuquerque and are able to experience the rich beauty and culture of this area during your stay.

This year’s theme, “Advancing Native Health Care through Consultation, Technology and Tradition,” especially resonates with the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation is committed to the health and well-being of our people through the incorporation of both modern and traditional healing and promotion of healthy lifestyles.

Since time immemorial, the Diné people have relied on prayers and ceremonies for healing and to restore hózhó (harmony). In order to further this practice, the Nation implemented a Native Traditional Healing Benefit as a part of our employees benefits program. Ceremonies that relate to health are treated as a medical expense and are therefore covered under our benefits plan. This way, our workforce has the option of seeking the medical treatment that meets their needs best.

Another example of the incorporation of tradition is a partnership entered into between our Special Diabetes Project and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. They are teaching about the three sisters, our traditional foods, and importance of incorporating a diet similar to that of our ancestors, which will in turn defeat this previously unknown enemy called diabetes.

It is a blessing the National Indian Health Board brings together tribal health advocates from all over to build relationships and share with one another advances they have made within their own communities.

We wish everyone a successful conference and fruitful conversations.

Sincerely,

Ben Shelly, President

THE NAVAJO NATION
Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB)
The Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB), established in 1968, is recognized as the statewide voice on Alaska Native health issues. The purpose of the Alaska Native Health Board is to promote the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and cultural well-being and pride of Alaska Native people.

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board
Albuquerque, New Mexico
AAIHB is a nonprofit organization, 100 percent Indian-owned and operated, serving tribal communities in New Mexico and southern Colorado. AAIHB provides specialized health services including clinical Audiology and HIV/AIDS prevention education, as well as advocacy, training, innovative capacity building programs and technical assistance.

The Choctaw Nation
Oklahoma
The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is the third largest tribe in the United States with over 200,000 enrolled Tribal Members. The Choctaw Nation was the first indigenous tribe in the United States to build its own hospital with its own funding. The Choctaw Nation Health Care Center located in Talihina, OK is the hub of the Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority and provides additional healthcare services at eight outlying clinics conveniently located throughout the 10½ counties of the Choctaw Nation in Southeastern Oklahoma. Choctaw Nation Health Service Authority is relentless and uncompromising in fulfilling their mission to "provide the highest quality health care to the people we serve".

Centene Corporation
St. Louis, Missouri
Founded as a single health plan in 1984, Centene Corporation (Centene) has established itself as a national leader in the healthcare services field. Today, through a comprehensive portfolio of innovative solutions, we remain deeply committed to delivering results for our stakeholders: state governments, members, providers, uninsured individuals and families, and other healthcare and commercial organizations.

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Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker LLP
Portland, Oregon
The law firm of Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP is a national law firm at the forefront of legal issues impacting Indian Country with attorneys dedicated to promoting and defending sovereign rights, expanding opportunities, and improving the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Their clients include Tribes, Tribal organizations and individual Indians in all regions of the United States, including Alaska. For more information, visit hsdwlaw.com.
The Navajo Nation
Window Rock, AZ
The Navajo Nation extends into the states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, concerning more than 27,000 square miles of unparalleled beauty. The Navajo Division of Health is committed to the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people. The division has 13 separate programs funded by various agencies.

Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
The Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB) is a non-profit organization based in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The board was established in 1972 to provide a unified voice for the 43 federally recognized tribes located in the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Board membership includes representatives from the 12 service units in the Indian Health Service Oklahoma City Area.

Redding Rancheria
Redding, California
Redding Rancheria is a sovereign nation where pride in Tribal culture, history and identity is evident internally and in the larger community. Redding Rancheria is a leader in the constructive development of its people, the larger Indian community and the Redding region. The strength of the community lies in the honor of elders, the health of families and the self-reliance of members. For more information, visit www.redding-rancheria.com

Roche Diagnostics USA
Indianapolis, Indiana
Roche’s mission today and tomorrow is to create added value in healthcare by focusing on its expertise in diagnostics and pharmaceuticals and as an innovator of products and services for the early detection, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Roche contributes on a broad range of fronts to improving people’s health and quality of life such as providing the first products that are tailored to the needs of specific patient groups. For more information, visit www.rochediagnostics.us.

Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP
Washington, DC
Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP is a national law firm devoted to representing Native American interests in a wide range of endeavors including but not limited to federal Indian law, Tribal law, Indian self-determination and self-governance matters, health law, tax law, land claims, natural resources law, hunting and fishing rights, environmental law, jurisdictional conflicts, and gaming law. For more information, visit www.sonosky.com.

United South and Eastern Tribes
Nashville, Tennessee
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. was established in the Fall of 1968. The vision of USET’s four founding Tribes was to build strength by working in unity with one another and to ensure that there was a strong voice for Tribes east of the Mississippi River. Today, USET has grown to become an inter-tribal organization with 26 federally-recognized Tribal Nation members. USET is dedicated to promoting Indian leadership, improving the quality of life for American Indians, and protecting Indian rights and resources on Tribal lands. Although its guiding principal is unity, USET plays a major role in the self-determination of all member Tribes by working to improve the capabilities of Tribal governments.
Sunday
September 7, 2014

11:00 am-12:30 pm
New Board Member Orientation
Open to new NIHB Board Members
Sierra Vista-19th Floor

1:00-5:00 pm
NIHB Quarterly Board Meeting
Sierra Vista-19th floor

Registration Set Up
Vendor Set Up

Monday
September 8, 2014

Consultations and Trainings

7:00 am-5:00 pm
Registration Open
Pavilion Landing

Vendors Open
Atrium

Tribal Health Consultations & Listening Sessions

9:00 am-12:00 pm
Indian Health Service Listening Session
Grand Pavilion Ballroom
Indian Health Service (IHS) will host a Tribal Listening Session to seek Tribal Leaders' feedback on IHS programs, activities and services. IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for Indian people, and its goal is to raise their health status to the highest possible level. During this Tribal Listening Session there will be ample opportunity for Tribal Leaders and representatives to learn more about current issues and events and provide feedback to IHS.
1:00-4:00 pm
Health Resources and Services Administration Consultation
Grand Pavilion Ballroom
The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human services, is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthy communities and achieving health equity. HRSA and Indian Tribes share the goal of eliminating health disparities and achieving health equity within American Indian and Alaska Native populations and ensuring that access to critical health and human services is maximized. The purpose of this event is to consult with Tribes, listen to ideas, comments, and feedback, so that HRSA can continuously work to improve our programs with this shared goal in mind.

1:00-2:30 pm
Veterans Affairs Consultation
Enchantment Ballroom
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Tribal consultation will focus on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between VA and the Indian Health Service (IHS) and how the 2010 MOU has affected health care for Veterans. The consultation will also request input on an aspect of the MOU, reimbursement agreements, and how reimbursement agreements affect health care for Veterans in Indian Country. Reimbursement agreements are the agreements by which VA reimburses the IHS or a Tribal Health Program (THP) for direct medical care provided to eligible and enrolled Veterans receiving care in IHS or THP facilities.

3:30-5:30 pm
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Listening Session
Enchantment Ballroom
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be holding a Tribal listening session to afford an opportunity for conference participants to raise concerns and ask questions about the CMS programs: the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid and CHIP, and Medicare. CMS leadership and staff will be available to answer questions and/or to follow up on issues raised. CMS wants to hear how it can improve its communications in Indian Country and how it can improve access to health services for Indian people. As part of the listening session, CMS will provide an overview of its Tribal Consultation Policy and how that has been implemented, including the activities of the CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group. The CMS Tribal Consultation Policy is out for formal Tribal consultation with written comments due October 1, 2014.

Training Sessions

8:30 am-4:30 pm
Taking it to the Streets: Community Mobilization for Increased HIV/HCV Awareness and Coalition Building in Rural American Indian Communities
Room Fiesta 1 & 2
Native organizations need to utilize strategic planning methods, collaboration and restructuring to demonstrate their credibility to provide HIV prevention programming for rural Indian communities. This training will feature the Navajo Nation who will discuss how they developed a comprehensive, culturally sensitive strategic plan to address rising numbers of HIV diagnosis on the reservation. The second half will feature Sacred Spirits-First Nation Coalition presenting a framework for community mobilization based upon their efforts to address injection drug use on the White Earth reservation. In addition to highlighting these successes, presenters will provide tips to develop a plan and in formulating a coalition-based public health effort to address HIV and Hepatitis C in Indian communities.

MICHAELA GREY, Manager of Programs, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

PHILENE HERRERA, Program Manager, Navajo Health Education and HIV Prevention Program

KURT BEGAYE, Navajo Health Education and HIV Prevention Program

CLINTON ALEXANDER Executive Program Director, Sacred Spirits Project CEDAR

1:00-4:30 pm
Public Health Accreditation Board—What Is Accreditation and How Can Departments Be Successful in the Process
Room Fiesta 3 & 4
This session will provide an overview of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation program, including the process, benefits, Standards and Measures, and the latest updates about PHAB. Additionally, participants will receive tips from an Accreditation Specialist on getting organized for the process. The session will be interactive, allowing for participants to ask questions throughout the presentation.

JENNIFER JIMENEZ, Accreditation Specialist, Public Health Accreditation Board

6:00 pm
Opening Reception
Sponsored by the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board
Grand Pavilion Ballroom
7:30-9:00 pm
Native Youth Health Film Festival
Grand Pavilion Ballroom
Featuring Digital Stories created by American Indian Youth during the NIHB Native Youth Health Summit, September 4-8 at Navajo Nation.

With opening and comments from:

RON LESSARD, Chief of Staff, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education

Providing Support, Building What Works and Creating Positive Change for Youth

And:

STACY A. BOHLEN, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

SARAH KASTELIC, PHD, Deputy Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

JACKIE JOHNSON PATA, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

ROBIN MINTHORN, Board of Directors, National Indian Education Association

First Kids 1st!

An introduction to the First Kids 1st Initiative, a national Native Youth empowerment project for all Tribes, through collaboration with the National Indian Health Board, National Native Child Welfare Association, National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Education Association.

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Tuesday September 9, 2014

Plenary
Grand Pavilion Ballroom

8:00 am
Opening Ceremony

Posting of the Colors
WINGATE HIGH SCHOOL ROTC COLOR GUARD

Blessing

8:30-9:00 am
Welcome and Opening Remarks

CATHY ABRAMSON, Chairperson, National Indian Health Board

9:00-9:30 am
Welcome from the Host Tribe

BEN SHELLY, President, Navajo Nation (invited)

9:30-10:00 am
Remarks, Updates and Q&A with the Indian Health Service

YVETTE ROUBIDEAUX, MD, MPH, Acting Director, Indian Health Service
the objectives and NIHB and its four partners comprise the NIHB HITECH-REC. Today, the NIHB HITECH-REC has completed the 4 year period of the cooperative agreement and is currently in a one-year no cost extension period, ending April 2015. As we close out this program, we must assess the progress made thus far, the work that remains to be done by April 2015, and ask the most important question: What is next for Indian Country in our quest to fully implement electronic health records? Our partners join us today for this important panel discussion and invite audience members to share their ideas on a future pathway.

Moderator:
CAROLYN CROWDER, HITECH Coordinating Consultant to the National Indian Health Board

Panel:
NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES
CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

Afternoon Workshops

SESSION ONE, TUESDAY 1:45-3:15 PM

Health IT System Thinking: From “Have To” 2 “Want To”?
Room: Enchantment E

Track: Health Information Technology

Health information technology (health IT) makes it possible for health care providers to better manage patient care through secure use and sharing of health information. Health IT includes the use of electronic health records (EHRs) instead of paper medical records to maintain people’s health information. The NIHB AI/AN REC project was designed to provide practical, customized support to meet the needs of local health care providers. Learn tips for motivating providers and care teams to adopt and implement health information technology in order to improve health care quality, efficiency, and safety and achieve Meaningful Use (MU) goals.

JAMES SPILLANE, IA, Informatics & Applications Project Manager, Simnassuk Health Solutions, ISAC Member, ONC Fellow

Workshop Tracks Key

Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy
Health Care Policy & Advocacy
Health Promotion / Disease Prevention
Tribal Oral Health
Tribal Youth Health and Public Health
Health Information Technology

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**Enrollment Assistors: Best Practices and Lessons Learned**  
*Room: Enchantment C*

**Track:** Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy

This workshop will provide an overview of enrollment strategies and a presentation on how to increase enrollment for Health Insurance in 2015.

**APRIL HALE,** Tribal Health Care Reform Communications Coordinator, National Indian Health Board

**TINKA DURAN,** Program Manager, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board Navigator Program

**ALLAN KING,** Alternate Resource Representative/Certified Application Counselor, Native Health Phoenix

**1115 Demonstration Waivers, Medicaid Expansion Status—Uncompensated Care Waivers**  
*Room: Sendero I*

**Track:** Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy

This panel will provide an overview of the Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver program, examine how states are using Demonstration Waivers to redesign their Medicaid programs, and examine Tribal rights and opportunities to work with states to use Demonstration Waivers to enhance Tribal health programs. This panel will also discuss how Tribes in Arizona, AHCCCS and CMS overcame outstanding issues to institute uncompensated care payments, including the determination of the state match for non-Indians served at IHS and 638 facilities, Medicaid comparability rules and civil rights issues.

**ELLIOTT MILHOLLIN,** Partner at Hobbs, Straus, Dean, & Walker, LLP

**LANE TERWILLIGER,** Technical Director, Medicaid, Division of State Demonstrations & Waivers

**ALIDA MONTIEL,** Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

**JIM ROBERTS,** Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

**Affordable Care Act (ACA) 101 (Repeating Workshop)**  
*Room: Enchantment B*

**Track:** Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy

This workshop will cover the basics of the Affordable Care Act and the special provisions for American Indian and Alaska Natives.

**DAWN M. COLEY,** National Indian Health Board

**EULANDA CICARELLA,** Claims Analyst, Navajo Nation

**ADAM ARCHULETA,** ACA Coordinator, Tucson Area Indian Health Service

**Achieving Advance Appropriations for the Indian Health Service—Legislative and Grassroots Strategies**  
*Room: Sendero III*

**Track:** Health Care Policy & Advocacy

The workshop will focus on legislative and grassroots strategies to achieving positive change in communities. Presenters will focus on how to build new and existing relationships in order to advance issues of importance to Indian Country. Participants will look specifically at the issue of achieving advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service.

**TIMOTHY SCHUERCH,** President and CEO, Manilaq Association

**PEGGY FLANAGAN,** Executive Director, Children’s Defense Fund of Minnesota

**CAITRIN SHUY,** Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board

**Food for Life: SDPI**  
*Room: Fiesta III-IV*

**Track:** Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Track

This workshop will present on Food for Life, a plant based diet of Fruits, Vegetables, Grains and Legumes. During the presentation we will discuss a typical six week curriculum used by Navajo Special Diabetes for Indians (SDPI) Project Nutritionists that include recipes, focused on the three sisters (Corn, Squash, and Beans), rediscovering the foods of native ancestors, who never had diabetes.

**BETTI DELROW,** Program Manager, Navajo Nation

**CAROLINE TRAPP,** Director of Diabetes Education and Care, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine

**LENA GUERITO,** Nutritionist, Navajo Special Diabetes Project, Navajo Nation

**We R Native**  
*Room: Fiesta I-II*

**Track:** Tribal Youth Health and Public Health

We R Native is a national multimedia health resource for Native youth, run by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. We R Native includes a website ([www. WeRnative.org](http://www.WerNative.org)), text messaging service, Facebook page, YouTube channel, Twitter feed, Instagram account, and a variety of educational resources. This presentation will share strategies to promote adolescent health in your local community using We R Native. The session will explore tips and lessons learned for those interested in managing their own multimedia campaigns. Participants will leave with information about available AI/AN health promotion media campaigns, tools, resources, and ideas for incorporating their use back home.

**AMANDA GASTON,** Project Manager for Native It’s Your Game (IYG), Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

**THOMAS LEE GHOST DOG, JR.** Project Assistant for Project Red Talon, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Approaches to Oral Health Care that Establish a Continuum of Care: Dental Therapists Training and in Action
Room: Exhibition D

Track: Tribal Oral Health

This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn how the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) selected and implemented the highly successful Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT) model to address dental care in their village communities. Panelists will describe how oral disease among Alaska Natives had reached crisis proportions and the barriers to dental care due to high rates of dental provider vacancies. Numerous children were sent out of villages to operating rooms for dental treatment, an indication of a failing system. Ten years after ANTHC launched its program in 2003, DHATs living and working in remote tribal communities are filling a critical need. Today, a DHAT sees 830 patients in 1,200 patient encounters per year, providing preventive services about 700 times. DHATs in Alaska have been able to serve 80 communities reaching more than 40,000 Alaska Natives. This session will introduce Tribes outside of Alaska to this model and provide insights into how to create the model training program in 15 other states considering this approach.

MARY WILLIARD, Director, DHAT Education Program, Alaska Native tribal Health Consortium

VALERIE DAVIDSON, Yupik Attorney

CORA ROBERTS, DHAT, South East Regional Health Corporation

Workshop Tracks Key
Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy
Health Care Policy & Advocacy
Health Promotion / Disease Prevention
Tribal Oral Health
Tribal Youth Health and Public Health
Health Information Technology

NB3F Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures
Room: Exhibition A

Track: Tribal Youth Health and Public Health

The Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F) is the only national Native American nonprofit organization solely dedicated to reversing childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes for Native children. Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures is a national initiative launched in Fall 2013. Native Strong focuses on physical activity, healthy nutrition, and building on the inherent strength of Tribal communities to address children’s health. It centers on four core key functions – collaboration, grantmaking, knowledge building and capacity building. Critical to each of these core functions and integrated across each is a focus on research and evaluation, policy, advocacy, and communication. This session will provide an overview of NB3 Foundation’s Native Strong’s approach, focus and investment in research, grant making, technical assistance and advocacy in partnership with Native communities in three key regions. This session will also discuss Native Strong’s core intention: to support emerging and promising program and community driven models trough a participatory evaluation framework focused on physical activity, healthy nutrition and cultural revitalization in Indian Country.

DAKOTAH M. JIM, Research Program Officer, Notah Begay III Foundation

MICHELLE GUTIERREZ, Program Officer, Notah Begay III Foundation

OLIVIA ROANHORSE, Director, Notah Begay III Foundation

Innovations to Increase Primary Care Workforce in Indian Country: New Strategies from the Choctaw Nation
Room: Sendero II

Track: Health Care Policy and Advocacy

Graduate Medical Education, or GME, is the period of a doctor’s training that takes place after they leave medical school and enter residency training. Many are not aware that residency training programs, or GME, is funded through Medicare and is part of this entitlement program. The two parts of the funding mechanism for GME, Indirect and Direct Medical Education comprises physician salary as well as significant infrastructure funding for the institution where the training takes place. In the case of the Choctaw Nation, however, the initiative is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. Choctaw Nation is among the first Tribal health programs in Indian Country to undertake development of GME at a Tribal facility. During this workshop you will learn about how Choctaw Nation is doing this work and the opportunities and challenges the endeavor holds.

JASON L. HILL, DO, Chief Medical Office, Choctaw Nation, Director of Medical Education and Program Director, Family Medicine Residency
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Options and Benefits Through Purchased Referred Care
Room: Sendero I
Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy
This workshop will provide an overview of the Affordable Care Act and the impact on Purchased Referred Care (formerly Contract Health Services) in Tribal Communities. Purchased and Referred Care resources are a vital component to a Health Facility and managing those contracts are essential to provide optimum continuity of care.

DAWN COLEY, Tribal Health Care Reform Manager, National Indian Health Board

EULANDA CICARELLO, Claims Analyst, Navajo Nation

Navajo Nation Medicaid Entity—the 51st State
Room: Enchantment A
Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy
The Indian Health Care Improvement Act, as amended by the Affordable Care Act, required the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a Navajo Nation Medicaid agency that would function like a state-run program. The law required HHS to submit a report to Congress on the findings of the study. The report to Congress was submitted on June 3, 2014. This workshop will provide an overview of the findings of the report, including estimated operation costs of establishing and administering a Navajo Nation Medicaid program.

LARRY CURLEY, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Division of Health, Navajo Nation

Exploring Health IT Solutions in Indian Country: Public Domain & Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Electronic Health Records Systems
Room: Enchantment B
Track: Health Information Technology
The NIHB HITECH REC (Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center) was established in 2009 to bring the implementation of electronic health records to Indian Country. Along with four regional, Tribal organizations as its partners, the NIHB REC has provided a wide range of services to Indian Country so that Tribes can realize greater efficiency and cost savings benefits that health information technology offers. The California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) is the partner in charge of assisting Tribes across the nation (outside of Alaska) that choose “Commercial Off-The-Shelf” (COTS) applications as their implementation method. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is the NIHB REC partner serving the Alaska Native health system with electronic medical record implementation and the majority of its system is operating on COTS. USET has chosen to use the RPMS Public Domain System, RPMS, offered through the Indian Health Service. During this workshop CRIHB, ANTHC, and USET will discuss methods for providing assistance,
lessons learned from the field and offer advice and insight for Tribes considering EMR implementation.

Moderator:
JAMES SPILLANE, Informatics & Applications Project Manager, Shinnawak Health Solutions

Panel:
CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES

First Kids 1st!
Room: Sendero II

Track: Youth Health and Public Health
This workshop will introduce participants to the national, joint Campaign of the National Indian Health Board, National Indian Child Welfare Association, National Indian Education Association and the National Congress of American Indians to strengthen, celebrate and support Native kids. Participants will receive an overview of the project and provided information about how to engage their Tribes in this initiative.

STACY A. BOHLEN, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board
SARAH KASTELIC, PHD, Deputy Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association
JACKIE JOHNSON PATA, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians
ROBIN MINTHORN, Board of Directors, National Indian Education Association

Ending the Unacceptable Standard of Care in Oral Health Care
Room: Fiesta III-IV

Track: Tribal Oral Health
Very few studies have documented oral disease among Native populations. According to the Center for Native Oral Health Research (CNORH) at the University of Colorado, the last full Indian Health Service oral health report was published in 1999; the agency's research typically aggregates data across regions. Tribal-specific data collected from South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation in 2010 showed that 97 percent of adults and 84 percent of children ages 5 to 18 on the reservation had untreated decay. A year later, a study of the Santo Domingo Pueblo in New Mexico found that the untreated caries rate was 70 percent. Lack of Native-specific data on oral health contributes to Native populations being left out of oral health policy discussions and decisions. The converse also holds true: having such data can help advance solutions to Native health needs. This panel will present the latest in oral health research and offer recommendations for quickly addressing the need.

TERRY BATLINER, Director, Center for Native Oral Health Research
MAXINE JANIS, Native Researcher
JOAQUIN GALLEGOS, Champion for Change and CNAY Policy Fellow

From Coverage to Care: How to Use Health Insurance
Room: Fiesta I- II

Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy
Getting insurance coverage can dramatically improve access to care for American Indian and Alaska Native patients. Getting insurance is a critical first step, but to use insurance effectively, patients need to get the facts on how insurance works. This presentation will provide some of the points to consider in creating and sharing information about insurance and the care that is available.

CARA JAMES, Director of the Office of Minority Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Medicare 101
Room: Encantamiento C

Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy
This session will provide an overview of Medicare administration, eligibility, covered services and reimbursement for Tribal Health Programs staff and beneficiaries with a focus on specific provisions for American Indian and Alaska Natives.

LINDA BROWN, Deputy Director, Division of Tribal Affairs, CMS

Evening Event

6:00-8:00 pm
CULTURE NIGHT – A Night with Navajo Nation
Featuring Food, Dance, Song, Humor and Artistry
Grand Pavilion Ballroom
Wednesday
September 10, 2014

6:30-7:30 am
Fitness Event
Meet in Lobby Atrium

Plenary
Grand Pavilion Ballroom

8:30-8:40 am
Welcome to CMS Day
REX LEE JIM, Vice President, Navajo Nation; Vice Chair, National Indian Health Board

8:40-8:55 am
DEE SABATTUS, Co-Chair Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Director, Tribal Health Program Support, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Ms. Sabattus will serve as the Moderator of the CMS Track of the NIHBI Annual Consumer Conference

8:55-9:10 am
Purpose, Actions and Tribal Opportunities with, the Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy Committee (MMPC), a National, Collaborative Standing Committee of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

H. SALLY SMITH, MMPC Chairman (invited); NIHB Board Member (Alaska) and Executive Committee Member (Secretary), NIHB Alaska Board Representative; Chairman, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

RICHARD LITSEY, Director of Policy and Advocacy, NIHB

9:10-9:35 am
Review of the TTAG Strategic Plan, Tribal Engagement, Status Report

JIM ROBERTS, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

9:35-10:00 am
Moving from Coverage to Care: Ensuring Consumers Have the Information They Need about Insurance

CARA JAMES, Director, Office of Minority Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (invited)

10:00-11:15 am
Affordable Care Act in Indian Country: Outreach, Enrollment, Advocacy and Overcoming Obstacles

DAWN COLEY, Tribal Health Reform Outreach and Education Program Manager, National Indian Health Board – Moderator

RAHO ORTIZ, Director, Division of Business Office Enhancement, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, Indian Health Service

LAURA BIRD, Legislative Associate, National Congress of American Indians

TODD THERINGER, Executive Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health

KITTY MARX, Director, Division of Tribal Affairs, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

DONEG MCDONOUGH, Technical Advisor, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee

JIM ROBERTS, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

11:15-11:30 am
NIHB Research Project Assessing the Efficacy of ACA Outreach and Education Efforts in Indian Country

The National Indian Health Board is partnering with American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities across the nation to learn more about the effectiveness of the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace messaging to AI/AN Peoples. Through funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, NIHB and the Tribal partners will work together to conduct focus groups and interviews to learn more about best practices for ACA outreach and enrollment efforts to AI/AN beneficiaries. The knowledge gained through this project will be used to help increase access to quality healthcare for both rural and urban AI/AN peoples.

MUSKADEE MONTANO, MSW, LGSW, Project Manager, Marketplace Research Project, National Indian Health Board

JERILYN CHURCH, Executive Director, Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board

11:30 – 11:50 am
The Alaska Dental Health Aid Therapy Program: A Tried and True Model to Address Oral Health Disparities in Tribal Communities

VALERIE DAVIDSON, Tribal Advocate and Attorney (invited)

11:50 am-12:10 pm
Direct Service Tribes Briefing: National Policy Priorities and Action

SANDRA ORTEGA, Chairperson, Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
12:10-12:30 pm
Self Governance Tribes Briefing: National Policy Priorities and Action
LYNN MALERBA, Chairperson, Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee

12:30-1:30 pm
Lunch on Your Own

Afternoon Workshops

SESSION ONE, WEDNESDAY 1:45-3:15 PM

HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) Listening Session
Room: Grand Pavilion Ballroom
Track: Health Care Policy & Advocacy
The Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee was founded in 2010, as a Tribal Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The committee is composed of 17 Tribal leaders (5 at-large members and one member from each Indian Health Service Area). The STAC’s primary purpose is to seek consensus, exchange views, share information, provide advice and/or recommendations; or facilitate any other interaction related to intergovernmental responsibilities or administration of HHS programs, including those that arise explicitly or implicitly under statute, regulation or Executive Order.

This session will provide an opportunity for Tribal citizens, health practitioners, advocates and Tribal leaders to meet with members of the STAC and share ideas and comments with them regarding HHS Department-Wide concerns of the Tribes.

Cherokee Nation Community Engagement and Advocacy
Room: Enchantment A
Track: Health Care Policy & Advocacy
In August 2013, Cherokee Nation’s Government Relations team kicked off an exciting civic engagement program called Project 320K. The project is an innovative way to encourage Tribal members to become active participants in their Tribal, state, local, and federal governments. Using social media, birthday cards to Tribal youth, and direct contact, we are working to engage all of our Tribal citizens. Presenters from Cherokee Nation will discuss our program, techniques, successes and challenges.

LINDSAY EARLS, Legislative Counsel for Government Relations, Cherokee Nation
CANAAN DUNCAN, Intergovernmental Liaison, Cherokee Nation Government Relations

Policy for ACA Employer Mandate and Special Rules for Self-Insured Plans
Room: Sendero III
Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy
This panel will examine employer rights, responsibilities, and opportunities under the Affordable Care Act. This includes determining whether you are covered by the “pay or play” employer mandate, how to comply with the mandate, and potential ways to lower insurance costs as an employer while still encouraging employees to sign up for health coverage. Additional topics will include the Federal Employee Health Benefits program and the ACA’s interaction with employer self-insured plans.

LAURA BIRD, Legislative Associate, National Congress of American Indians
DONEG MCDONOUGH, Health System Analytics
SAM ENNIS, Associate, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP
ELLIOTT MILHOLLIN, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker

Creating a Culture of Coverage
Room: Enchantment B
Track: Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy
This workshop explains how community-based outreach and education strategies lead to increased numbers of American Indians enrolling in Medicaid and Qualified Health Plans through the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange. The findings from this project could be replicated in other Native communities to increase participation in new coverage options available through the Affordable Care Act and may have significant impact for Tribes that have assumed management of their health programs or systems. NAPPR is a (501)c 3 non-profit organization that is funded through federal grants. They are also a Navigator Entity and provide Outreach and Education on the Affordable Care Act.

DAWN M. COLEY, National Indian Health Board
EULANDA CICCARELLO, Claims Analyst, Navajo Nation
ROXANNE SPRUCE BLY, Director of Healthcare Education and Outreach, NAPPR Inc., Navigator Grantee for New Mexico

ACA 101 (Repeating Workshop)
Room: Enchantment C
Track: Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy
This workshop will cover the basics of the Affordable Care Act and the special provisions for American Indian and Alaska Natives.

APRIL HALE, National Indian Health Board
ADAM ARCHULETA, ACA Coordinator, Tucson Area Indian Health Service

Workshop Tracks Key
Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy
Health Care Policy & Advocacy
Health Promotion / Disease Prevention
Tribal Oral Health
Tribal Youth Health and Public Health
Health Information Technology
Making the Most out of Tribal Consultation
Room: Sendero II

Track: Health Care Policy & Advocacy
Tribal leaders are often called to provide formal consultation for our federal agency partners on matters of policy and regulation. Additionally, it is essential that they advocate for good federal legislation with our congressional leaders. This presentation explores that relationship and how best to achieve Tribal goals when delivering messages important to our communities.

MARILYNN "LYNN" MALERBA, Co-Chair, Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee

SANDRA ORTEGA, Chair, Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee

STACY A. BOHLEN, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

HIV Prevention and Navajo Nation
Room: Euchantum D

Track: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
In addition to a brief glimpse into HIV epidemiology on the Navajo reservation, this workshop will provide participants with insight into developing a culturally sensitive HIV strategic plan that addresses the unique needs of a reservation environment coupled with the mandates of the federal and state governments, National HIV/AIDS Strategy, and High Impact HIV Prevention. This workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to examine and perhaps apply this strategic plan to their respective communities. Its potential widespread applicability in addressing other health disparities impacting reservation communities will also be addressed.

MICHAELA GREY, Manager of Programs, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
KURT BEGAYE, Navajo Health Education and HIV Prevention Program, Navajo Nation

PHILENE S. HERRERA, Program Manager, Navajo Health Education and HIV Prevention Program, Navajo Nation

Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Room: Fiesta I - II

Track: Tribal Youth Health and Public Health
Navajo Youth Risk Behavior System has been used to monitor six priority health-risk behaviors among youth in middle and high schools. Health-risk behaviors among youth may lead to early morbidity and mortality, commonly extend into adulthood, are often interrelated, and are preventable.

Workshop Tracks Key

Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy
Health Care Policy & Advocacy
Health Promotion / Disease Prevention
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Afternoon Workshops

SESSION TWO, WEDNESDAY 3:30-5:00 PM

Urban Indian Health Issues in the Era of Health Care Reform Implementation

Room: Enchantment A

Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy

The passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) and the ACA was a great success as these laws provide the legal basis for the inclusion of urban Native Americans in Federal Programs and increased access to healthcare for thousands of uninsured American Indians/Alaska Natives. The complexity of the health care law, including the variety of choices available for individual consumers creates a huge need for public education. Through the use of Urban Indian Health Program outreach and enrollment staffs, community education and assistance in Marketplace enrollment has been successful. Many of the lessons learned have been captured through peer-to-peer sharing in a Community of Learning to increase the efficacy of urban Assistors.

DAWN COLEY, Tribal Health Care Reform Manager, National Indian Health Board

KIMBERLY T. FOWLER, PHD., Director of Technical Assistance, National Council of Urban Indian Health

TODD THERINGER, Executive Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health

SHAPIRO CAMBRIDGE, Communications and Public Affairs Associate, National Council of Urban Indian Health

Medicaid 101

Room: Sendero I

Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy

This session will provide an overview of Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs. This will include administration, eligibility, covered services, and reimbursement for Tribal health program staff and beneficiaries with a focus on specific provisions for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

CYNTHIA GILLASPIE, Technical Director for Al/AN Policy & Marketplace Casework for the Consortium for Medicaid & CHIP Operations

Budget Roundtable

Room: Sendero II

Track: Health Care Policy & Advocacy

Despite significant gains during this administration, the Indian Health Service budget continues to be chronically underfunded which has an impact on the health of our first peoples. This budget roundtable is to discuss the barriers to full funding, how those barriers contribute to health disparities and to develop policy strategies to affect this funding line item in the federal budget.

CAITRIN SHUY, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board

MARILYNN “LYNN” MALERBA, Chief, Mohegan Tribe

CAROLYN CROWDER, Tribal Co-Chair, Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup

VICE PRESIDENT REX LEE JIM, Tribal Co-Chair, Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup

ANDY JOSEPH, Tribal Co-Chair, Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup

Benefit and Use of Population Data

Room: Enchantment C

Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy

The workshop will provide an overview of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Committee’s (TTAG) Data Project, and recent Data Project findings. The Data Project was funded to conduct analyses of Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance data to inform TTAG’s work. Findings from a recent project concerning the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native MediCare enrollees with diabetes will be presented. The findings include information on their health status, service utilization, and payments for provided services. Information on an upcoming TTAG Data Symposium that will be held in February 2015 will also be provided.

JOAN O’CONNELL, Associate Professor, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado – Denver

MARK LEBEAU, Executive Director, California Rural Indian Health Board

Public Health Accreditation - Conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment in the Fort Defiance Service Unit

Room: Enchantment D

Track: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention

A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is one of three main documents needed to attain Public Health Accreditation from the National Public Health Accreditation Board. The proposal will take the audience through Tsehootsooi Medical Center’s (TMC) process to complete a CHNA in a rural Navajo Region. Through secondary sources, primary sources, surveys, and focus groups the TMC Community Health Division was able to identify and prioritize health issues in the 16 chapter communities that it serves. The top six health issues in priority are Diabetes Prevention and Management, Family Foundations, Hospital Services, Mental/Behavioral Health, Elder Care, and Accident/Injury Prevention.

DOMINIC CLICHEE, Epidemiologist Tsehootsooi Medical Center
Navajo Food Fellowship
Room: Fiesta E-I

**Track: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention**

In partnership with the Navajo Division of Health and Navajo Technical University, a Navajo Food Fellowship was piloted this summer. With only 30% of the Navajo population a part of the labor force in 2009, there are few jobs and few opportunities to access higher education. New Mexico Appleseed's innovative, first in the country, Fellowship provided native youth with college/high school dual credit, mentorship, job opportunities and leadership experience to see them up for success in life. High school seniors and college freshman will share their food and nutrition research projects addressing hunger and obesity. This is a program that can be adapted and implemented in other Native Communities

CHENOAA-BAH STILWELL-JENSEN, Director of Native American Community Engagement, New Mexico Appleseed

LARRY CURLEY, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Division of Health, Navajo Nation

SONLATSA JIM-MARTIN, Senior Management Analyst, Navajo Nation Division of Health, Navajo Nation

**Amplifying Success and Engaging Key Audiences: How Social Media is Supporting Efforts to Expand Access to Dental Care in Native Communities**
Room: Fiesta III - IV

**Track: Tribal Oral Health**

This session will detail recent social media efforts and an upcoming campaign to raise awareness around the need for access to oral health care in Native communities and one potential solution—midlevel dental providers. Attendees will gain insight into social media strategy, specifically, how social media can be used as a tool to advance social change. There will also be a social media 101 portion of the panel where attendees will learn and get to practice some basic skills for popular social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter to engage key audiences and advance social change.


LINDA LORANGER, Senior Vice President, Burness Communications

Overview of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program
Room: Sendero III

**Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy**

The FEHB Program offers a wide variety of plans and coverage to help tribal employers meet their employee’s health care needs. Tribes or tribal organizations carrying out programs under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) and urban Indian organizations carrying out programs under Title V of the IHCIA are entitled to purchase coverage for their employees.

AMBER HUDSON, Program Analyst, U.S. Office of Personnel Management

The Benefits and Uses of a Population Health Data Portal
Room: Enchantment B

**Track: Health Information Technology**

The Tribal Epidemiology Center (TEC) at United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) has developed a Population Health Data Portal that has been funded by the Office of Minority Health AI/AN Health Disparities grant. The TEC developed a data portal to assist our 26 member Tribes in better monitoring the health status of their Tribal Citizens. By having current surveillance data readily available in a secure location for the Tribal Health Directors, the Data Portal will assist the Health Directors to identify the highest priority health status objectives and services needed to achieve those objectives. The datasets that the Data Portal uses to show the health status of the Tribal Health communities is enhanced by data from the states and other government entities. The Data Portal will allow the Health Directors to generate customized reports specific to their Tribal service populations, as well as standardized community highlight reports.

This workshop will discuss the project and how USET has been working with our Tribal partners to make Tribe specific information more meaningful and timely to meet their unique needs and guide data driven decision making.

BRYAN H. HENDRIX, Healthcare Information Technology Specialist, United South and Eastern Tribes

**Evening Event**

6:00-8:30 PM
NIHB ANNUAL HEROES IN NATIVE HEALTH AWARDS GALA DINNER
Grand Pavilion Ballroom
See Advertisement on Page 25
Thursday
September 11, 2014

Morning Workshops

THURSDAY 9:00-10:30 AM

Steps to get the AI/AN Indian Exemption Waiver
Room: Sandler II
Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy

Beginning in 2014, individuals are required to have health coverage that meets minimum essential value standards. This is also known as the individual responsibility requirement. Individuals that do not have health coverage may have to pay a tax penalty. However, individuals without coverage may not have to pay a fee if they apply and qualify for an exemption. Exemptions are granted by the Marketplace or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) through the tax filing process. American Indians and Alaska Natives qualify for an exemption from this penalty under the following criteria: Members of a federally recognized tribe or eligible for services through an Indian health services provider, or of Indian Descent and can prove they belong to an Indian Community and are eligible for services through the Indian Health Service. Learn step by step how to file an Indian Exemption Waiver form.

DAWN COLEY, Tribal Health Care Outreach and Education Program Manager, National Indian Health Board

TINKA DURAN, Program Manager, Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board Navigator Program

KIMBERLY FOWLER, Technical Assistant and Research Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health

Payments and Referrals under the ACA—How to Avoid Cost Sharing for your Patients and How to Get Paid by Qualified Health Plans
Room: Enchantment B
Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy

The Affordable Care Act and amendments to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act provide significant new opportunities for Tribal health plans to increase third party resources. This panel will examine opportunities for Tribal health programs under the ACA, how cost-sharing exemptions for Indians work and what steps you can take to help avoid cost-sharing, and strategies for your Tribal health programs to get paid by Qualified Health Plans.

MYRA MUNSON, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson

ELLIOTT MILHOLLIN, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP

Adapting an Evidence-Based Curriculum for Native American Youth in the Southwest
Room: Sandler I
Track: Youth Health and Public Health

The presentation will share the process of working with three Tribal communities, two urban and one rural to adapt an evidence-based HIV curriculum for Native American youth in the southwest. Presenters will discuss the importance of using a community-based participatory research approach, the measures taken to ensure community ownership and program sustainability, stories of resilience and self-efficacy demonstrated by the youth involved in the project, and lessons learned for other researchers seeking to do similar work.

AYN N. WHYTE, Program Manager, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

LAVINIA NICOLAE, Program Evaluator, and Consultant for Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

SAVANNAH GENE, Research Administrative Assistant, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

MARIK KIRK, Project Specialist, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

VA Readjustment Counseling Services and Native American Communities: Building Bridges for Combat Veterans
Room: Enchantment D
Track: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention

This presentation discusses the Readjustment Counseling Service, also known as the Vet Center Program, established in 1979 to provide readjustment counseling to combat Veterans in a community-based setting. Readjustment counseling is a wide range of psycho-social services offered to eligible Veterans and their families in the effort to make a successful transition from military to civilian life. Presently, there are four Vet Centers in operation across Indian Country and the VA Mobile Vet Center program. There are many more Vet Centers located in urban areas, typically within strip malls and locally accessible store front commercial and residential areas.

SHARON FREEDRICKS, Counselor, Hopi-Navajo Outreach Station, Veterans Administration

Workshop Tracks Key
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Health Information Technology
Nutrition in Navajo Nation
Room: Fiesta III-IV

Track: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
This workshop will present the finding of the study on Healthful Nutrition of Foods in Navajo Nation Stores: Availability and Pricing. Low availability and affordability of healthier foods in supermarkets and convenience stores on the Navajo Nation (NN) may be a contributing community-level factor to the high prevalence of obesity among the Navajo people living on NN. As there are relatively few studies about the NN’s nutrition environment, an assessment of food and beverage availability and pricing in supermarkets and convenience stores throughout the NN was conducted. Methods and results from the study will be shared.

LARRY CURLEY, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Division of Health, Navajo Nation
SONLATSA JIM-MARTIN, Senior Management Analyst, Navajo Nation Division of Health, Navajo Nation
GAYATRI KUMAR, EIS Officer Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Obesity Prevention and Control Branch Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dental Therapists: A National and New Mexico Update
Room: Enchantment A

Track: Tribal Oral Health
This session will include a national update on efforts to bring mid-level dental providers called dental therapists to various states, and then discuss the specific efforts to bring in mid-level providers to New Mexico as a workforce solution to the state’s oral health and dental access crisis in tribal, rural and underserved NM communities. Dental therapists are local, community-based providers who provide quality, routine prevention and treatment dental services under the off-site supervision of a dentist. You will receive an update on NM’s dental therapist legislation and where it now stands for the 2015 NM Legislative session, the need for access to dental providers in NM’s tribal communities, NM’s statewide coalition of supporters including prominent Native American communities and organizations in NM, dental therapist education licensure and practice in the US, how dental therapists have improved access to dental care and created jobs and economic opportunity for tribal and underserved communities.

LAURA BIRD, National Congress of American Indians
DAVID JORDAN, Community Catalyst
PAMELA K. BLACKWELL, Health Action New Mexico

Plenary
Reconvene in Grand Pavilion Ballroom for Plenary Session

10:45-11:45 am
Panel Discussion: Contract Support Costs (CSC)
Status of Tribal Claims and Federal Policy
Mandating Full Payment of CSC

LLOYD MILLER, ESQ., Partner; Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLC, Alaska

What the New CSC Budgeting and Payment Policy Means for the Tribes

RON DEMARAY, Demaray Consulting

Legislative Ideas for CSC Financial Sustainability

GEOFF STROMMER, ESQ., Partner; Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, Portland, Oregon

Q&A

11:45 am-12:00 pm
Cases to Watch: Updates on the Legal Cases Shaping the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act

ELLIOTT MILHOLLIN, Partner; Hobbs, Straus, Dean, & Walker LLP

12:00-12:10 pm
Closing Conference Remarks, Announcement of 2015 NIHB Annual Consumer Conference and 2015 NIHB National Tribal Public Health Summit

NIHB CHAIRPERSON

12:10-12:30 pm
Closing Ceremony

Closing Blessing

Retiring of Colors

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Workshop Tracks Key
Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform Policy
Health Care Policy & Advocacy
Health Promotion / Disease Prevention
Tribal Oral Health
Tribal Youth Health and Public Health
Health Information Technology
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GRAND PAVILION BALLROOM, HYATT REGENCY ALBUQUERQUE, NM

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NIHB Jake White Crow Award
National Impact Awards
Local, Regional and Youth Impact Awards
American Diabetes Association – John Piper Awards

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Cathy Abramson  
**Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians**  
NIHB Board Chairperson and Bemidji Area Representative  
Elected Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribes Board of Directors –  
Board Member & Treasurer  

Cathy Abramson represents the Bemidji area Tribes (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) on the National Indian Health Board and serves as the board Chairperson. Cathy also serves on the Department of Health and Human Services’ Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. She was elected to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Board of Directors in 1996 representing Unit 1. She has been serving as a board member since that time, and was re-elected for a fifth term in the summer of 2012; she presently serves as Secretary. Cathy’s Spirit Name is Wabanung Quay. She is a member of the Wolf clan. She resides in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan – Bawchtin. 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 granddaughters, 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.

Rex Lee Jim  
**Navajo Nation**  
NIHB Vice Chair and Navajo Area Representative  
Vice President of the 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 into office as the Navajo Nation Vice President on January 11, 2011. Vice President Jim was born and raised in Rock Point, a small farming and ranching community in northern Arizona. He is of the Kin Lichii'ii clan, born for Tachi'ii'nii. His maternal grandfather is Kin Yaa'aanii and his paternal grandfather is Naakaii Dine’e. He has adopted five children: Noah, Ryan, Heather, Twila and Raylon. Vice President Jim attended the Newfound School in Asheville, North Carolina, and graduated from Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale, Colorado. During his high school years he was introduced to students from other countries around the world where he gained much appreciation for their unique languages and cultures. After graduating from Princeton University, Vice President Jim entered his education career at Rock Point Community School to teach Navajo to students K-12. He developed a curriculum for K-Graduate programs that was culturally and pedagogically appropriate for Navajo students. He is a published author, Navajo language playwright author, and medicine man; Vice President Jim continues to make diplomatic trips abroad on behalf of the United Nations to improve relations between nation states and indigenous peoples. Vice President Jim played a key role in the drafting and final passage of the International Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As a Treasurer for the National Indian Health Board, Vice President Jim also serves as a member of the executive committee.

H. Sally Smith  
**Yup'ik Eskimo**  
NIHB Secretary and Alaska Area Representative  
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation – Board of Directors Chair  

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 board Secretary. Ms. Smith also serves on Health Research Advisory Committee, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention State Territorial Local and Tribal Committee, and the Indian Health Service National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup. Ms. Smith also serves on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group and chairs NIHB’s Medicare, Medicaid and Health Reform Advisory Committee. Ms. Smith 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 serves as 2nd Chief of the Native Village of Dillingham and was 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 Yup’ik Eskimo and the mother of four sons.

Andrew Joseph, Jr.  
**Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation**  
NIHB Member-at-Large and Portland Area Representative  
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board – Chairman  
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation – Tribal Council Member  

Andrew Joseph, Jr. has served on the Colville Tribal Council for five terms. He is a Nespelem district representative, serving on the following Colville committees: Executive Committee, Veterans Committee as Chair, Health & Human Services Committee as 1st Vice, Tribal Government Committee as 1st Vice, and Culture Committee as 1st Vice. Andy is also a voting delegate of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). In July 2007, he was elected Vice Chairman of the Indian Health Service
(IHS) Direct Services Tribes Advisory Committee. On January 22, 2009 he was appointed the Chairman of Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and in April 2011 he was elected Chairman. In March 2013 he was elected the Member-At-Large for the National Indian Health Board.

**Lester Secatero**
*Tó Hajiíke Band of Navajos*
Albuquerque Area Representative
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board – Chairman

Lester Secatero is currently the Chairman of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. and a board member of the National Indian Health Board. He has been the pastor of The Jesus Church at To'Hajiíke for the past thirty-four years. Mr. Secatero has served the To'Hajiíke Chapter and the Albuquerque area in a number of different capacities. Mr. Secatero has served on the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board for the past fourteen years and was elected Chairman in 2004. He has been married to his wife for over forty-four years and is a father and grandfather.

**Charles Headdress**
*Asiniboine/Sioux*
Billings Area Representative
Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board – Chairman, Health and Human Services Committee

Charles Headdress graduated in 1970 from the Business Department at Haskell Institute Lawrence, KS. Shortly after graduation he was drafted and served 18 months behind the Iron Curtain in West Berlin with the 4th Battalion 18th US Infantry as a Squad Leader patrolling the Berlin Wall and guarding Rudolph Hess at Spandau Prison. He graduated from the US Army Berlin Brigade Leadership School and was honorably discharged in November 1972. Upon his return to the states, he started a 32 year career with Indian Health as a Health Systems Specialist retiring in 2004. Mr. Headdress then started a small construction business with his best friend and re-retired in 2007. Not wanting to gather moss, he started work with the City of Poplar Police Dept. and graduated from the Montana Law Enforcement Academy as a Certified Dept of Corrections Probation/Parole Officer. He also graduated from the Mt. Reserve Officer Academy. Mr. Headdress then got into Tribal politics and was elected to the Tribal Council in 2009 and is serving his 3rd term. He received a Presidential Appt to serve on the Mt Selective Service Board in 1998 and still serves in that capacity. Mr. Headdress also serves on the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Board (DSTAC), Facilities Appropriations Advisory Board, North East Mt Health Systems Board, Benefits Health Systems Advisory Board, Great Falls, Mt. And is the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee for the Ft Peck Assiniboine/Sioux Tribes. He has 4 grown children.

**Michelle Hayward**
*Redding Rancheria*
California Area Representative
California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIH) - Chairwoman
Elected Councilwoman, Redding Rancheria – Secretary

Michelle Hayward is of Wintu decent of the Redding Rancheria Tribe, in Northern California. She has been an elected Tribal council member for 8 years. Michelle has been involved in the healthcare field since 1993 at Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Clinic, where she held the position of the Clinic Operations Manager for 5 years. She is now the IHS self-governance coordinator for her Tribe. Michelle has served on the California Rural Indian Health Board since 2007 and was Vice-Chair for one year and then was elected in October 2011 as the Chairwoman, which automatically placed her on the National Indian Health Board representing California. She also serves on Tribal advisory committees for the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and Contract Support Cost (CSC). She is honored to be a part of advocating for her people and all Native American and Alaska Natives on the national level for healthcare issues. She has been in front of Congress testifying and in senators’ offices advocating for healthcare for all Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

**Patrick Marcellais**
*Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians*
Great Plains Area Representative
Council Representative – Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

Patrick J. Marcellais, Sr. is currently the District 2 Representative for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. He is married to Leslie Marcellais and together they have 4 children: Sydney, Mary, Patrick, and Maximus. Mr. Marcellais was born and raised in the Turtle Mountain area along with 3 sisters and 1 brother. He graduated from Turtle Mountain Community High School in 1997 and from Turtle Mountain Community College in 2012 with an associate of Art and Associate of Science degrees. He currently is a member of the North Dakota In-Med Board of Directors as well as a member of the 100-297 Grant School Board. Mr. Marcellais is currently a Level 1 Cross-fit trainer. He is a staunch advocate of exercise and proper nutrition for our enrolled and community members. By focusing on healthy initiatives, Mr. Marcellais believes the community can realize benefits physically and financially by reducing the number of health-related illnesses plaguing our community today.
Cedric Cromwell  
*Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe*  
Nashville Area Representative  
*Mashpee Wampanoag - Chairman*  
Cedric Cromwell was elected Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in February 2009, and re-elected in February 2013. A member of the Tribal Council for eight years before his election as Chairman, Cromwell brings a wealth of experience in tribal governance as well as the private sector to his role as the leader of the Tribe’s government. Chairman Cromwell previously served as both Director of Project Management and as a Business Portfolio Director for Fidelity Investments in Boston, Massachusetts. He holds a degree in Management and Community Planning from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Chairman Cromwell is focused on increasing economic development opportunities for his Tribe, including a planned destination resort casino in Taunton, Massachusetts.  
The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, known as the “People of the First Light,” has inhabited present-day Southeastern New England for over 12,000 years. In 2007, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was formally recognized by the United States Government.

**Tim Tall Chief**  
*Seminole Nation of Oklahoma*  
Oklahoma City Area Representative  
Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board  
Tim Tall Chief serves as Director of Health Services for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma and maintains a faculty appointment in the College of Liberal Studies at the University of Oklahoma. He is the CEO of Outdoors Adventures Unlimited, Inc., an adventure and culturally-based program serving training needs of corporations, tribes and non-profits throughout the U.S. He is the former Deputy Commissioner for Administration at the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Prior to that, he served as State Director of Indian Education for the Oklahoma State Department of Education.  
Tim serves as member and Chairman of the Oklahoma City Area Inter Tribal Health Board. Tim also serves on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and Health Services Governing Board and the Governing Board for the Citizen Potawatomi Health Services. He is also the Vice-Chair of the Osage LLC Board of Directors. Mr. Tall Chief was appointed to serve on the Governor’s Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan Committee. In his spare time, Tim serves with the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission as a boxing and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Judge, referee, and inspector. He also serves as Master of Ceremonies for Native American cultural events and pow-wows throughout the United States.

**Martin Harvier**  
*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*  
Phoenix Area Representative  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council - Vice President  
Martin Harvier took office as Vice President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) in December 2006. 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 supports educational and health-based programming that furthers these goals. Harvier grew up in Poston, Arizona, and when he was in the sixth grade, his family relocated to Sacaton, Arizona, 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 SRPMIC 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.

**Sandra Ortega**  
*Tohono O’odham Nation*  
Tucson Area Representative  
Councilwoman, Tohono O’odham Nation; Chairperson, Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee  
Sandra Ortega is a member of the Tohono O’odham Nation of Arizona and the Chairwoman of the Direct Service Tribes (DST) Advisory Committee. She has been involved with the DST Advisory Committee since 2007 and served as Chairwoman since 2011. Ms. Ortega currently serves as a Tohono O’odham Legislative Council Representative. Ms. Ortega is Chairwoman for the Health and Human Services Committee which provides oversight to the Tohono O’odham Tribe’s Health Programs and the Indian Health Service facilities. She is also Chairwoman for the Human Resources Development Committee which provides oversight to the education department and schools on the Tohono O’odham Nation.
NIHB Staff

Stacy A. Bohlen
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Stacy 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. Prior to joining NIHB, she was the Director of Federal Relations for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, Deputy Director of the American Osteopathic Association’s Washington, DC Office, and served on the staff of former U.S. Congressman Bob Traxler. Ms. Bohlen received her Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Rochester Hills University in Rochester Hills, MI. She was born and raised in Michigan.

Dawn M. Coley
Pendleton
Dawn serves as the Tribal Healthcare Reform Program Manager for the National Indian Health Board. She is also a Licensed Producer in life, health and accident and long term care and Medicare supplement plans. She has over 25 years of experience of working in Indian Country with a concentration in health care administration. She is certified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as a licensed agent to enroll individuals into the federally facilitated marketplace. Ms. Coley attended Dartmouth College with a concentration in Native American Studies and graduated from the Sawyer School of Business in New Haven, CT. Ms. Coley currently enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and golfing.

Devin Delrow
Navajo
Devin is the Policy Associate for Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Care Reform. Devin received his B.A. in History from Dartmouth College and his J.D. from the University of New Mexico, School of Law. During law school, Devin worked in the Southwest Indian Law Clinic as a student attorney. He has completed internships with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Tribal Justice, the DOJ Civil Rights Division and the DOJ Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Program. Prior to law school, Devin worked in the finance division of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service.

Desiree Edelen
Desiree serves as the Accounting Coordinator at NIHB providing specialized technical support to the Health Information Technology project and overall accounting support to all other grant projects. Desiree has worked at several non-profits and governmental agencies in varied accounting management positions including: Martha’s Table, The Children’s Defense, Populations Services, International and Management Systems International. She brings over 20 years of experience in non-profit organizations.

Jacquelynn Engebretson
Ahnna Athabascan, Guiliano Village
Jacquelynn is the Public Health Program Coordinator for NIHB. She moved to DC after she graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage with her BA in International Studies. She moved to participate in American University’s Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS) and was fortunate to be able to work on federal contracts in the DC metropolitan area for her Alaska Native Corporation, Ahnna, Inc. In 2012, Jackie joined NIHB as the Executive Assistant/Office Manager. Jackie serves as a Crisis Counselor at the DC Rape Crisis Center and volunteers at HIPS, a public health program that provides a syringe exchange and safe sex supplies for drug users, sex workers, and their communities.

Robert Foley, M.Ed.
Robert serves as the Public Health Communications and Program Manager where is he is honored to work on HIV, methamphetamine, and suicide prevention projects. Prior to joining NIHB, Mr. Foley served as the President/CEO of the Native Nation American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) where he managed programs delivering technical assistance and training to Native communities combating HIV. Mr. Foley has also worked as a training specialist with the National Network of Prevention Training Centers and as a research assistant with the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research at Colorado State University. He earned his BA and M.Ed. from the Colorado State University.

April Hale
Navajo
April is the Tribal Health Care Reform Outreach and Education Communications Coordinator at the National Indian Health Board, where she works on the National Indian Health Outreach and Education Initiative. Before joining the NIHB team, Ms. Hale did communications and legislative work for the National American Indian Housing Council and the National Congress of American Indians. Ms. Hale is a 2006 graduate from the University of New Mexico with a degree in Communications and Journalism, and a 2002 graduate of the Freedom Forum Diversity Institute’s American Indian Journalism Institute at the University of South Dakota. Ms. Hale is a citizen of the Navajo Nation from Iyanbito, New Mexico.

Jason Heinecke
Jason is the Director of Health Information Technology for the National Indian Health Board (NIHB). Mr. Heinecke 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, effectively 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.
Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle, JD
Moatawe
Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle currently serves as the Deputy Director for Policy, Programs and Advocacy at the National Indian Health Board. Immediately prior to her current role, Ms. Hornbuckle served as Director of Public Health Programs and Policy. Carolyn graduated from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and was awarded her J.D. in 2009. While there, she studied federal Indian law and completed an internship at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. After graduating, she served as a law clerk for the Office of the General Counsel at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Ms. Hornbuckle is a member of the Arizona Bar.

Richard Litsey
Muscogee (Creek)
Richard is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and retired from the United States Senate where he was Counsel & Senior Advisor for Indian Affairs on the Finance Committee handling Indian Health Care, Indian Tax issues, and social security matters. He holds a B.A. degree from Oklahoma State University, J.D. degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law and an LLM in International Economic Law from the University of Houston Law Center. He is a member of the Mississippi State Bar, Texas State Bar, and the Capitol Hill Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Muskadec Montano
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe
Muskadec is the Research Project Manager: Health Care Reform Marketplace. Ms. Montano has most recently served as Adjunct Faculty at the Social Work Program, University of Wisconsin-Superior and the Department of Social Work, University of Minnesota, Duluth. Prior to those positions, Muskadec served as Coordinator for American Indian Projects/Center for Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies, also at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Muskadec is finishing her dissertation for her Ph.D. in Social and Administrative Pharmacy (University of Minnesota), and holds a Master's Degree in Social Work (University of Minnesota, Duluth). In addition to her many professional accomplishments, she has an 8-year-old daughter named Maria.

Caitrin McCarron Shuy
Caitrin is the Director of Congressional Relations at the National Indian Health Board. Caitrin spent three years as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK) where she served as a political advisor and his lead staffer for Native American Issues for the Congressman's work on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies – the subcommittee through which Indian Health Service Funding originates. After earning her Masters in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics, Caitrin worked for the National Community Action Foundation, as a Legislative Assistant. At NCAF Caitrin monitored and provided advice on legislative issues, spearheaded stakeholder outreach and participated in the planning and coordination of national conferences and congressional special events designed to showcase and elevate the organization's legislative priorities.

Sky Vasquez
Bishop Paiute
Sky is the Executive Coordinator at NIHB.

Valerie Walker
Valerie brings over 25 years of experience in non-profit finance, administration, human resource, and grants management in her role as Deputy Director of Operations, Finance and Administration at NIHB. Before joining NIHB, Valerie was the Director of Finance and Administration at Martha's Table. As the organization's first internal Director of Finance, Valerie's responsibilities included engaging with key funding stakeholders by assuring all financial and programmatic deliverables were complete and submitted on a timely basis thus helping to increase its capacity to serve some of Washington, DC's most vulnerable populations. Other area nonprofit organizations in which Valerie has served as a key part of the management team include the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, American Indian Higher Education Consortium, and the Center for Women's Policy Studies.
Conference Speakers

Clinton Alexander (White Earth Ojibwe) Mikwamibissa (Brings Hail) received his BA from Concordia College-Moorhead, Minnesota in Sociology and Criminal Justice. Currently, Clinton serves as Executive Program Director for Sacred Spirits’ Project CEDAR (Community health, Education, Decision-making, Awareness & Responsibility). He is responsible for the development, implementation, and integration of education based programming integrating traditional values and beliefs to preserve the rights, health, and safety of women, girls, and their families. Mr. Alexander worked with the Minnesota Department of Health, Indian Health Services, and Tribal programs to form a coalition-based approach focused on public health programming to mitigate HIV/HCV and death from opiate drug use.

Captain Adam Archuleta, MPH, is the Director of Revenue Enhancement Services for the Tucson Area Indian Health Service (IAHS) where he provides technical assistance and consultative services to federal and Tribal hospitals and clinics on improving revenue cycle activities across Indian Country. Capt. Archuleta has 15 years of experience working in Business Office, Health Information Management, and Contract Health Service/ Purchased Referred Care departments. Currently, Capt. Archuleta sits on the Affordable Care Act National Committee for IHS, and has been the Principal Investigator for the CHIPRA CMS Grant, Outreach and Enrollment to Native American Children. He has degrees in Health Information Management, Sociology, and Public Health, and is an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes in Arizona and is of Hopi/Tewa descent.

Rosario Arrcola Pro, MPH is the Health Systems Development Director for the Sacramento-based California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIBH). CRIBH is a consortium of 11 Tribal Health Programs that are controlled and sanctioned by Indian people and their Tribal Governments. Rosario has spent over 15 years working in the non-profit health care sector in program planning and development and is committed to increasing access to health care services in medically underserved communities. Rosario holds a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Public Health from Columbia University.

Kurt Begaye (Diné). Hashk’áádhodzi (Yucca Fruit Strung Out on a Line Clan), born for Tó’aheedi (Water Flows Together Clan), is Diné originally from Chinle, AZ. His work in HIV began 15 years ago and has spanned HIV prevention, care, and capacity building services. He has served as a Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Specialist with the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center in Oakland, CA and then with the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum in San Francisco, CA providing HIV CBA services to tribes, community based organizations, universities and health departments across the U.S. and its territories. Currently, Kurt works with the Navajo Health Education and HIV Prevention Program increasing program capacity to effectively provide high-impact HIV prevention services on the Navajo Nation.

Ronald C. Begay (RC) is the Public Health Advisor in the Office of the Area Director for the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service. RC’s duties include serving as the Purchased/Referred Care program officer, coordinating 49 Tribal 638 programs as the Agency Lead Negotiator, Contract Proposal Liaison Officer, Contract Designated Federal Official, and the Area Coordinator for the Community Health Representative, Emergency Medical Service, and Urban Title V programs. Mr. Begay began his service in 1989 with the Navajo Area Indian Health Service as a Health Systems Specialist/Project Officer and soon thereafter, served as the Administrative Officer for the Crownpoint Service Unit from 1990-1999 and from 1999-2003. He also served as CEO for the Acoma/Canoncito/Laguna Service Unit. Mr. Begay is a US Army Veteran (1974-2004) and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with numerous decorations and is Airborne/Ranger qualified.

Roxane Spruce Bly (Pueblo Of Laguna), has more than 10 years of experience in community-based strategic planning, program development and evaluation. A member of the Pueblo of Laguna, she has extensive experience in outreach, education, and legislative advocacy related to the Indian Health system and the impacts of health care reform on American Indian consumers. She currently serves as Director of Healthcare Education and Outreach for Native American Professional Parent Resources, Inc. one of two Navigator entities for the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange.

Laura Bird (Navajo) is a Legislative Associate at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Prior to joining NCAI, Ms. Bird was an Affordable Care Act (ACA) Trainer for the Tribal Education and Outreach Consortium (TEOC), and was a health policy analyst on ACA employer issues. Prior to Ms. Bird’s ACA work, she served as an attorney in the Government Relations Department of Laguna Development Corporation and served as Deputy Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center. Ms. Bird earned a Juris Doctor Degree with a Certificate in Indian Law from the University of New Mexico.

Natasha Bitsui, Tl’aashchii’i (Red Bottom Clan), born for Bilagakana (Anglo), maternal grandparents are the Tó’aheedi (Water Flows Together Clan) and paternal grandparents are from the Pawnee Nation, is Diné originally from Chinle, AZ. She is a Senior Health Educator with the Navajo Health Education Program (NHEP), since March of 2007, where she oversees both NHEP and Navajo HIV Prevention Program staff. Her main projects include being the Principal Investigator for the Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey and HIV Screening Project Lead for the Navajo HIV Prevention Program. Natasha received her B.S. in Community Health from New Mexico State University.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES, CONTINUED

Pamela K. Blackwell, JD is the project director for oral health access for Health Action New Mexico, a statewide healthcare consumer advocacy organization. Previously, Blackwell was the Associate Director for Federal Regulatory & Payment Policy for the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) in Washington, DC. At the AANA, Blackwell was responsible for the management, strategy, policy development and implementation relating to federal regulatory and payment policy issues. Blackwell has worked directly with state and federal agencies (Medicare, FDA, DEA etc), legislators, and other organizations to develop and improve policy proposals and outcomes for her clients. Blackwell earned her BA in journalism at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO and her JD at George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, Virginia. Blackwell and her husband reside in Albuquerque with their three young children.

Linda Brown is the Deputy Director, Division of Tribal Affairs, in the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, at CMS. Prior to rejoining Tribal Affairs, Linda worked with the Intergovernmental Affairs staff on state-related issues and conducted extensive outreach to National State organizations on key Medicare, Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program issues. Linda also worked on the Congressional Affairs staff within CMS' Office of Legislation, where she responded to numerous inquiries from Congressional staff on a wide range of CMS issues. Before joining CMS, Linda worked for the Social Security Administration and the Office of Personnel Management.

Shapiro “Reno” Cambridge is a citizen of the Dine’ (Navajo) Nation. (Born to the Towering House and Two Rivers Run Together People) and Sicilian. Born and raised in San Francisco, California. Shapiro’s family has been residing in the Mission District of San Francisco since the 1940’s, and have been receiving Urban Indian Health Services from the Native American Health Center since their creation in 1972. Shapiro has been working at National Council of Urban Indian Health since Fall 2009 and is currently the Communications and Public Affairs Associate.

Fulanda Ciccarello is an Insurance Claims Analyst for the Navajo Nation Employee Benefits Program, where she has served for 12 years. With 22 years of claims experience, Ms. Ciccarello works with insured employees, health care providers including Indian Health Services and PL 638 Contracted facilities, and claims administrators to ensure claims are resolved in an efficient manner. She has knowledge of the Affordable Care Act and is involved in the implementation within the Navajo Nation’s health plan for compliance. In addition to handling claims, she also provides professional assistance to the human resource representatives of enterprises and LGA Chapters in administering the self-insured benefit plan developed by the Navajo Nation. She is a member of the Diné Nation.

Dominic Cliche is a recent graduate from the University of Arizona Met and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health where he completed his Master of Public Health degree and was elected to membership in the Alpha Nu Chapter of Delta Omega, the National Public Health Honorary Society. Currently, he employed at the Tshootsooi Medical Center, a PL93-638 Health Facility in Fort Defiance, Arizona, as an Epidemiologist. He specializes in conducting community health related assessments. Prior to attaining his Master of Public Health degree, Dominic worked at the Nike, Inc. World Headquarters in Beaverton, OR as a Nike N7 Brand Marketing Manager.

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Michaela Grey, MPH (Diné), Ms. Grey is a Manager of Programs with National Native American AIDS Prevention Center. She entered the position with tremendous experience in Clinical Trial Research. For the last 10 years, Michaela worked in various capacities within University of New Mexico research programs. Her recent projects at NNAAPC include providing capacity building assistance to various tribal entities. She provided technical assistance Pascua Yaqui Tribal Health Department in their efforts to increase testing and culturally appropriate linkage to care to HIV positive community members. Michaela utilized her clinical trial experience to help to increase clinical trial awareness in the Denver, Chicago and Dallas Native communities.

Most recently, Michaela is providing technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Division of Health to formulate a strategic plan addressing HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care on the Navajo reservation.

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Michelle Gutierrez Michelle has been active in the nonprofit sector for over 10 years with several years’ experience as a grant maker. She also spent spending several years in Sri Lanka as the Country Director for an Italian NGO implementing tsunami rehabilitation work, and the Administrative Unit for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Italian Embassy in Colombo. A native of New Mexico, Michelle holds a Master’s degree in International Cooperation and Development from the European School for Advanced Studies at the Università di Pavia, Italy. She also holds a Bachelor’s degree from Smith College with a double major in Government and Italian Language and Literature.

Dakotah Jim Ya’at’eeh! My name is Dakotah Jim and I am Diné (Navajo). I'm originally from Tohatchi, NM and currently reside in Albuquerque, NM. I received my B.S. Exercise Science from NAU and M.S. Health Education- Community Health from UNM. I have been blessed with the opportunity to work for the Notah Begay III Foundation: Native Strong team as the Research Program Officer. I LOVE what I do because engaging with our Native people and supporting the positive wellness changes happening in their communities makes my heart beat with joy. I look forward to learning, meeting, supporting, sharing, and engaging with you all. Ache'ee and Have a Beautiful Day!

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Phlenc Herrera, BS, CHES, (Diné), Ms. Herrera is the Program Manager for the Navajo Health Education and HIV Prevention Program. As a child Phlenc witnessed her maternal grandmother care for others as a Community Health Representative. She learned the value of caring for others and realized her career path in public health. Ms. Herrera earned her Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University and returned to serve the Navajo Nation. Early in her public health career she recognized the increased incidence of HIV among Navajo members. Her major team accomplishments include updating the 14 year old 2009 Navajo Nation HIV/AIDS Code to the 2011 Navajo Nation HIV/AIDS Act. Employing the 2011 HIV Act as the foundation, she initiated partnership with NNAAPC to facilitate the development of a Strategic Plan with key stakeholders.

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Prior to joining Community Catalyst, David served as chief of staff to a Massachusetts state senator and led integrated communications campaigns at Solomon McCown & Company. He also managed the successful MassACTI ballot campaign, which in part led to Massachusetts' landmark 2006 health care law. David is a veteran of electoral politics and has worked on local, state and national campaigns. He is a graduate of Emerson College.

Yvette K. Joseph, a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes, has 35 years of tribal and national health care policy experience lending to her position as Project Manager for Kaufman & Associates, Inc. (KAI). At KAI, Ms. Joseph directs the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Dental Therapist Project and provides guidance on several other health and human services projects. Ms. Joseph received her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Denver and Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Washington State University.

Allen King is an Alternate Resource Representative and a Certified Application Counselor for Native Health in Phoenix, Arizona. In this capacity he is a resource for all things health insurance related while ensuring people from all walks of life receive the services they need and is considered an asset to his community. Over the years, Mr. King has worked on the farm lands of Idaho, to studying to become a graphic designer, to working with Medicare/Medicaid, he takes bits and pieces of his life experiences to relate to the people he serves. Mr. King is a member of the Zuni and Navajo Tribes raised on and off the Navajo reservation, originally from Mariano Lake, New Mexico.

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Linda Loranger, a Senior Vice President with Burness Communications, has 20 years of experience in public relations and journalism, and is a key strategist on health policy. Linda provides insight, strategic counsel, messaging and effective media relations in areas, ranging from health care quality, health access, to health disparities. Since joining Burness Communications in 1995, she has worked extensively with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, the Harvard School of Public Health, the journal Health Affairs, and several health-related commissions. She holds degrees in English and communications from the University of New Hampshire.

Chief Mutawi Mutahash (Many Hearts) Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba is the first female Chief in the Mohogan Tribe’s modern history. Prior to becoming Chief, she served as Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and also worked in Tribal Government as Executive Director for Health and Human Services. Preceding her work for the Mohogan Tribe, she was Director of Cardiology and Pulmonary Services at a local hospital. She holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration, an honorary doctorate from the University of St. Joseph in Hartford and is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing Practice at Yale University. She chairs the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee for Indian Health Services.

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Yvette Roubidoux, MD, MPH (Rosebud Sioux Tribe) is the acting Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS). Dr. Roubidoux was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as IHS Director on May 6, 2009. On April 23, 2013, President Obama re-nominated Dr. Roubidoux to serve a second four-year term, and on May 7, 2013, designated her to serve as Acting Director while her re-nomination is being considered by the U.S. Senate. Dr. Roubidoux previously worked for IHS for three years as a medical officer and clinical director at the San Carlos Service Unit on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona. Dr. Roubidoux received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1989 and completed her Master of Public Health degree at the Harvard School of Public Health in 1997.
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Senator Benny Shendo is a member of the Jemez Pueblo Tribe. Senator Shendo represents District 22 in the New Mexico legislature. He was first elected to the State Senate in 2012, and in is first Session of the Legislature in 2013. He has over 20 years of experience in various capacities of management and leadership in business, tribal, university, and state government. Presently, he is the President/CEO of the Pueblo Insurance Agency, a corporation owned by the 19 New Mexico Pueblo Tribes providing commercial insurance for their government and business enterprises. He served as the Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Indian Affairs in New Mexico from 2004-2007. Served as 1st and 2nd Lieutenant Governor for the Pueblo of Jemez.

Karen Sidell. Director of Statewide IT Services at Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, has been involved in tribal healthcare for over twelve years. Presently, she focuses on management of three departments in ANTHC that primarily interface with the tribal health organizations across the State of Alaska. She is actively involved in Meaningful Use and educating tribal health organizations about the Alaska Health Information Exchange, which will not only meet regulatory requirements, but will help with continuity of care for our patients. These departments under ANTHC have supported tribal health organizations to collect over 17 million dollars in MU Incentive funds.

John Stephens. Director of Health and Social Services, Swinomish Tribe.

Geoff Strommer joined Hobbs Strauss in 1992 and is managing partner of the Portland, Oregon, office. He is nationally recognized for his knowledge of and experience working with the ISDEAA and he has been an active participant in the ISDEAA’s developments and implementation since 1992. Geoff headed up the effort to file an amicus brief on behalf of the NIH and many Tribes around the country in State of Florida, et al., v. IHS (3:10-cv-91) (N.D.Fla. Jan. 31, 2011). Geoff is also lead counsel for approximately 45 tribes and tribal organizations that are pursuing CSC claims against the IHS. He is also actively engaged in advocating for administrative changes that will improve how IHS and BIA implement CSC full funding requirements as well as advocating for legislation that will make CSC funding a mandatory appropriation.

Lane Terwilliger is a Technical Director in the Medicaid, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers. Since January 2005, Lane has worked on Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) policy issues and Medicaid section 1115 waivers that impact the AI/AN community and tribal health providers. She implemented the Indian protections in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Lane also worked on ACA Medicaid and Market Place implementation and coordination issues. She has a Juris Doctorate and a Master’s in Health Law Reimbursement from the DePaul University College of Law.

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Ashley Tuomi, DHSc serves as the Executive Director of American Indian Health and Family Services (AIHFS) in Detroit Michigan. AIHFS is an Urban Indian clinic and is one of the four Navigator grantees in Michigan. AIHFS provides outreach and education as well as marketplace enrollment services to American Indians and underserved populations in the 7 county area surrounding Detroit. Ashley also serves as a Navigator at AIHFS and serves as a backup for the project staff assigned to these enrollment efforts. This has provided her with the experience needed to accurately address press, politicians, and provide training to other organizations.
Robert M. Wah, MD, a reproductive endocrinologist and ob-gyn in McLean, Va., became the 169th president of the American Medical Association in June 2014. Dr. Wah served as chair of the AMA Board of Trustees from June 2011 to June 2012. He practices and teaches at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Wah served as the first deputy national coordinator in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), working with the HHS secretary to advance the president’s executive order to have electronic medical records for most Americans and was chief operating officer setting up the ONC.

Mary Wakefield, PhD, currently serves as Administrator to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Wakefield joined HRSA from the University of North Dakota, where she was Associate Dean for Rural Health at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She also served as Director of the Center for Health Policy, Research, and Ethics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Mary in Bismarck and master’s and doctoral degrees in nursing from the University of Texas at Austin.

Ayn N. Whyte, M.S. is a member of the Dine’ Nation, originally from Crownpoint, NM. Her clans are To’aheddinii (Water Flows Together People) born for Kinyaa’aanii (Towering House People). Ayn has a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, a Master of Science in Health Education, and is currently writing her doctoral dissertation in Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology. She currently is the Program Manager for the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. STD/HIV/AIDS Prevention Program and the Native American Research Center for Health HIV/AIDS Evidence-based Intervention Project.
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