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SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2015
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WASHINGTON, DC
WHAT IS THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD?

OUR MISSION: One Voice affirming and empowering American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples to protect and improve health and reduce health disparities.

The National Health Board (NIHB) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, charitable organization serving all 567 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 (HTEC), 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 Services (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, to do so. NIHB also serves as a conduit to open opportunities for the advancement of American Indian and Alaska Native 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, Indian Health Service 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 American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) remains grounded in the Federal Trust Responsibility between the Tribes 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 a 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 service areas of the Indian Health Service (IHS). The NIHB is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of representatives elected by the Tribes in each of the 12 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 selects an Executive Committee comprised of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, who serve staggered, two-year terms and 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:

- Alaska Area: Alaska Native Health Board
- Albuquerque Area: Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board
- Bemidji Area: Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes
- Billings Area: Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council
- California Area: California Rural Indian Health Board
- Great Plains Area: Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board
- Nashville Area: United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.
- Navajo Area: Navajo Nation Division of Health
- Oklahoma Area: Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board
- Phoenix Area: Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
- Portland Area: Norwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- Tucson Area: Tohono O’odham Nation & Pascua Yaqui Tribe

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September 21-24, 2015

Dear Tribal Leaders, Advocates, Colleagues, and Friends:

On behalf of the entire National Indian Health Board (NIHB), I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our 32nd Annual Consumer Conference! We are grateful to the Tribes of the Nashville Area for their welcome and support in planning the conference.

The theme for this year’s conference, Native Health 2015: Policy, Advocacy, and the Business of Medicine, is fitting for a conference hosted in our nation’s capital. This week we will be engaging in meaningful conversations with our federal partners, whether it be through listening session, Tribal consultation, or plenary session discussions. We are delighted to have the opportunity to hear from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Sylvia Matthews Burwell, and the Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Robert A. McDonald.

We have a robust set of workshops available through our four tracks: Critical Policy Issues Facing AI/AN Health: Policy Analysis, Advocacy Strategy, Tools, Timing; The Business of Medicine: Strengthening Tribal Health Systems and Service Delivery Medicare/Medicaid/Health Care Reform; Youth Behavioral Health and Community Wellness; and Dental Health and Oral Health.

Thank you for joining us in Washington, DC, and for sharing your time and expertise with us. Thank you to our sponsors, exhibitors, presenters, and attendees for making this conference a reality. I look forward to hearing from all of you throughout the next several days.

Yours in health,

Lester Secatero
Chairperson
National Indian Health Board
Greetings Distinguished Leaders and Guests:

As President of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to our Nation's Capital and the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) 2015 Annual Consumer Conference. I am excited to continue our journey to build the capacity and strengths of our Tribal nations so they may increase access to improved health care and reduce health disparities. It is my hope this week’s journey will bring us closer to creating the essential and valued building blocks of advocacy, policy and legislation, research, training, technical assistance, and project management, which may be used by Tribal nations so they may exercise and promote their sovereign abilities.

We are honored to have Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews-Burwell to launch the 2015 NIHB Annual Consumer Conference. This week’s event also has a robust agenda of meaningful discussions and workshops with leading medical providers and policy makers as well as analysts from Indian Country and the United States government. Your attendance and participation will make a great impact on shaping our vision, mission, and goals of building a healthy and prosperous nation of American Indian Tribes.

With the power of a good mind, peace power and righteousness, and with a good heart, let us now go forth with the love and legacy given to us by our ancestors and the passion to provide quality health care for future Indian Country generations.

Scan^ - in peace.

Brian Patterson
President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

"Because there is strength in Unity"
Welcome Friends and Colleagues:

On behalf of the Indian Health Service (IHS), welcome to the National Indian Health Board’s (NIHB) 2015 Annual Consumer Conference. This event brings together a diverse cross-section of leaders and representatives from Tribal Nations, Federal, State, and Local Governments, youth-based organizations, and others serving American Indians and Alaska Natives. The conference offers a timely opportunity to learn about resources, programs, and how we are working together to change and improve the IHS.

The IHS has long valued our relationship with the NIHB. The Agency meets regularly with the NIHB Board of Directors and has attended the NIHB Annual Consumer Conference for many years. Our ongoing collaborations with the NIHB on health policy issues and related matters have yielded considerable successes with regard to outreach and education initiatives on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The work that the NIHB does to advance health care is an example of an important partnership that helps the IHS achieve its mission and meet Agency priorities.

Thank you for attending the NIHB’s 2015 Annual Consumer Conference. I hope the week’s events are informative and inspiring. While we continue to make progress, it is also clear that we need to continue to engage with one another to improve the health of the communities we serve. The conference will provide numerous opportunities to network and partner with like-minded professionals. I look forward to participating, listening, and learning from each of you.

Please accept my appreciation for your hard work and best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Robert G. McSwain
Deputy Director
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| **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22** |                               |                            |                |                |
| Morning Events |                               |                            |                |                |
| Area Tribal Health Caucus 7:00 - 8:00 AM |                               |                            |                |                |
| General Session |                               |                            |                |                |
| 8:30 - 12:00 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
| Breakout Sessions |                               |                            |                |                |
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| Breakout Sessions |                               |                            |                |                |
| 2:45 - 4:15 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
| General Session |                               |                            |                |                |
| 4:30 - 5:15 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
| Remarks from the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 4:30 - 5:15 PM |                               |                            |                |                |

| **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** |                               |                            |                |                |
| Morning Events |                               |                            |                |                |
| Area Tribal Health Caucus 7:30 - 8:30 AM |                               |                            |                |                |
| General Session |                               |                            |                |                |
| 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
| Lunch Session: Focus on Dental Health and the Future of Access to Quality Dental Care in Indian Country 12:30 - 2:00 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
| Breakout Sessions |                               |                            |                |                |
| 2:10 - 3:30 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
| Breakout Sessions |                               |                            |                |                |
| 3:40 - 5:10 PM |                               |                            |                |                |

| **Evening Event:** Native Health Awards Gala 6:30 - 9:00 PM |                               |                            |                |                |

| **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015** |                               |                            |                |                |
| General Session |                               |                            |                |                |
| 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
| Post Conference Events |                               |                            |                |                |
| 12:30 - 1:00 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
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| 1:00 - 5:00 PM |                               |                            |                |                |
| Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting |                               |                            |                |                |
| 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM |                               |                            |                |                |

<p>| <strong>FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 2015</strong> |                               |                            |                |                |
| Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting |                               |                            |                |                |
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**Tribal Consultation: Health Resources and Services Administration**
1:30 - 4:30 PM

**Health Policy 101**

**Innovative Solutions to Advance The IHS Budget**

**Health from the Boarding School Experience**

**Lac Du Flambeau: A Return to the Circle**

**Public Health Budget Basics and Funding Application Tips**

**Oral Health Access in Tribal Communities**

**Calicacanoq: Community Wellness from a Yup’ik Perspective**

**Implementing Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Programs in Native American Communities**

**Youth Perspectives on Oral Health and the Power of Story**

**Healing from the Boarding School Experience**

**Dental Health Aide Therapy Projects in the Pacific Northwest**

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**Preventing HIV: Sharing the Voices of Young Native Women, and Improving HIV & HCV Services in the IHS**

**Strengthening Tribal Self-Determination through Community Health Assessment**

**The Role of the Grandparents and the Community in Perinatal Health**

**Moving Mountains to Bring Children’s Smiles Back**

**Using ISDEAA, IHCIA and ACA to Expand Service**

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

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

**Veterans Administration Listening Session**
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Native Health 2015: POLICY, ADVOCACY, AND THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE

September 21-24, 2015 | Washington Hilton | Washington, DC
Sunday, September 20, 2015
1:00-5:00 PM
Conference Registration and Information
Exhibitor Marketplace Check-in and Set-up
CONCOURSE FOYER

Monday, September 21, 2015
8:00 AM
Morning Coffee
Sponsored by the United Southern and Eastern Tribes and the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board
CONCOURSE FOYER

8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Conference Registration and Information
Exhibitor Marketplace Open
CONCOURSE FOYER
8:30-11:30 AM
Listening Session: Indian Health Service (IHS)
JEFFERSON ROOM

The IHS will be hosting a listening session to provide the Deputy Director of IHS the opportunity to hear recommendations and input from Tribal Leaders to enhance the healthcare delivery to American Indian and Alaska Natives. *OPEN to ALL Tribal Leaders and conference attendees.

Tribal Moderators:
› Lester Secatero, Chairman, National Indian Health Board
› Sandra Ortega, Tucson Area Representative, National Indian Health Board
› Lincoln Bean, Alaska Area Alternative, National Indian Health Board

9:00 AM-4:30 PM
SAMHSA Training: Winning Strategies to Obtain Federal Grants
CARDOZO ROOM

Want to boost your success rate at obtaining federal grants? This workshop will provide you with winning strategies on how to seek, plan, and write a federal grant application. Beginners will learn what they need to be successful. Experienced grant writers will gain new insights and sharpen their skills. All who attend will affirm their value, and leave with a sense of renewed confidence in their abilities and mission. This workshop has been presented all over the United States to wide acclaim.

› Michael J. Koscinski, Project Officer, SAMHSA Office of Tribal Affairs

12:30-1:30 PM
Developing a Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda: Introduction and Invitation for Tribal Engagement
GEORGETOWN ROOMS

Research indicates that American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) have the higher rates of and are at higher risk for many behavioral health conditions and concerns, including depression, substance dependence, abuse and suicide. As effectively combatting these issues will involve a coordinated response from the federal government, Tribes, and health allies across Indian Country, SAMHSA is launching a Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda. They are working with NIH and IHS to host this session to discuss the nature of the Agenda, how to operationalize it and to review primary components of the draft Agenda. The session is jointly facilitated and specifically designed for Tribal leaders and health administrators, but is open to all who have an interest in resolving mounting behavioral health concerns.

› Robert McSwain, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service

› Kana Enomoto, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
› Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee
› Andy Joseph, NIHBI Board Member and Chairman, SAMHSA Tribal Advisory Committee
› Joe Garcia, Former President of National Congress of American Indians; MistyLake Consulting Services, LLC
› Chester Antone, Legislative Councilman, Tohono Oodham Nation

1:30-4:30 PM
Tribal Consultation: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
JEFFERSON ROOM

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will use this opportunity to consult with Tribal leaders on a wide-range of CMS policy matters impacting Indian Country, including those related to the Health Insurance Marketplace and the Medicaid program. Consistent with the CMS Tribal Consultation Policy, CMS leadership and subject matter experts will be available to provide program updates and receive comments and answer questions from Tribal Leaders and/or their designees.

Tribal Moderators:
› Tim Tall Chief, Oklahoma City Area Representative, National Indian Health Board
› Patrick Marcellais, Great Plains Area Representative, National Indian Health Board

Tribal Consultation: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
LINCOLN EAST

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) shares many priorities with American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, including but not limited to: reducing the burden of disease; increasing health professional workforce development; improving access to health services; increasing health information technology investments in health care facilities that serve AI/ANs; and improving access to funding and grant opportunities. The purpose of the HRSA Tribal Consultation is to listen to ideas, comments, and feedback and to receive input on HRSA strategic initiatives, so that HRSA can continuously work to improve their program services.

Tribal Moderators:
› Andy Joseph, Jr., Member-At-Large/Portland Area Representative, National Indian Health Board
› Charles Headdress, Billings Area Representative, National Indian Health Board
› Cedric Cromwell, Nashville Area Representative, National Indian Health Board
Tribe Consultation: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

LINCOLN WEST

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal consultation session is intended to hear feedback from Tribal leaders on NIH programs and policies and to hear about NIH relevant Tribal priorities. The NIH mission, primarily achieved through research, research training and the dissemination of research findings, is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and to apply that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. The NIH will provide brief presentations on select programs and policies during the consultation and then will solicit input on each topic. There will also be time for an open discussion in which all relevant topics can be considered.

Tribal Moderators:

› Sam Moose, Bemidji Area Representative, National Indian Health Board
› Lisa Elgin, California Area Representative, National Indian Health Board

6:00 PM
Opening Reception
U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER
ROOM HVC 201

7:00-8:30 PM
2015 Native Youth Digital Storytelling
U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

The Native Youth Digital Storytelling Reception is the culmination of the Native American Health Board's 6th Annual Native Youth Health Summit taking place September 16-21, 2015 in Washington, DC. Native youth from across Indian Country will present the digital stories they create during the Youth Summit on the health and resiliency of their Tribal communities.

ROOM: ORIENTATION THEATER NORTH

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

8:00 AM
Morning Coffee
Sponsored by the United Southern and Eastern Tribes and the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board
CONCOURSE FOYER

7:00 AM-5:00 PM
Conference Registration and Information Exhibitor Marketplace Open
CONCOURSE FOYER

7:30-8:45 AM
Area Tribal Health Caucus
Closed Tribal meeting and discussion on health care topics, issues and policy. These meetings are only open to members of the specifically named health care delivery service areas.

ALASKA AREA – ALBRIGHT ROOM
ALBUQUERQUE AREA – CARDozo ROOM
BEMIDJI AREA – EMBASSY ROOM
BILLINGS AREA – DU PONT ROOM
CALIFORNIA AREA – INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM WEST
GREAT PLAINS AREA – JEFFERSON EAST
NASHVILLE AREA – JEFFERSON WEST
NAVAJO AREA – LINCOLN EAST
OKLAHOMA AREA – LINCOLN WEST
PHOENIX AREA – GEORGETOWN EAST
PORTLAND AREA – GEORGETOWN WEST
TUCSON AREA – MONROE ROOM

PLENARY
INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM CENTER

8:45 AM
Opening Ceremony

Posting of Colors

› Women Warriors Intertribal Association – National Capital Region
› SFC Myra E. Juggins (Cherokee Tsalagi) – United States Army Reserves (1980-1993)
› SGT Darlene V. Farmer (Cherokee Tsalagi) – United States Army (1984-1988)
› SGT Kim A. Brooks (Koyukon Athabascan) – United States Marine Corps (1988-2001)

Blessing

› Cedric Cromwell, Treasurer and Nashville Area Representative, National Indian Health Board; Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag
9:00-9:10 AM  
**Welcome to These Lands**  
- Cedric Cromwell, Treasurer and Nashville Area Representative, National Indian Health Board; Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag

9:10-9:20 AM  
**Welcome to the 32nd Annual Consumer Conference**  
- Lester Secatero, Chairman, National Indian Health Board

9:20-9:30 AM  
**Conference Overview**  
- Stacy A. Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

9:30-9:40 AM  
**Opening Address**  
- Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, Chair Elect of American Medical Association

9:40-10:00 AM  
**Keynote Address**  
- The Honorable Heidi Keknak, United States Senator, North Dakota

10:00-10:15 AM  
**Native Youth Health Summit and Digital Storytelling Highlights**  
The 6th Annual Native Youth Health Summit was held in Washington, DC on September 16-21, 2015. Thirty Native youth from across Indian Country gathered to meet with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, White House staff, and create digital stories on the health and resiliency of their Tribal communities. During this session, two Native Youth Health Summit participants will feature their digital stories and provide highlights of the Summit.  
- Michelle Castagne, Public Health Project Coordinator, National Indian Health Board  
- Selected NIHB Youth Summit Participants

10:15-10:45 AM  
**NATIVE YOUTH ARE THE NOW!**  
Building on the increasing momentum of empowering and elevating the voices of Native youth, partners will gather to present a dual purposed initiative that includes a push to advance changes in national, state, and Tribal policy to create conditions in which American Indian and Alaska Native children can thrive, and a community-based effort to engage local leaders and communities in developing, nurturing, and strengthening community supports for all Native youth.  
- Generation Indigenous (Gen-I)  
- Raina Thiele, Associate Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, White House – invited

10:45-11:00 AM  
**Remarks from the Indian Health Service (IHS)**  
- Robert McSwain, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service

11:10-11:40 AM  
**Fireside Chat: Federal Leaders in AI/AN Health**  
Representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Health Resources and Services Administration; and Office of Minority health will engage with conference attendees on top issues around Indian health, and what their respective agencies are doing to improve health and wellness in Tribal communities.  
**Moderator:**  
- Tim Tall Chief, Oklahoma City Area Representative, National Indian Health Board  
**Panelists:**  
- Judith Monroe, MD, Director, Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
- Jim Macrae, Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration  
- Nadine Gracia, MD, Director, Office of Minority Health

11:40-12:00 PM  
**Remarks from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**  
- Kana Enomoto, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

SESSION ONE: 1:00-2:30 PM

Recruitment and Retention of Medical Professionals at Indian Health Service and Tribal Facilities
ROOM: JEFFERSON EAST

Tracks:
- THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE:
- STRENGTHENING TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY MEDICARE/MEDICAID/
- HEALTH CARE REFORM

This session will look at provider recruitment and retention and the current physician shortage that faces every healthcare organization. Both IHS and Tribal perspectives will be presented, looking at current trends and coming issues that will make future recruitment more challenging. Available programs will be discussed that can help you recruit new providers and retain them.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
- Describe IHS programs available for recruitment and retention.
- Describe strategies employed by Tribes to recruit and retain medical staff.

Presenters:
- Robert Pittman, BPharm, MPH, Director, Division of Health Professions Support
- Ronnie Shaw, MBA, FASPR, Professional Recruiter, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health

Understanding Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP
ROOM: JEFFERSON WEST

Track:
- THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE:
- STRENGTHENING TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY MEDICARE/MEDICAID/
- HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
- Explain how Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs work in Indian Country.
- Explain how Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP can be used to maximize collections for services provided by I/T/Us.
- Explain how the enrollment process works.

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

Health Policy 101
ROOM: LINCOLN EAST

Track:
- POLICY AND ADVOCACY CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES
- FACING AI/AN HEALTH: POLICY ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY
- STRATEGY, TOOLS, TIMING

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

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
- Explain why health policy is important
- Describe how to hire and train health policy analysts
- Explain how to find alternative ways to be involved in health policy analysis

Presenters:
- Devin Delrow, Director of Federal Relations, National Indian Health Board
- Mim Dixon, Ph.D., Technical Advisor to CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group and the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee
- Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Indian Health Board
Premium Assistance Programs for Patients
ROOM: INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM WEST
Track:
POLICY AND ADVOCACY CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES
FACING AI/AN HEALTH: POLICY ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY
STRATEGY, TOOLS, TIMING
The presentation will discuss how to begin a premium assistance program by pointing out practices that were implemented by the Chickasaw Nation. The session will go on to review criteria that can be used to select patients, and the reporting requirements and processes that can be established to help analyze the program data (including reach and effectiveness). The content and discussion will be facilitated by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health and guided by what they have learned through their implementation of a premium assistance program for the past 2 1/2 years.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
- Explain how to begin a premium assistance program.
- Describe the potential returns on investment a Tribe can see with a premium assistance program.
- Describe the feedback and responses that may be received during initial implementation of the program.

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

Special Diabetes Program for Indians: Past Successes, Creating Future Change
ROOM: LINCOLN WEST
Track:
YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS
The Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) is a $150 million per year grant program that is funded through Congressional legislation and administered by the Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention. The purpose of SDPI is to provide funding to address diabetes treatment and prevention in American Indian and Alaska Native people. In 2016, SDPI will undergo significant changes in its funding distribution and program elements to continue to meet the ongoing challenges that AI/AN communities face with preventing and treating diabetes.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
- Describe the major milestones of SDPI.
- List the three components of SDPI.
- Describe the major changes that are being launched in SDPI for FY 2016.

Presenters:
- Ann Bullock, MD, Acting Director, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, Indian Health Service
- Carmen Licavoli Hardin, Deputy Director, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, Indian Health Service
- Mark Anaruk, Calricaraq System of Care Evaluator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- Raymond Daw, Behavioral Health Administrator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- Jim Chaliak, Calricaraq System of Care Coordinator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Calricaraq: Community Wellness from a Yup’ik Perspective
ROOM: GEORGETOWN EAST
Track:
YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS
Calricaraq, or “helping families heal”, is a wellness program based on our Yup’ik traditional and ancestral ways. After decades of relying on Western clinical models with little change in our health conditions, this Elder-led grass roots effort has grown to become a promising practice that is healing and empowering Alaska Native people and communities to live healthy lives using our ancestral Yup’ik wisdom and traditions as our foundation. This presentation will provide an introduction and update on powerful changes taking place in our Tribal communities, and demonstrate how participants can start a similar effort in their own community.

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

Presenters:
- Mark Anaruk, Calricaraq System of Care Evaluator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- Raymond Daw, Behavioral Health Administrator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- Jim Chaliak, Calricaraq System of Care Coordinator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
Implementing Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Programs in Native American Communities

ROOM: GEORGETOWN WEST

Track: YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

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

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

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

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

Oral Health Access in Tribal Communities

ROOM: MONROE

Track: DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

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

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

- Describe the current state of oral health in AI/AN communities
- Describe at least two potential strategies to elevate the state of oral health in AI/AN communities

Presenters:
- Terry Batliner, Associate Director, University of Colorado, Center for Native Oral Health Research

SESSION TWO: 2:45-4:15 PM

Leveraging 3rd Party Revenue: Strengthening Indian Health Systems through 3rd Party Billing

ROOM: INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM WEST

Track: THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE: STRENGTHENING TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY MEDICARE/MEDICAID/ HEALTH CARE REFORM

Third party billing can be an important new source of revenue for Tribal health programs and can increase the scope and type of health care services they can provide to their members. This panel will discuss new opportunities for Tribes to maximize third party revenues as a result of health reform, with a focus on methods to increase revenues from Medicaid, Medicare, the Exchanges, and other sources, including the Federal Employee Health Benefits program.

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

- Describe the Indian Health Service policy for recording, controlling, and accounting for patient-related resources.
- Understand the process of specific internal controls to safeguard and properly account for third-party related revenue.
- Explain how the authorities for collecting debts owed to the IHS by third-party sources and non-beneficiary patients.
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Presenters:
> Raho Ortiz, Division of Business Office Management, Indian Health Service
> Sam Ennis, Associate, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP
> Kristen Bitsui, Patient Benefits Coordinator, San Xavier Health Center, Tucson Indian Health Service

**Medicare and Medicaid Payment Reform**

**ROOM: JEFFERSON EAST**

**Track:**
THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE: STRENGTHENING TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY MEDICARE/MEDICAID/HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

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

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

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

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

**ROOM: JEFFERSON WEST**

**Track:**
THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE: STRENGTHENING TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY MEDICARE/MEDICAID/HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

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

- Explain how the laws apply to Tribes.
- Explain how to comply with the laws.
- Explains how to avoid penalties.

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

**Innovative Solutions to Advance the IHS Budget**

**ROOM: LINCOLN EAST**

**Track:**
POLICY AND ADVOCACY CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES FACING AI/AN HEALTH: POLICY ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY STRATEGY, TOOLS, TIMING

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

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

Presenters:
- Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board
- Liz Malerba, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.
- Tim Schuerch, President, Maniilaq Association
- Darren Benjamin, Professional Staff, House Appropriations Committee

Advocacy for Healing Historical Trauma from the Boarding School Experience
ROOM: LINCOLN WEST
Track:
YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Historical trauma is now understood to transmit across the generations. In AI/AN communities, traumas experienced as part of the federal Indian boarding school continue to impact day to day life, and the efficacy of attempts to provide care and services of all types. The Native American Rights Fund and the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition have been building a movement to support healing on the biggest of scales, involving Tribes and other AI/AN communities, scientists, government, and the churches in an attempt to begin to turn towards finally healing and moving forward from the pains of the past.

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

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

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

Lac Du Flambeau: A Return to the Circle
ROOM: GEORGETOWN EAST
Track:
YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

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

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

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

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

Public Health Budget Basics and Funding Application Tips
ROOM: GEORGETOWN WEST
Track:
YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Have you wondered how the basic appropriations process works and what factors the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers in budget, funding opportunity announcement, and program planning? Are you wondering how you might engage with CDC and other stakeholders in resource and program planning? This session will provide insight on public health funding sources, the federal budget process, engaging in budget and resource planning, tips on applying for funding opportunity announcements, and useful budget and funding resources.

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

- Explain the public health budget and appropriations process basics.
- Describe major factors CDC considers in budget, funding opportunity announcements and program planning.
• Describe ways to engage in the process and tips for responding to funding opportunity announcements.

Presenter:
› Georgia Moore, MS, Associate Director for Policy, Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Youth Perspectives on Oral Health and the Power of Story
ROOM: MONROE
Track:
DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

In an effort to expand access to dental care in Indian Country, the Center for Native American Youth is facilitating dialogues and lifting up Native American youth voices on oral health to ensure that their powerful voices are heard. Through their perspectives in op-eds and social media, youth are central to helping change the narrative about oral health for Tribes.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
• Describe the state of oral health among American Indian and Alaska Native youth.
• Explains strategies for youth engagement.
• Explains how to best use media and social media.

Presenter:
› Ryan Ward, Senior Program Associate, Center for Native American Youth

4:30-4:55 PM
Remarks from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

› The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

6:30-7:30 AM
Smoke Free Journey! Quit It!
EVENT CHECK-IN AT TERRACE LEVEL FOYER
Smoke Free Journey! Quit It! Fitness Walk event. Have fun increasing awareness of the value and benefits of smoking cessation. Receive a free event t-shirt for participating while supplies last. Sponsored by American Indian Cancer Foundation, National Indian Health Board and Keep It Sacred

8:00 AM
Morning Coffee
Sponsored by the United Southern and Eastern Tribes and the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board
CONCOURSE FOYER

7:00 AM-5:00 PM
Conference Registration and Information
Exhibitor Marketplace Open
CONCOURSE FOYER

7:30-8:30 AM
Area Tribal Health Caucus
Closed Tribal meeting and discussion on health care topics, issues and policy. These meetings are only open to members of the specifically named health care delivery service areas.

ALASKA AREA - ALBRIGHT ROOM
ALBUQUERQUE AREA - CARDOZO ROOM
BEMIDJI AREA - EMBASSY ROOM
BILLINGS AREA - DU PONT ROOM
CALIFORNIA AREA - INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM WEST
GREAT PLAINS AREA - JEFFERSON EAST
NASHVILLE AREA - JEFFERSON WEST
NAVAJO AREA - LINCOLN EAST
OKLAHOMA AREA - LINCOLN WEST
PHOENIX AREA - GEORGETOWN EAST
PORTLAND AREA - GEORGETOWN WEST
TUCSON AREA - MONROE ROOM
PLENARY  
INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM CENTER

9:00-9:05 AM  
Welcome to the Day’s Policy Track: Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform

9:05-9:35 AM  
Session 1: Affordable Care Act and Indian Country: Where are We Now? A Tribal Snapshot  
Tribal representatives and technical advisors will provide the latest information on the Affordable Care Act and its implementation in Indian Country.

Moderator:  
Mark LeBeau, Executive Director, California Rural Indian Health Board

Panelists:  
Geoff Strommer, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker  
Mim Dixon, Technical Advisor, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee  
Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health

9:35-9:50 AM  
Remarks from the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)  
Kevin Counihan, Director & Marketplace Chief Executive Officer, Center for Consumer and Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

9:50-10:20 AM  
Session 2: Federal Perspective: Fireside Chat About the Affordable Care Act and the Tribes – Where are We Now?  
Fireside Chat: Federal Leaders in AI/AN Health  
Representatives from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and Indian Health Service; and Internal Revenue Service will provide the latest updates on their efforts in Indian Country and discuss their most important challenges going forward into 2016.

Moderator:  
Dee Sabattus, Vice Chair, CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG), and Tribal Health Program Services Director, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Panelists:  
Kimberly Koch, Special Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Services  
Kitty Marx, Director, Division of Tribal Affairs, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Raho Ortiz, Director, Division of Business Office Enhancement, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, Indian Health Service

10:20-10:30 AM  
Audience Q&A

10:30-11:00 AM  
Session 3: The Business of Medicine  
Tribal Health Systems Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
Moderator:  
Cedric Cromwell, Chairman, Wampanoag Tribe, NIHB Board and Executive Committee Member

Panelists:  
Jonathan Nez, Vice President of Navajo Nation, NIHB Board Member  
Ileen Sylvester, Vice President of Executive and Tribal Services, Southcentral Foundation  
Brian Thompson, MD, Assistant Dean of Diversity/Clinical Assistant Professor, Upstate Medical University  
Melanie Fouriller, Policy Advisor, Choctaw Nation Health Authority

11:00-11:30 AM  
Remarks from the Veterans Administration  
The Honorable Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, United States Department of Veterans Affairs
11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Session 4: Medicaid Expansion: State Perspectives and Tribal Impact

This session will provide the latest information on Medicaid Expansion and alternatives to Medicaid Expansion. Tribal, State, and federal perspectives will be shared.

Moderator/Panelist:
› Valerie Davidson, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

Panelists:
› Vikki Wachino, Deputy Administrator Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
› Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board - invited
› Jerilyn Church, Chief Executive Officer, Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board
› Alida V. Montiel Quiroz, Health Systems Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

12:30-2:00 PM
Session 5: Dental and Oral Health Luncheon
Focus on Dental Health and the Future of Access to Quality Dental Care in Indian Country

Over a decade ago, the Tribes in Alaska spearheaded an innovative solution to increase oral health access among Alaska Natives by bringing mid-level dental providers to the United States. Ten years later, Tribes in other states are now looking to pursue this highly successful model. During this lunch session, attendees will learn about the success of the Dental Health Aide Therapist program in Alaska, and learn about Tribes in other areas who are looking to replicate the success in Alaska.

Moderator/Panelist:
› Valerie Davidson, Commissioner, Office of Health and Human Services, State of Alaska

Panelists:
› Brian Cladoosby, President, National Congress of American Indians; Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
› Mary Willard, DDS, Director, Dental Health Aide Therapist Training Program
› Savannah Bonorden, Dental Health Aide Therapist, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
› Alaska Native Youth Video Presentation

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

SESSION ONE: 2:10-3:30 PM

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
ROOM: JEFFERSON EAST

Track:
THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE: STRENGTHENING TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY MEDICARE/MEDICAID/ HEALTH CARE REFORM

Partnership with Tribes and Tribal organizations is central to IHS efforts to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This session on the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) Public Law 93-638, as amended, Title I & Title V will provide an overview of the principles, statute, and regulations associated with ISDEAA Title I Self-Determination Contracting and ISDEAA Self-Governance Compacting. This training will be a great opportunity for Tribal and federal partners to network, share experiences and best practices, and explore opportunities available under the ISDEAA.

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
• Describe the differences between Title I and Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.
• Explain what administrative support and technical assistance available for both programs.
• List the IHS Area and Headquarters points of contact for both programs.

Presenters:
› Jennifer Cooper, Deputy Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service
› Captain Chris Buchanan, Director, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes, Indian Health Service

Tribal Facility Revenue Cycle Best Practices
ROOM: INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM WEST

Track:
THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE: STRENGTHENING TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY MEDICARE/MEDICAID/ HEALTH CARE REFORM

The presentation is based on best practice models that have been very successful for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health and portrays some pro-active initiatives that can be done to streamline processes,
enhance revenue, save on purchased care cost, and provide opportunities for third party coverage for our uninsured patients.

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

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

Presenter:

› Brenda Teel, Executive Officer of Revenue, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health

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

ROOM: JEFFERSON WEST

Track:

POLICY AND ADVOCACY CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES FACING
AI/AN HEALTH: POLICY ANALYSIS, STRATEGY, TOOLS, TIMING

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

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

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

Presenters:

› Mark LeBeau, Executive Director, California Rural Indian Health Board

› Joan O’Connell, Associate Professor, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Denver

› Ed Fox, Ph.D, Director, Health Services Department, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe

The Affordable Care Act in Indian Country

ROOM: LINCOLN EAST

Track:

POLICY AND ADVOCACY CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES FACING
AI/AN HEALTH: POLICY ANALYSIS, STRATEGY, TOOLS, TIMING

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

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

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

Presenters:

› Dawn Coley, Director of Tribal Health Care Reform, National Indian Health Board

› Jason Curley, Tribal Health Care Reform and Education Program Coordinator, National Indian Health Board

Using ISDEAA, IHCIA and ACA to Expand Service

ROOM: LINCOLN WEST

Track:

POLICY AND ADVOCACY CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES FACING
AI/AN HEALTH: POLICY ANALYSIS, STRATEGY, TOOLS, TIMING

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

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

Presenters:

- Myra Munson, JD, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP
- Jaylene Peterson-Nyren, Executive Director, MPH

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

ROOM: GEORGETOWN WEST

Track:

DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

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

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

- Describe specific advocacy strategies that can be used to advance the discussion of oral healthcare locally.
- Describe basic strategies for Tribal grassroots engagement.

Presenters:

- Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board
- David Jordan, Project Director, Community Catalyst
- Kristen Mizzi Angelone, Senior Associate, Children’s Dental Campaign, The Pew Charitable Trusts

DHA Projects in the Pacific Northwest

ROOM: MONROE

Track:

DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

There is an oral health crisis in Native communities. Our communities are experiencing some of the greatest barriers to oral health care. Tribes in the Portland Area are modernizing their dental teams with the use of Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) to address these barriers. DHATs are an innovative, community-grown solution – strengthening the oral health team and transforming the care delivery system. DHATs are recruited from their Tribes to ensure culturally competent care, and off-site supervision creates a patient-centered delivery model that improves access to care and oral health outcomes while providing quality and economic care.
Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
- Describe the functions of a dental health aide therapist.
- Explain how DHATs can improve the dental team and delivery model.
- Describe how Tribes can begin to use DHATs in their oral health programs.

Presenters:
> Pam Johnson, Oral Health Specialist, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
> Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

3:30-3:40 PM
BREAK: HEALTHY SNACKS
Sponsored by Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

SESSION TWO: 3:40-5:10 PM
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Options and the Benefits through Purchased and Referred Care
ROOM: JEFFERSON EAST

Track:
THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE: STRENGTHENING TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY MEDICARE/MEDICAID/ HEALTH CARE REFORM

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to...
- Determine if purchased and referred care covers if the plan does not cover the medical service.
- Explain if purchased and referred care covers the co-payments, deductibles, and/or any balance after a plan pays out the benefits.
- Determine if a referral is needed from a covered primary care provider if it is not within IHS or the Tribe

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

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

ROOM: JEFFERSON WEST

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

Presenters:
> Kim Russell, Director, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care
> Adam Archuleta, Director of Revenue Enhancement Services for the Tucson Area, Indian Health Service
> Elliott Milhollin, JD, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLC
> Lane Terwilliger, JD, LL.M.,Technical Director, Division of Waivers and State Demonstrations, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Federal Advisory Committee Act 101: Getting the most out of Tribal/Federal Work Groups  
ROOM: INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM WEST

Track:  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES FACING AI/AN HEALTH: POLICY ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY STRATEGY, TOOLS, TIMING

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

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

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

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

Sovereignty and Marijuana in Tribal Communities  
ROOM: LINCOLN EAST

Track:  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES FACING AI/AN HEALTH: POLICY ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY STRATEGY, TOOLS, TIMING

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

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

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

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

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

Track:  
YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

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

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

ROOM: GEORGETOWN EAST

Track: YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

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

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

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

Presenters:

> Tassy Parker, Ph.D, RN, Associate Vice Chancellor for American Indian Health Research and Education, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

> Nathania Tsosie, MCRP, Principal Indigenous Health Education Planner, Center for Native American Health, University of New Mexico

The Role of the Grandparents and the Community in Perinatal Health

ROOM: GEORGETOWN WEST

Track: YOUTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

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

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

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

Presenter:

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

Moving Mountains to Bring Children’s Smiles Back

ROOM: MONROE

Track: DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

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

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

- Describe the impact and consequences of dental disease in Indian Country.
- Present the latest information on dental therapy and how this workforce opportunity is improving dental care in Alaska Native villages.
- Share information on the benefits of dental therapy and the policy initiatives helping to expand the dental therapy provider program.

Presenters:

> Yvette Joseph, MSW, Project Manager, Kauffman & Associates, Inc.

> Linda Loranger, Senior Vice President, Burness Communications

> Lowell Dempsey, Senior Health Policy Coordinator, Burness Communications
NIHB 2015 Annual Consumer Conference Native Awards Gala celebrates national award winners in a variety of categories. The award recipients are nominated by their peers for their outstanding contributions to the health of American Indians and Alaska Native communities. PLEASE NOTE: A TICKET IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT AND SEATING IS LIMITED.

The evening's festivities will also feature remarks from Congressman Tom Cole.

 Speakers:

- Mistress of Ceremonies: Cecilia Fire Thunder
- Drum Group: Bur-nur-wurb-skek Singers from the Penobscot Nation – Robert Dana, Dean Francis, Nick Bear, Ron Bear

NIHB ANNUAL HEROES IN NATIVE HEALTH Awards Gala
Panels:

- Stephen Petzinger, Program Examiner, Office of Management and Budget
- Elizabeth A. Fowler, Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service
- Gary Hayes, Co-Chair Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup

10:30-11:15 AM
Affordable Care Act in Indian Country: Tribal Perspective on Outreach, Enrollment, Advocacy, and Overcoming Obstacles

The National Indian Health Outreach and Education (NIHOE) initiative, funded by the Indian Health Service (IHS) and supported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), provides national partners – NIHBI, National Congress of American Indians, National Council of Urban Indian Health and Tribal Self-Governance – along with 12 area partners the opportunity to build awareness on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). Each presenter will share their respective outreach and enrollment activities, obstacles and ongoing advocacy efforts.

Moderator:
- Stacy A. Boilen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

Panelists:
- Dawn Coley, Director of Tribal Health Reform, National Indian Health Board
- Laura Bird, JD, Legislative Associate, National Congress of American Indians
- Maurice "Mo" Smith, Executive Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health
- Doneg McDonough, Technical Advisor, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee

11:15 AM-12:00 PM
Indian Health Care Improvement Act: Where Are We? Where Do We Need to Be? How Do We Get There?

It has been over five years since the Indian Health Care Improvement Act was permanently reauthorized as part of the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148). However, many of the authorities granted in this law have not been implemented or funded. This session will provide an overview of some of the key authorities in the law and provide information on how Indian Country can advocate to ensure that the full potential of this law is realized.

Moderator:
- Devin Delrow, Director of Federal Relations, National Indian Health Board

Panelists:
- Myra Munson, Partner, Law Firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Monson, LLP
- Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- Doneg McDonough, Technical Advisor, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee

12:00-12:15 PM
Grant Award Presentation by the Department of Justice

12:15-12:30 PM
Summing Up the NIHBI 32nd Annual Consumer Conference: Lessons Learned and Next Steps

Closing Ceremony
- Bur-nur-wurb-shek Singers, Penobscot Nation: Robert Dana, Dean Francis, Nick Bear, Ron Bear

Retirement of Colors
- Women Warrior Intertribal Association – National Capital Region
- SFC Myra E. Juggins (Cherokee Tsalagi) – United States Army Reserves (1980-1993)
- SGT Kim A. Brooks (Koyukon Athabascan) – United States Marine Corps (1988-2001)

Blessing
- James Sappier, Tribal Councilman, Elder and Firekeeper for Medicine Men, Penobscot Nation

Adjourn
POST CONFERENCE EVENTS

12:30-1:00 PM
Capitol Hill Visit Briefing
INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM CENTER

Briefing for all participants in Capitol Hill visits. Issues overview will be provided and packets of materials for you to use when visiting Members of Congress will be distributed.

› Lester Secatero, Chairman, National Indian Health Board
› Stacy A. Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board
› Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board

1:00-4:30 PM
Research Ethics in American Indian/Alaska Native Youth Contexts
JEFFERSON WEST

Youth are a large and growing sector of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, making up 42 percent of the AI/AN population nationally and 50 percent of the AI/AN population in some states like South Dakota. It is essential that research with and by AI/AN communities include youth where appropriate, to inform effective community and policy planning. And yet, the meaningful inclusion of youth in research often requires particular protocols and methodologies given their unique status as vulnerable populations and unique characteristics such as higher mobility than other populations. Facilitated by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center and supported by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans, this meeting aims to identify key aspects of research ethics and process to improve and share what we know about how best to include AI/AN youth in research.

1:00-2:30 PM
National Indian Health Outreach and Education (NIHOE) Initiative: All Partners Face-to-Face Meeting
LINCOLN ROOM

1:00-4:00 PM
Listening Session: Veterans Administration (VA)
LINCOLN ROOM

This listening session will allow Veterans, Veteran family members, Tribal leaders and other stakeholders to provide IHS and VA leadership direct feedback about Veteran health care needs in their communities, and to communicate how the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations is affecting Veterans locally. The expert panel will include leaders from IHS, VA, Office of Rural Health, Veterans Cemetery Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration and the VA Office of Tribal Government Relations.

1:00-5:00 PM
Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting
JEFFERSON EAST

Friday, September 25, 2015

8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting
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NIHB BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIOS

Lester Secatero
To'Hajiilee Band of Navajos
NIHB Chairman and Albuquerque Area Representative
Lester Secatero is currently the Chairman of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. and a Chairman of the National Indian Health Board. He has been the pastor of the Jesus Church at To'Hajiilee for the past 34 years. Mr. Secatero has served the To'Hajiilee 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 14 years and was elected Chairman in 2004. He has been married for over 44 years and is a father and grandfather.

Tim Tall Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
NIHB Vice-Chair and Oklahoma City Area Representative
Tim Tall Chief serves as the 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. Mr. Tall Chief serves as member and Chairman of the Oklahoma City Area Inter Tribal Health Board. He 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, Mr. Tall Chief 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 across the United States.

Cedric Cromwell
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
NIHB Treasurer and Nashville Area Representative
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, 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.

H. Sally Smith
Yup’ik Eskimo
NIHB Secretary and Alaska Area Representative
H. Sally Smith currently serves as the Board of Directors Chair of the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation. Ms. Smith also served as NIHB Chairperson from December 1999 to January 2009. Ms. Smith also serves on Health Research Advisory Committee, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention State Territorial Local and Tribal Committee, and the IHS National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup. Ms. Smith serves on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group and chairs NIHB’s Medicare, Medicaid and Health Reform Advisory Committee. 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 3rd 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
Andrew Joseph, Jr. has served on the Colville Tribal Council for five terms. He is a Nespelem district representative, serving on the following Colville
commitees: 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. Mr. Joseph 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.

Sam Moose
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
NIHB Bemidji Area Representative

In September 2012, Mr. Moose was appointed Commissioner of Health initiatives. He has also served as the Band’s Director of Housing. Mr. Moose is active in traditional activities within his community. He grew up near East Lake and graduated from McGregor High School. He has a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Community Health with a minor in Indian Studies from the University of Minnesota Duluth and a Master’s degree in Tribal Administration and Governance from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Charles Headdress
Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
Billings Area Representative

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 U.S. Infantry as a Squad Leader patrolling the Berlin Wall and guarding Rudolph Hess at Spandau Prison. He graduated from the U.S. 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 and re-retired in 2007. He started work with the City of Poplar Police Department and in May 2014, an enrolled member of the Manchester-Pt. Arena Band of Pomo Indians which is located in Mendocino County, CA. She is a board member for Sonoma County Indian Health Project and has served in that capacity since 1999. She is a delegate to the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRHIB) for the past eight years and in October 2014 was nominated as Chair for that Board. Her profession

Lisa Elgin
Manchester Band of Pomo Indians
California Area Representative

Lisa Elgin is the Tribal Administrator for her Tribe and was hired to the position
is a legal assistant/legal secretary and has worked in the legal field for over 25 years. She has worked with a wide array of lawyers who specialize in Federal Indian law. She is an active community member and participates and coordinates events for the health clinic as well as her Tribe.

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

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, Maycie, Patrick Jr., 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 Tribal 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 his Tribal community today.

**Jonathan Nez**  
*Navajo Nation*  
*Navajo Area Representative*

Jonathan M. Nez was elected the 9th Vice President of the Navajo Nation on April 21, 2015. He is a member of the Navajo Nation from Shonto, AZ. He is born into the Asjihji (Salt People Clan), born for the Ta’neeszhahnii (Tangle Clan), maternal grandfathers are Tóóíchíí’nii (Bitter Water Clan) and his paternal grandfathers are the Táchii’nii (Red-Running-Into-The-Water Clan). Prior to being elected Vice President of the Navajo Nation, Mr. Nez served two terms on the 21st and 22nd Navajo Nation Council. He was reelected for the 23rd Council, but relinquished his seat and chairmanship of the Navajo Nation Council’s Budget and Finance Committee to assume the vice presidency. In addition to serving as a Council Delegate, Mr. Nez served as a county supervisor for Arizona’s Navajo County District 1. As a supervisor, Nez served as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Nez has a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science, a Master’s degree in Public Administration and a Certificate in Public Management, all acquired from Northern Arizona University. Vice President Nez began working on a doctoral degree while serving as a Council Delegate and County Supervisor, but put his studies on hold to fulfill the duties of the vice presidency. An avid runner, Vice President Nez is an advocate for healthy living and hopes to someday run a marathon in all 50 states.

**Sandra Ortega**  
*Tohono O’odham Nation*  
*NIHB Tucson Area Representative*

Sandra Ortega is a member of the Tohono O’odham Nation of Arizona and the Chairwoman of the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC). She has been involved with the DSTAC 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 BIOS

Stacy A. Bohlen
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Stacy A. Bohlen 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 capital, 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 Oakland University in Rochester Hills, MI. She was born and raised in Michigan.

Valerie Briscoe

Valerie Briscoe 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, Mrs. Briscoe was the Director of Finance and Administration at Martha’s Table. As the organization’s first internal Director of Finance, Mrs. Briscoe’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 Mrs. Briscoe 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.

Michelle Castagne
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Michelle Castagne hails from Michigan’s Upper Peninsula where she developed a love for the outdoors and a strong desire to work toward a better culture of health in Indian Country. Ms. Castagne joined the NIHB team in December as a project coordinator for the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee. She recently graduated with a B.S. in Public and Nonprofit Community Health Administration and brings with her seven years of experience as a leadership facilitator and two years as a marketing assistant for a corporate wellness program. She has also worked as a public policy assistant with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and completed several internships with her Tribe.

Dawn M. Coley
Penobscot

Dawn M. Coley serves as the Director of Tribal Health Care Reform for the National Indian Health Board. Ms. Coley recently completed her designation as a Chartered Health Care Consultant from the American College of Financial Services. She is also a Licensed Producer in life, health, accident, and long-term care and Medicare supplement plans. She is certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a licensed agent to enroll individuals into the Federally Facilitated Marketplace. She has over 25 years of experience working in Indian Country with a concentration in health care administration. Ms. Coley attended the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and was awarded certification for a Medical Review Officer Training Course. 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 has worked in Pharmacy Benefit Management, Mail Order Pharmacy Distribution and Third Party Administration for claims payment for Self Insured Plans. She has managed over 1.6 million dollars in Life Insurance Premium and managed an Indian Health Service budget in 1992 working in Contract Health Services/ Purchased and Referred Care.

Jason Curley
Navajo Nation

Jason Curley is the Program Coordinator for Tribal Health Care Reform at the National Indian Health Board. Prior to joining NIHB, Mr. Curley worked for the American Indian Community House (AICH) in New York City where
he assisted American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) clients as a certified health insurance navigator. His time with AICH prepared him for his current responsibilities of providing outreach and education on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in Indian Country. In 2013, he earned a B.A. in Native of American Studies from Dartmouth College where he developed an interest in Tribal health care policy and administration. While in college, he interned with several community health programs including the Community Health Representatives (CHR) and the Community Outreach & Patient Empowerment (COPE) Project. Mr. Curley is a member of the Navajo Nation from Ganado, AZ. He is Kinyaa’áanii, the Towering House people, and born for Tó dich’íi’í, the Bitter Water people.

**Flip Davis**

Flip Davis has been the Administrative Assistant for the National Indian Health Board for the past year. Due to his vast traveling background he has experienced many things and interacted with many people and cultures around the world. He attended Cambridge College for his certification and training in IT support. Now with the blossoming love and passion for physical health and wellness, he is on the path to pursuing a career in culinary science and nutrition to help spread the word of healthy eating and proper exercise that anyone will have the ability to do and understand.

**Devin Delrow, JD**

**Navajo Nation**

Devin Delrow is the Director of Federal Relations for the National Indian Health Board where he seeks out opportunities for advancing the Tribal position in federal policymaking. He also provides analysis, communication and advocacy materials to Tribes on key health issues. In 2014, Mr. Delrow joined NIHB as the Policy Associate for Medicare, Medicaid and Health Care Reform. Mr. Delrow earned his B.A. in History from Dartmouth College and a j.D. from the University of New Mexico, School of Law where he also earned the Indian Law Certificate. He is a member of the New Mexico State Bar. He is a citizen of the Navajo Nation from Crystal, New Mexico.

**Desiree Edelen**

Desiree Edelen is the Accounting Coordinator at the National Indian Health Board providing specialized technical support to the Health Information Technology project and overall accounting support to all other grant projects. Ms. Edelen 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.

**Jacqueline Engerbretson**

**Ahtna Athabascan, Gulkana Village**

Jackie Engerbretson is the Public Health Program Coordinator for the National Indian Health Board. She moved to DC after graduating from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a BA in International Studies. She participated in American University’s Washington Internship for Native Students and was worked on federal contracts in the DC area for her Alaska Native Corporation, Ahtna, Inc. In 2012, Ms. Engerbretson joined NIHB as the Executive Assistant/Office Manager. She serves as a crisis counselor at the DC Rape Crisis Center and volunteers at a program that provides a syringe exchange and safe sex supplies for drug users, sex workers and their communities.

**Robert Foley**

Robert Foley serves as the Deputy Director of Public Health Programs and Policy and the Temporary Acting Director of the Public Health Programs and Policy Department at NIHB where he is honored to work on HIV, methamphetamine, accreditation, and suicide prevention projects. Prior to joining NIHB, Mr. Foley served as the President/CEO of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center 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.

**Maria Givens**  
**Coeur d'Alene Tribe**

Maria Givens is a Legislative Assistant at the National Indian Health Board. She is an enrolled member of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe in Northern Idaho. She graduated from the University of Washington-Seattle with degrees in Political Science and American Indian Studies. She participated in the Udall Foundation’s Native American Congressional Internship and interned for Senator Tom Udall’s Office. Ms. Givens joined the National Indian Health Board this year and has worked on legislative issues as well as planning the 2015 Native Youth Health Summit.

**Jamie Ishcomer**  
**Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma**

Jamie Ishcomer, MPH, MSW, is a Public Health Project Coordinator at the National Indian Health Board. She received her Bachelors of Science in Community Health Education and Promotion and minor in American Indian Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with her Masters of Public Health and Masters of Social Work with a focus on Health Disparities within Native American and Other Indigenous Communities. Before joining NIHBI, Ms. Ishcomer was a Research Associate at the California Tribal Epidemiology Center at the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.

**Karrie Joseph**

Karrie Joseph is the Public Health Programs Manager with the National Indian Health Board where she currently works with the Tribal Accreditation Initiative and the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Project. Ms. Joseph joined NIHBI in March 2015 and brings over 12 years of experience in Public Health. She received her BA in Anthropology and MPH in Health Promotion and Education, both from the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining NIHBI, she had the honor and privilege of working with Native communities in North Dakota (Fort Berthold) and in Cherokee, NC with Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

**Phillip Roulain**  
**Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma**

Phillip Roulain is the Conference and Meeting planner at NIHBI. Mr. Roulain is an enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma originally from the city of Anadarko, OK. Phillip began his career in Indian Country with the Association of American Indian Physicians doing health education and community coalition building. Phillip Roulain has previously worked for NIHBI in the capacities of Executive Assistant and Administrative Specialist and most recently with the National Council of Urban Indian Health as the Administrative Officer. He specializes in conference, meeting and event planning but also has extensive experience in graphic design, customer service and administrative management.

**Caitrin Shuy**

Caitrin Shuy is the Director of Congressional Relations at the National Indian Health Board. Mrs. Shuy 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 Congressmans 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, Mrs. Shuy 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.
Anaruk, Mark
Calricaraq System of Care Evaluator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
Mark Anaruk is Inupiaq and Yup’ik Eskimo, and was raised in Portland, Oregon. Mark has worked in the area of Alaska Native Tribal health evaluation and program management for over 20 years. He was the evaluator of the People Working Together System of Care (SOC) project from 2000-2006, and was employed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association, from 2009-2012, where he provided technical assistance to the Tribal SOC grantees. Recently, Mark has been working to provide evaluation services including development of data collection and tracking protocols for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation in Bethel, AK.

Archuleta, Adam
Director of Revenue Enhancement Services for the Tucson Area, Indian Health Service, US DHHS
Captain Adam Archuleta, MPH, is a Revenue Enhancement specialist from the Indian Health Service. He is an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes in Arizona and is of Hopi/Tewa descent. Captain Archuleta is currently the Chief Financial Officer at the Santa Fe PHS Indian Hospital, and is the former Director of the Revenue Enhancement Branch for the Tucson Area Indian Health Service. He also provides technical assistance and consultative services to federal and Tribal hospitals and clinics on improving revenue cycle activities throughout Indian country. He is past Chairman of the National Business Office Committee for the Indian Health Service and a member of the national IHS Patient Registration Technical Advisory Group. Adam has 24 years of experience working in Business Office, Health Information Management, and Contract Health Service/PRC departments. Captain Archuleta has degrees in Health Information Management, Sociology, and Public Health from the University of Arizona. He is also a past fellow from the Kellogg Foundation, American Health Information Management Association, and was the Principal Investigator for the CHIPRA CMS grant, Outreach and Enrollment to Native American Children from 2010 – 2013.

Batliner, Terry
Associate Direct, Native Oral Health Research, University of Colorado
Terry Batliner is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and spent the first eight years of his career in the Indian Health Service. From there, he went to Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Boston where he managed seven large group dental practices. He returned to Denver in 1995 to run the VA Hospitals in the Rocky Mountain States. He is now the Associate Director of the Center for Native Oral Health Research at The University of Colorado and the owner of Sage Dental Care, a group dental practice with offices in Boulder and Lafayette Colorado.

Bean, Lincoln
Chairman, Alaska Native Health Board
Lincoln Bean of Kake, is chairman of the Alaska Native Health Board. He served for thirty years as a board member with the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation, and is a board member and has served as vice-chair of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. He currently represents the Alaska Area on the Indian Health Service’s Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, and has served as a member of the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance, Alaska’s SHARP program for loan repayment for health professionals. He fills the seat designated for the Alaska Tribal health community (1st term; term expires 1/15/2017).

Benedict, Pam
Lead Patient Benefit Assistant, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center
Pam Benedict is the Lead Patient Benefit Assistant at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. She has worked there for 7 years. She and her husband live just East of Ada with their two children. Pam strives to help all the patients she can obtain resources. She continuously goes above and beyond to serve.

Bird, Laura, JD
Legislative Associate, National Congress of American Indians
Laura Bird is a Legislative Associate at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Prior to joining NCAI, Ms. Bird was an Affordable Care Act 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.

Bitsui, Kristin
Patient Benefit Coordinator, Tucson Area Indian Health Service, US DHHS
Kristen Bitsui is a Patient Benefit Coordinator for Tucson Area Indian Health Service. She is enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. She provides education and training to staff and patients about alternate resource programs and changes...
in the Indian health care system. She serves as a patient advocate for those who need assistance when applying for alternate resource. Kristen has worked for Indian Health Service for 15 years in Business Office, Contract Health and Health Promotion & Disease Prevention. Her experience and knowledge of eligibility and enrollment process of alternate resource contributes to the revenue generated within the Tucson Area Revenue Enhancement Department.

Bonorden, Savannah, DHAT
Dental Health Aid Therapist, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

Savannah Bonorden, born and raised in SE Alaska. Savannah has been in the dental field for five years, and has been practicing as a Dental Health Aid Therapist for the past two years in Sitka, AK, after graduating from ANTHC/DENTEX Dental Therapy educational program in 2013. Savannah also travels and provides dental care to three surrounding villages; Kake, Angoon and Haines. She sees anywhere from eight to ten patients a day, depending on the emergency walk-in encounters. When she isn’t in the office or away on travel Savannah works closely with the entire community; engaged with all community health and career fairs, the Tlingit and Haida Head Start Program, Fluoride varnish clinics, school screenings, the youth treatment programs, pregnant mothers and babies and is an active member on the High Caries Risk Protocol.

Buchanan, Capt. Chris
Director, Office of Direct Services and Contracting Tribes, Indian Health Service, US DHHS

CAPT Chris Buchanan, an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, is the Director, Office of Direct Services and Contracting Tribes (ODST). CAPT Buchanan is responsible for a wide range of agency functions critical to the working partnership between the IHS and the 567 federally recognized Tribes located throughout the country. The ODST is the focal point for Title I Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act activities and support for Direct Service Tribes. CAPT Buchanan directs this national program with responsibilities which include policy development concerning Title I Indian Self-Determination contracting and the integration of newly recognized Tribes into the IHS system. He provides technical assistance to Tribes receiving health care directly from the IHS and provide oversight to ensure the Agency’s requirements for Tribal consultation are met.

Burwell, Sylvia Matthews
United States Secretary of Health and Human Services

Sylvia Mathews Burwell was sworn in as the 22nd Secretary of Health & Human Services on June 9, 2014. Secretary Burwell is committed to the mission of ensuring that every American has access to the building blocks of healthy and productive lives. A results-driven manager, Secretary Burwell has led large and complex organizations across the public and private sectors. Most recently, Burwell served as Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to serving in the Administration, Burwell served as President of the Walmart Foundation, and President of the Global Development Program and Chief Operating Officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. During the Clinton Administration, Burwell served as Deputy Director of OMB, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Treasury and Staff Director of the National Economic Council. Prior to joining the Clinton Administration, Burwell worked for McKinsey & Company. She has served on the boards of the Council on Foreign Relations, MetLife, and the University of Washington Medical Center, among other organizations. Secretary Burwell received an A.B. from Harvard University and a B.A. from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. A second-generation Greek-American, Burwell hails from Hinton, West Virginia. She and her husband Stephen live in Washington, D.C. with their two young children.

Chaliak, Jim
Calricaraq System of Care Coordinator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Jim Chaliak is the coordinator of the Calricaraq System of Care project, and a strong role model for our young Native men. He was raised in the community of Nunapitchuk, and he firmly believes the Calricaraq teachings empowers and helps protect our people from suicide and the associated ills people experience in our communities. He also understands the challenges our Native men have in balancing between two cultures, and believes our Elders can help us understand this relationship and balance. After 18 years in the IT field, his current work with Calricaraq and wellness has been inspiring and healing for him.

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

Ryan Champagne has served as a Tribal Judge. He was the director of social services for the Mille Lacs Tribe. More recently he is the Emergency Transition Coordinator for the Lac Du Flambeau Tribe. In his current position he has helped with training the Tribal council on leadership, conducted a comprehensive needs assessment, developed a strategic plan, implement a culturally base Wraparound program and negotiated an agreement with the state of Wisconsin for their Title IV-E pass through agreement. He also wrote the proposal for the residential treatment center for the Tribe.

Church, Jerilyn, MSW
Chief Executive Officer, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board

Jerilyn Church MSW, CEO of The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board. Jerilyn Church is the Chief Executive Officer of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board. Church joined GPTCHB in 2012, ushering in an organizational restructuring to meet the health-related needs of the Tribal nations. The organization serves through the provision of technical assistance, policy
analysis and advocacy, as well as acting as a liaison between the health board and Indian Health Service to help identify and meet the needs of GPTCHB constituents.

Cladoosby, Brian
Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Brian Cladoosby serves as the 21st President of the National Congress of American Indians. He is currently the President of the Association of Washington Tribes and has previously served as an Area Vice President on the NCAT Board. Brian Cladoosby has served on the Swinomish Indian Senate, the governing body of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, since 1985. He has served as the Chairman of the Swinomish Indian Senate since 1997. He is the President of the Association of Washington Tribes, Executive Board member of the Washington Gaming Association, past President of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, has retained a seat on the National Congress of American Indians Vice Presidents' Board, and is continually active in Tribal and state politics. On an international basis he is the Co-Speaker of the Coast Salish Gathering, which comprises British Columbia First Nations and Western Washington Tribes. He shares a vision with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members to have a strong economic development plan that supports a way of life for today and future generations.

Cooper, Jennifer
Deputy Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service, US DHHS
Jennifer Cooper, an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians. As the Deputy Director of OTSG, Ms. Cooper provides support to the OTSG Director in oversight of all aspects of the administration of Tribal Self Governance Program. This includes providing information, technical assistance and policy coordination in support of IHS Tribal self-governance activities. Prior to federal service, Ms. Cooper served as the Director of Federal Relations for the National Indian Health Board. She worked closely with Tribal leaders and advocates on Indian health policy issues. Her efforts included working on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the Affordable Care Act.

Counihan, Kevin
Director & Marketplace Chief Executive Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, US DHHS
Kevin Counihan joined the Department after most recently serving as the CEO of AccessCT, the state of Connecticut’s health insurance exchange. As the AccessCT CEO, Kevin led the successful implementation of the state’s marketplace where enrollment exceeded expectations. Additionally, he was the Director of Marketing for the Massachusetts Connector during Massachusetts’ implementation of their health reform initiative. In his role as Marketplace CEO, Kevin is responsible and accountable for leading the federal Marketplace, managing relationships with state marketplaces, and running the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), which regulates health insurance at the federal level. Kevin has over 25 years of experience in the commercial health insurance industry. He is an experienced senior executive with more than three decades of success in business, marketing, operations, product development and strategic planning for health care organizations.

Davidson, Valerie
“Nuur’araaluk,” JD
Commissioner, Alaska Department of Health & Human Services, State of Alaska
“Valerie ‘Nuur’araaluk’ Davidson is an enrolled Tribal member of the Oortsarjimmuit Native Council (ONC). Davidson has worked for over 15 years as a national policy maker on matters affecting Indian health. Most recently, she served as the Senior Director of Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, where she represented Alaska Native health needs at federal and state levels. Davidson served as Chair of the Tribal Technical Advisory Group to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from its inception in 2004 until August 2014. Davidson was also the spokesperson, chief political and legal strategist for ANTHC’s Dental Health Aide Therapy Program, the country’s first mid-level dental program. Davidson served for 11 years as the Technical Co-Lead Negotiator of the Alaska Tribal Health Compact and served on a team to negotiate agreements with the Veterans Administration that allow rural veterans to seek care in their home communities. Valerie also negotiated a tri-party agreement to streamline rural sanitation construction projects with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the State of Alaska and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. She currently serves on the U.S. Department of Justice Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence and as a Trustee of the First Alaskans Institute. Davidson earned her juris doctorate, with a certificate in Indian law, from the University of New Mexico School of Law, and a bachelor's degree in education with a minor in bilingual education from University of Alaska Southeast. Davidson, a Yup'ik, was born in Bethel.

Davis, Angela
Health Communication Specialist, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.
Angela Davis is a Health Communication Specialist at United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) in Nashville, TN. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Belmont University and is a Licensed Practical Nurse. Prior to coming to USET, she worked at Vanderbilt University Medical Center as an LPN, Surgical Scrub, and Research Coordinator in Adult Cancer and Pediatric Neurosurgery. Before pursuing her nursing license, she worked at USET for seven years as a Data Coordinator and the Project Lead for the GPRAP Pilot Project. In her spare time, she volunteers with the Vanderbilt University Rugby Football Club.

Daw, Raymond
Behavioral Health Administrator, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
Mr. Raymond Daw oversees YKHC’s Behavioral Health (BH) Department, and has over thirty years of Tribal behavioral health experience. As a Navajo man from Gallup, NM, Ray understands the impact of culture as he lives and experiences it in his own life. Mr. Daw is the first Native BH administrator in the 40-year history of YKHC, and it has been his focus to implement culture-based interventions and services. Ray is also a national leader in Historical Trauma in Indian Country, and he speaks to many Tribal and non-Tribal groups about the impact of historical trauma on our Native people.
Dempsey, Lowell
Senior Health Policy Coordinator, Burness Communications
Lowell Dempsey is a Senior Health Policy Coordinator with Burness Communications. Lowell provides a range of communication services, including media outreach, list development, research, writing, event planning, and social media support. He works on behalf of clients including the journal Health Affairs, the Office of Minority Health, and the Kaiser Family Foundation. Before joining Burness, Lowell held communications internships with the U.S. Agency for International Development and Lockheed Martin. Lowell earned his B.A. in Communication from the University of Maryland.

Dixon, Mim, Ph.D.
Technical Advisor to CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group and the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee, Indian Health Service, US DHHS
Mim Dixon has worked with Tribes and Tribal Organizations as a policy analyst, researcher, facilitator, planner and health care administrator. Dr. Dixon is the author, co-author and/or editor of four books and numerous reports. She serves as a technical advisor to the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSAGC) and the Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). She earned her BA in economics from Washington University (St. Louis, MO) and her MA and Ph.D. in anthropology from Northwestern University (Evanston, IL).

Ennis, Sam, JD
Associate, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry LLP
Sam Ennis is an associate in the San Diego office of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry LLP which specializes in representing Tribal interests throughout the United States. Mr. Ennis is a member of the National Indian Health Board Medicare & Medicaid Policy Committee and has worked in conjunction with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group. He also serves as a consultant to the National Indian Health Board with regard to training on and implementation of the Affordable Care Act and Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Enomoto, Kana
Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, US DHHS
Ms. Kana Enomoto brings 23 years of experience in the behavioral health field, 15 of which have been in federal service at SAMHSA. Prior to her appointment as Principal Deputy Administrator, Ms. Enomoto served as the Director of the newly established Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation, where she developed, coordinated, and communicated SAMHSA policies across the full spectrum of mental health and substance abuse policy issues.

Fire Thunder, Cecilia (Mato Canli Wi)
Instructor, Lakota Language, Culture and Art, Oglala Lakota College
Cecilia Fire Thunder (Oglala Lakota) is former licensed nurse and helped establish the first free health clinic for Native Americans in Compton, CA in 1973 and reorganized the American Indian Health Center in San Diego in 1979. In 1986, she returned home to the Pine Ridge Reservation. Cecilia was among founders of the Oglala Lakota Women's Society addressing abuse of women and children. On November 2, 2004, she was the first woman elected as president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and served until 2006. She serves on the Board for Native Wellness Institute and President of Oglala Lakota Nation Education Coalition, Little Wound School (K-12). She was recently appointed by the Governor to a three year term for the South Dakota Department of Social Services Advisory Board. Ms. Fire Thunder is renowned as an advocate for wellness and women's issues and continues to fight for the rights of Native Americans and for access to domestic violence and family planning support services for all women. She is immersed in Lakota language revitalization efforts for her nation.

Fowler, Elizabeth A.
Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service
Elizabeth A. Fowler, a member of the Comanche Nation with descendancy from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is the Deputy Director for Management Operations for the Indian Health Service.
As Deputy Director for Management Operations, Ms. Fowler serves as the principal advisor to the IHS Director for the management of IHS operations. She is responsible for providing management direction to the IHS program offices, including implementing IHS agency goals and mission; providing overall organization management to improve agency performance; developing strategic plans; and planning, directing, and evaluating the operations of the Headquarters functions, authorities, and responsibilities in support of the Director. She started her career with IHS in 1990 and has received numerous awards from the IHS and HHS, including the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, various IHS Director's Awards, and the Luana Reyes Leadership Award.

**Fox, Ed, Ph.D.**  
Director of Health Service, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
Edward Fox, Ph. D, since July 2011 has served as the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes' Director of Health Services. He was employed at Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board for 10 years, first as their policy analyst before his appointment as the Executive Director in 2000 (to 2005). In 2006 he assisted Nevada Tribes in establishing the Indian Health Board of Nevada where he served as its first Executive Director. He returned to the Northwest in 2006 and has worked for Squaxin Island Tribe, first as Assistant Director of Health and Human Services, then as the Tribes' Health Clinic Director. Ed worked for Kauffman and Associates from July 2010 to July 2011. He has served on many state and national health care policy workgroups including the CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group, IHS Budget Formulation, IHS Contract Health, and the IHS Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Data workgroups. He has received his PhD in political science at the University of Washington, Seattle.

**Flannery, Marissa**  
Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP  
Ms. Marissa Flannery (Tohono O’odham Nation) advises and represents Tribes, Tribal organizations and village corporations on matters including regulatory compliance, employment matters, commercial transactions, ISDEAA contracts, compacts and funding agreements. She has advised Tribal health providers on all aspects of health care operations, including HIPAA/HITECH privacy compliance, Medicare & Medicaid compliance matters and provider arrangements to address Federal Tort Claims coverage and Stark and Anti-kickback concerns. She works with Tribal and corporate clients to interpret and revise constitutions, ordinances, and bylaws and has litigated on behalf of Tribes before state and federal courts.

**Fourkiller, Melanie**  
Policy Advisor, Choctaw Nation Health Authority  
Melanie Fourkiller has the distinct honor of being Cherokee Nation's first Secretary of State, a Constitutional cabinet position appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the Cherokee Tribal Council. Nationally recognized as a technical specialist on self-governance and self-determination issues, Fourkiller touts more than 19 years of experience working in Tribal government, including operations and inter-governmental relations as well as a successful background in organizational and program planning, development and execution. Additionally, she has served as a grant proposal reviewer for several federal agencies.

**Gauthier, Pilar**  
Director, Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center  
Pilar Gauthier is Director of the Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center, a Tribally-operated residential treatment facility on the Menominee Indian
Reservations. A direct descendant of the Menominee Tribe, she is a member of the Society of Indian Psychology, serving on their Research Committee. Her publications inform psychological practices with Native American women and healing. She received her degree in First Nations Studies and Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and her Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling at Western Washington University. Her primary objective is the development of a Native American trauma-informed care model and interventions pertaining to socio-wellbeing and historical trauma.

**Gillaspie, Cyndi**  
Technical Director, Lead Native American Contact, Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, US DHHS  
Cyndi Gillaspie is the Technical Director for AI/AN Policy and Senior Policy Advisor for Marketplace casework for the Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations in the CMS Regional Offices. She is also the Lead Native American Contact (NAC) for the 10 CMS Regional Offices and works closely with CMS Central Office on AI/AN issues. Before serving as the Lead NAC, Cyndi was the Region VIII NAC, Medicaid State Lead for 4 States and the CHIP Lead for all 6 Region VIII States. Prior to joining CMS in 1998, Cyndi worked in the State of Wyoming as a County Caseworker, County Eligibility Supervisor and State Medicaid Consultant for 11 years.

**Gower, Melissa**  
Senior Advisor and Policy Analyst, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health  
Melissa Gower is the Senior Advisor and Policy Analyst with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health. She previously worked as a health policy analyst for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board. She has also worked at an executive level for the Cherokee Nation. Gower was the recipient of the Kaiser Family Foundation Native American Health and Welfare Policy Fellowship. She worked for Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Gower has a B.S. degree in Health Care Administration from Northeastern State University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

**Gracia, Nadine MD**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, US DHHS  
Dr. J. Nadine Gracia is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and the Director of the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). A pediatrician with epidemiology training, Dr. Gracia has served in academic medicine and government. From 2010 to 2011, she was the Chief Medical Officer for the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH). Most recently, she led the development of HHS's 2012 environmental justice strategy, which addresses the disproportionate exposure of minority and low-income communities and Indian Tribes to environmental hazards and promotes healthy community environments.

**Grey, Michaela**  
Deputy Director, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center  
Michaela Gray is the Deputy Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC). 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, including working as a research coordinator with UNM Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office.

**Harris, Patricia, MD, MA**  
Chair Elect of American Medical Association  
Active in organized medicine her entire career, Dr. Harris has served on the board of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and was an APA delegate to the AMA. Currently, Dr. Harris is the director of Health Services for Fulton County, Ga., which includes Atlanta. She directs all county health services, including health partnerships that deliver a wide range of public safety, behavioral health and primary care treatment and prevention services. Prior to this position, Dr. Harris served as medical director for the Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. In addition to these roles, Dr. Harris continues to treat patients through her private practice as well.

**Hayes, Gary**  
Biography not available at time of printing.

**Heikamp, Heidi**  
US Senator, North Dakota  
U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp is the first female Senator elected from North Dakota. She took the oath of office on January 3, 2013. During her time as North Dakota's Attorney General, Senator Heitkamp brokered an agreement between 46 states and the tobacco industry, which forced the tobacco industry to tell the truth about smoking and health. Previously, Senator Heitkamp served as North Dakota's Tax Commissioner. Senator Heitkamp received a B.A. from the University of North Dakota and a law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School. She lives in Mandan, North Dakota with her husband, Dr. Darwin Lange, a family practitioner. They have two children, Ali and Nathan.

**Jacobson, Craig**  
Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP  
Craig Jacobson joined Hobbs Straus in 1998, and is a Partner in the Portland, Oregon office. His practice areas cover a wide range of Tribal governmental and Tribal business issues, including: environmental, cultural, and natural resources law; complex real estate issues and trust land acquisition; business development, entity creation, and transactional support; employment law and Tribal governance matters; health law; self-determination and self-governance planning and implementation; advising Tribal governments and businesses on developments in marijuana legalization, the cannabis industry and related legal issues; and, housing and community development. His career experience also includes several years in-house as a Tribal employee, as well as managing a substantial Tribal program for a regional non-profit organization.

**Johnson, Pam**  
Oral Health Specialist, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
Pam Johnson provides direct and technical assistance to Tribes in the Portland Area that are interested in participating in the Dental Health Aide Therapy Pilot Project.
Jordan, David  
Project Director, Community Catalyst  
David Jordan, Project Director for the Dental Access Project at the Community Catalyst, leads a national campaign to expand access to dental care by initiating and supporting state campaigns to establish the practice of dental therapists. David oversees the project’s political strategy, state field operations, and strategic and operational relations with collaborating partners. Prior to joining Community Catalyst, David served as Chief of Staff to a Massachusetts State Senator and led integrated communications campaigns at Solomon McCrown & Company. He managed the successful MassAct! 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.

Joseph, Yvette, MSW  
Project Manager, Kauffman & Associates, Inc.  
A member of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Ms. Yvette Joseph has 35 years of Tribal and national health care policy experience lending to her position as Project Manager for Kauffman & Associates, Inc. (KAI). At KAI, Ms. Joseph directs the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s Dental Therapist Project. Recognized for her extensive knowledge of Indian Country, Yvette provides strategic counsel and policy 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.

Kastelic, Sarah, Ph.D.  
Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association  
Dr. Sarah Kastelic has been the Executive Director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association since January 2015, assuming the responsibility from founding director Terry Cross. Prior to joining NICWA, Dr. Kastelic led the National Congress of American Indians’ (NCAI) welfare reform program and was the founding director of NCAI’s Policy Research Center. In November 2014, national leadership network Independent Sector awarded Dr. Kastelic its American Express NGen Leadership Award, calling her a “transformational leader working to further policy research that empowers American Indian and Alaska Native communities.” Dr. Kastelic is Alutiiq, an enrolled member of the Native Village of Quinhuk. After receiving a bachelor’s degree from Goucher College, she earned a master’s degree and PhD from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis.

Kinnison, Akilah, JD  
Attorney, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP  
Akilah Kinnison is an attorney at Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP. She graduated from the University of Arizona’s Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program, receiving her J.D. in 2012 and her LL.M. in 2013. Akilah’s current practice focuses on health care, education, gaming, and governmental relations.

Koch, Kimberly  
Special Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, US Department of Treasury  
Kim Koch is an attorney in the Office of the Health Care Counsel at the Internal Revenue Service. Kim has worked in that office since the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010. From 1990 until 2010, she worked in the Income Tax and Accounting division of the IRS Office of Chief Counsel. Kim earned a B.S. from James Madison University, a J.D. from George Mason University School of Law, and an L.L.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center.

Kosinski, Michael  
Project Officer, Office of Tribal Affairs, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, US DHHS  
Mr. Kosinski enjoys teaching Tribal members how to obtain federal grants. He has delivered his grant writing workshops all over the United States, especially to Tribal members. “Teach people the fundamentals and let them take off from there. It’s all up to them.” He has worked at SAMHSA for 17 years. He has also worked for five years in SAMHSA’s Extramural Grants Office where he was responsible for reviewing hundreds of extramural grant proposals that the Agency receives from Tribes, Tribal organizations, non-profit agencies, universities, and state and local governments.

LeBeau, Mark  
Executive Director, California Rural Indian Health Board  
Mark LeBeau, PhD is the Executive Director of the California Rural Indian Health Board and the Chair of the Data Subcommittee of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Committee. He is an enrolled member of the Pit River Nation. He has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies from Humboldt State University, a Master of Science Degree in Community Development from the University of California Davis (UCD), and PhD in Native Studies at UCD. Dr. LeBeau has served on the Pit River Tribal Election Committee and the Pit River Health Services Board of Director.

Licavoli Hardin, Carmen  
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Carmen Licavoli Hardin is a Nurse Practitioner and Deputy Director within the IHS Division of Diabetes. She has a Master’s degree in Nursing from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Licavoli began her career providing diabetes management and education to patients at the bedside. She then entered the research arena as a Diabetes Research Coordinator involved in running clinical trials addressing the treatment and prevention of diabetes complications. She later assumed the role as the Diabetes Clinical Research Program Coordinator for Wayne State University. In 2003 she accepted a position with the Veterans Health Affairs Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan as a Diabetes Nurse Practitioner, then later an Associate Chief Nurse. In 2010, Ms. Licavoli transferred the Veterans Health administration in Baltimore as the Nurse Manager/Nurse Practitioner of the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center. There she provided nursing leadership to a team of research nurses providing diabetes and stroke care to the geriatric population.

Loranger, Linda  
Senior Vice President, Burness Communications  
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.

Macrae, Jim
Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, US DHHS

Jim Macrae became acting administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in April 2015. Previously, Macrae served as head of the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) and also oversaw the School-Based Health Center Capital Program that addresses significant and pressing capital needs in school-based health centers. Previously, Macrae served as associate administrator for HRSA’s Office of Performance Review (OPR) from 2000 to 2006, where he oversaw the work of staff in regional divisions across the country. Prior to his years at OPR, Macrae served in several capacities at BPHC from 1992 to 2000. Macrae has received numerous awards, including the HRSA Administrators Award for Equal Opportunity Achievement (2014), the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award (2010), HRSA Administrator’s Award for Excellence (2005), Special Citations for Outstanding Individual (1996) and Group Performance (1996, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012), the National Health Service Corps Recognition Award, (1998) and the BPHC Special Recognition Award for Leadership (1994). Macrae earned his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Illinois Wesleyan University, a masters degree in sociology from Duke University, and a masters degree in public policy from Harvard University.

Malerba, Liz
Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Liz Malerba (Moenkopi Tribe) is the Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs for United South and Eastern Tribes, a non-profit, inter-Tribal organization representing 26 federally recognized Tribes from Texas across to Florida and up to Maine. Located in Washington, DC, she works with Congress and the Administration to advance a comprehensive legislative and regulatory agenda on behalf of member Tribes. Her current work includes advocacy related to tax reform, the restoration of Tribal land bases, implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and the federal budget. Previously, she served as Legislative Assistant for the National Indian Health Board, as well as in a variety of staff positions in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Marx, Kitty
Director, Division of Tribal Affairs, in the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, US DHHS

Kitty Marx is the Director, Division of Tribal Affairs, at the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS). CMS Tribal Affairs serves as the point of contact on Indian health issues for the agency and for Tribal leaders, Indian health providers and beneficiaries. Prior to joining CMS, Kitty served as the Legislative Director, Nations Indian Health Board. She has also worked for Indian Health Service and for Montana Legal Services in Browning, Montana. Kitty received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland and a Juris Doctor degree from Vermont Law School.
McCray, Celena
THRIVE Project Coordinator, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

Celena McCray (Navajo), B.S. Ed., clans are the Bitter Water People born for the Mountain Cove People. She is the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board’s THRIVE Project Coordinator. Celena provides suicide prevention training and technical assistance to the 43 federally-recognized Tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. She is a suicide prevention and intervention trainer of two widely used and effective trainings, ASIST and QPR. Celena also works closely with WeRNative staff who manages www.wernative.org, the national multimedia health resource for Native teens and young adults.

McDonald, Robert
US Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Robert A. McDonald was nominated by President Obama to serve as the eighth Secretary of Veterans Affairs and was confirmed by the United States Senate on July 29, 2014. Prior to joining VA, Secretary McDonald was Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of The Procter & Gamble Company (P&G). Under his leadership, P&G significantly recalibrated its product portfolio; expanded its marketing footprint, adding nearly one billion people to its global customer base; and grew the firm’s organic sales by an average of three percent per year. This growth was reflected in P&G’s stock price, which rose from $51.10 the day he became CEO to $81.64 on the day his last quarterly results were announced—a 60 percent increase from 2009 to 2013.

McDonough, Doneg
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Doneg McDonough leads the health care consulting firm Health System Analytics and advises clients on implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Doneg serves as a technical advisor to the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee on work involving CMS, the Indian Health Service, and other Federal government agencies implementing the ACA. In addition, Doneg is under contract with the National Indian Health Board working on regulatory issues. Doneg recently conducted a series of trainings with Direct Service and Self-Governance Tribes in the Upper Midwest, with a particular focus on employer opportunities under the Affordable Care Act.

McSwain, Robert
Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, US DHHS

Robert G. McSwain, a member of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, is the Acting Director for the Indian Health Service (IHS). Mr. McSwain most recently served as the Deputy Director for Management Operations. Mr. McSwain began his federal career with the Indian Health Service in 1976 as Director for the IHS California Area Office. He served as the Acting Director of the IHS from September 2007 until he was sworn in as the Director of the IHS in May 2008 and served until May 2009.

Micklin, Will
First Vice President, Executive Council, Central Council of Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Mr. Micklin is 1st Vice President of the Executive Council for the Central Council of Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska representing over 29,000 Tribal citizens. The Ewikaapay Band of Kumeyaay Indians employs Will as Chief Executive Officer of the Tribe and its federally chartered Tribal corporation since 1995. Since 2008 Will has volunteered as Executive Director for the California Association of Tribal Governments, the state-wide, Tribally chartered non-profit inter-Tribal association of Indian Tribes in the state of California. Will is appointed to various federal government advisory committees, including for the HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee, the DOE Indian Country Energy & Infrastructure Workgroup, the Federal Communications Commission Native Nations Broadband Broadband Task Force, and served three years on the IRS Advisory Committee on Taxation. Will graduated with a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Washington in 1982.

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Elliott Milhollin, Esq. is a partner in the Washington DC office of Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker LLP. Elliott represents individual Tribes and Tribal health care programs as well as national and regional Tribal organizations on a variety of Health Care issues involving Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, the Affordable Care Act and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Elliott serves as a technical advisor to the Tribal Technical Advisory
Group (TTAG) of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). He received his J.D. (cum laude) from the University of Wisconsin Law School and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with High Honors from the University of Michigan.

Mizzi Angelone, Kristin
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Kristen Mizzi Angelone is a Senior Associate for the Pew Charitable Trusts children's dental campaign. She works with state and national partner organizations to advance policies that increase access to dental care. Kristen has almost a decade of federal policy and child health advocacy experience, and previously served as staff in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Most recently, she advocated for children's health with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children’s Cause for Cancer Advocacy. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and lives in Washington, DC, with her husband, Paul.

Monroe, Judith- MD
Deputy Director for the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US DHHS

In her role as the CDC Deputy Director for the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) Judith A. Monroe provides leadership for supporting and revitalizing the public health system. Currently, she is working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to provide technical assistance to 25 State Innovation Model cooperative agreement awardees. Under her guidance, OSTLTS created the Prevention Status Reports, which highlight the status of state-level policies and practices designed to prevent 10 important public health problems. Before joining CDC, Dr. Monroe served as Indiana’s state health commissioner from 2005 to 2010; in that role, she focused on public health preparedness, preventing chronic disease, medical errors, and quality improvement.

Moore, Georgia, MS
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Georgia Moore, MS, has worked in communications, policy, program management, and strategic planning at CDC since 1996. Since December 2009, she has served as the associate director for policy in the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She leads and advises on OSTLTS’ strategy and budget formulation, performance measurement, risk and issues management, and policy efforts. She also guided development and the continuing implementation of CDC's Grant Funding Profiles activity. She holds bachelor's degrees in biology and journalism and a master's degree in microbiology.

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Myra M. Munson, JD MSW, Myra M. Munson, J.D., M.S.W., has been a partner in the law firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson since 1990, which she joined after serving as Commissioner of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services. Her practice emphasizes self-determination, self-governance and Indian health program operations' issues. She was deeply involved in the redrafting of the IHCIA and has worked extensively on implementation of the IHCIA and ACA. She has been a technical advisor to the CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group since its formation and serves on NIH's Medicare & Medicaid Policy Committee.

Munoz, Mary
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Lisa Neel, MPH, is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She holds a BA from Yale University and a MPH from George Washington University. Ms. Neel joined the Indian Health Service HIV/AIDS Program in 2010. She serves as the manager of a public health program addressing infectious disease needs in partnership with Native communities. This includes: coordinating efforts to reduce health disparities, providing expertise on the development and implementation of programs; engaging in partnerships and coordination; and, supporting more than 40 implementation sites in their ground-level activities.

O’Connell, Joan
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Joan O’Connell, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Denver. Dr. O’Connell has collaborated with a number of Tribal organizations and the Indian Health Service on projects that focus on American Indian and Alaska Native health issues related to preventing and treating chronic disease, primarily in the fields of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, oral health, and mental health.

Ortiz, Raho
Director, Division of Business Office Management, Enhancement, Indian Health Service, US DHHS

Mr. Ortiz has been an attorney for over twenty years working in the field of Federal Indian law and policy. His past employment includes serving as Environmental Director for the Tohono O’odham Nation, Tribal Attorney for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Counsel to the U. S Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, first for Senator John McCain and then for Senator Daniel Inouye, Tribal Liaison with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and as Development Director for the Friendship House Association of American Indians, an urban Indian substance abuse treatment facility. Mr. Ortiz joined the Indian Health Service in 2007 first, as Director of the Division of Regulatory Affairs. He is currently the Director of the Division of Business Office Enhancement.

Parker, Tassy, Ph.D., RN
Associate Vice Chancellor for American Indian Health Research and Education, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

Dr. Tassy Parker, Seneca (Beaver clan), is a tenured Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the UNM HSC School of Medicine. She is director and co-founder of the Institute for Indigenous Knowledge and Development and Associate Vice Chancellor for American Indian Health Research and Education.
Her priority approach is understanding AI health beliefs/practices as foundational for interventions development. She is an NIH-funded social scientist with an interest in historical trauma, depression, ACE, epigenetics, and pediatric health issues. Dr. Parker is Co-Chair of the Native Research Network.

**Pata, Jacqueline**  
Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians  
Jacqueline Pata is the Executive Director of NCAI and is a member of the Raven/Sockeye Clan of the Tlingit Tribe and is the 6th Vice President for the Central Council of the Tlingit-Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. Mrs. Pata serves on a variety of national executive boards, including a Vice President for the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Board Member for the George Gustave Heye Center of the National Museum of the American Indian. She is also the Vice Chair of Sealaska Corporation. In her commitment to American Indian youth development, Pata sits on the Native American Advisory Council for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Prior to joining NCAI in June 2001, Pata served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Previously, Pata served as the Executive Director of the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority headquartered in Juneau, Alaska and she is a former Vice-Chair of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. She served as Chairperson of the National American Indian Housing Council and was appointed to the National Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing. She also has served on the National Community Development Financial Institution Fund Advisory Board. Among her other activities, prior to her move to Washington, D.C., she is extremely proud of her service for 13 years as Director of a Native Youth Culture Camp held each summer where young people experience and learn traditional values.

**Peterson-Nyren, Jaylene**  
Executive Director, Sovereign Nation of the Kenaitze  
Jaylene Peterson-Nyren has served as Executive Director of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe since 2007. The Tribe delivers a wide range of services to more than 4,000 customers. Ms. Peterson-Nyren leads a staff of 277 employees and reports to a seven-member elected Tribal council. Last year, under her strategic leadership, the Tribe completed the 52,000 square foot Denai’ina Wellness Center integrated healthcare facility. Ms. Peterson-Nyren has dedicated her career to Tribal organizations and Tribal health care. She and her husband chose to move to the Kenai Peninsula because they knew it would be a great place to raise their three children.

**Petzinger, Stephen**  
Program Examiner, Office of Management and Budget  
Stephen Petzinger is currently a Program Examiner at the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President. Prior to that, Stephen worked at the Center for Health Policy, Research and Ethics at George Mason University. Stephen is a former US Navy Hospital Corpsman, working at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, the Office of Attending Physician at the United States Capitol, and the Naval Medical Research Center. He earned both his BS and MS degrees from George Mason University. Born in New Jersey, Stephen now resides in Alexandria, VA with his wife, Tiffany, and his two dogs, Dixie and Harley.

**Pittman, Robert**  
Director of the Indian Health Service Division of Health Professions Support  
Mr. Robert Pittman is the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Health Professions Support (DHPS). He is responsible for the coordination and development of IHS activities related to the recruitment, selection, and retention of health care professionals and managers. He provides leadership, guidance and direction for IHS programs and directs three IHS branches: Scholarship Program, Loan Repayment Program and Health Professions Support (Recruitment). He is a graduate of the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy and Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

**Press, Dan**  
Co-founder, Roundtable on Trauma in Native Communities  
Dan Press has been an attorney for Tribes for the past 45 years, adjunct professor at Columbia University teaching courses on Native American issues, legal counsel and co-founder of the Roundtable on Trauma in Native American Communities, co-organizer of Senator Heitkamp’s November 2014 Roundtable on the Causes and Effects of Trauma in Native American Communities, legal counsel to NIH 1978-1981

**Quiroz-Montiel, Alida V.**  
Health Systems Director, Intertribal Council of Arizona  
Alida V. Quiroz-Montiel is a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and has served the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona since 1990. During her tenure, she has been responsible for staffing the Tribal Health Steering Committee for the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service (IHS) comprised of elected Tribal leaders in Arizona, Nevada and Utah, conducting analysis on Federal and State health policy, regulations and resources that impact Tribes, preparing information on health risks and identifying recommendations to address concerns and conducting local training at Tribes, including Tribal councils, on health care reform. Alida’s ceremonial responsibilities include Yaqui/Mayo life ways and traditional Aztec (Mexico) Dance.

**Roberts, Jim**  
Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
Jim Roberts is an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe from Shungopovi, Arizona. He has worked in Tribal government affairs and health care issues for over thirty years. Jim is the Policy Analyst for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), an organization that represents 43 federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Jim provides technical expertise to Tribal leaders on health policy, governmental, and legislative matters. Prior to joining NPAIHB he worked for the NIH and with American Indian Technical Services. He completed his education at Metropolitan State University of Denver with degrees in Economics and Business Management.

**Roels, Starla Kay**  
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Starla Kay Roels is a partner with Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP in the firm’s Portland, Oregon office. She practices federal Indian law with emphasis on health care and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. She advises Tribal clients on patient
privacy and security of medical records, facilities construction, and Medicare Like Rates in billing for “purchased and referred” services. She also assists clients with entering innovative partnerships for increased access to health services in Indian communities. She earned her J.D. in 1996 from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College, and her B.A. cum laude in 1992 from Arizona State University.

Rose, Ahniwake
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As Executive Director of the leading association for advancing excellent education for Native students, Ahniwake Rose oversees all aspects of NIEA including institutional and policy development, fundraising, communications and long-term planning. She joins NIEA after having spent five years as policy director with the National Congress of American Indians, where she led its policymaking efforts on education and health. Previously, Ms. Rose was a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education working on implementation of Executive Order 13336, which aimed to ensure that Native students receive comprehensive, culturally based education. Rose also serves on the Equity and Excellence Commission on addressing achievement gaps convened by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

Rushing, Stephanie Craig, Ph.D, MPH
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Stephanie Craig Rushing, PhD, MPH, is the Director of Project Red Talon and THRIVE at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. She contributes to a number of mixed-methods community based participatory research projects addressing AI/AN adolescent health. She completed her Masters of Public Health concentrating on International Health Development at Boston University, and her PhD in Public Administration and Policy at the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University, focusing on Community Health and Social Change.

Russell, Kim
Executive Director, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care

Kim Russell is of the Bitter Water People, born for the Tangle People and is from Chinle, Arizona on the Navajo Nation. She is the Executive Director of the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care and partners with Tribes, the Indian Health Service, and urban Indian Centers to advance their health agendas and priorities. Ms. Russell has a Bachelor degree in Biology and a Master of Health Administration. She enjoys spending time with family and traveling.

Sabattus, Dee
Tribal Health Program Services Director, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Dee Sabattus is Tribal Health Program Services Director at United South and Eastern Tribes. Tlhtiyas “Dee” Sabattus is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and a graduate from Thomas College. Ms. Sabattus has 13 years of experience in health administration/analysis and has worked for increased funding and health care for Indian Country through various regional and national workgroups. In 2008 and 2012, while working for her employer, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., she was nominated and awarded the Indian Health Service Nashville Area Exceptional Performance Award for her dedication, commitment and accomplishments to Nashville Area Tribes. Ms. Sabattus currently serves as the Director of Tribal Health Program Support for USET.

Sappier, James
Tribal Council Member, Penobscot Nation

James Sappier is a Penobscot Nation Tribal Council Member and served as Chief of the Penobscot Nation from 2004-2006. He has worked for the Penobscot Nation in many capacities including Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Department of Trust Responsibilities. James is also a Fire keeper, for Medicine men and Pipe-carriers-Sweat lodges.

Schmidt, Terri, RN
Acting Director of the Office of Management Services for the Indian Health Service

Terri Schmidt, R.N. is the Acting Director of the Office of Management Services for the Indian Health Service (IHS). Ms. Schmidt is Arapaho and a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. She most recently served from October 2011 to December 2014 as the Director of the Division of Contract Care in the IHS Office of Resource Access and Partnerships (ORAP). The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
Schuerch, Tim
President, Manilaaq Association
Tim Schuerch is a Tribal member of the Native Village of Kiana. After law school, Schuerch chose to return to the Kotzebue region, serving for two years as Manilaaq's Special Assistant to the President, after which he accepted the position of Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium General Counsel. While at ANTHC, he helped to significantly grow revenues to support the growing Alaska Tribal health system. Schuerch then accepted the position of President/CEO of Kikiktugruk Inupiat Corporation and He went on to serve as General Counsel of Ukpaeagvik Inupiat Corporation. Schuerch is currently the President of the Manilaaq Association.

Shaw, Ronnie
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Ronnie Shaw has been a professional healthcare recruiter for 17 years, serving a for-profit hospital in Lawton, OK for 10 years and since 2008 with the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health. His responsibilities include recruiting physicians, dentists, optometrists & advanced practice providers for the health system's hospital and three satellite outpatient clinics. In addition, he works with providers who participate in the IHS and National Health Service Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs. He is resource on provider compensation and the current physician shortage, working closely with the Chief Medical Officer and hospital administration to attract quality providers.

Shelton, Brett Lee, JD, MA
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Smith, Maurice “Mo”
Executive Director, National Council of Urban Indian Health
Maurice "Mo" Smith is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Adams State College and a Masters of Arts. He has more than 15 years of experience in managing grants and contracts for non-profit organizations targeting underserved and at-risk Native youth. Past employment experiences include serving as the Executive Director of the American Indian Business Leaders, the Director of Programs and Government Contracts for the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Inc., the Executive Director of the Native American Sports Council, the Program Manager for the United States Olympic Committee and the Development Director of Wings of America. Mr. Smith is the Executive Director for the National Council of Urban Indian Health and officially joined NCUIH on May 4th, 2015.

Strommer, Geoff
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Geoff Strommer is the managing partner of the Portland, Oregon office of Hobbs Straus. He is nationally recognized for his work on the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Geoff has been lead counsel for Tribal clients that have been involved in a wide variety of litigation against the IHS, including many that are currently pursuing Contract Support Costs claims. Geoff headed up the effort to file an amicus brief on behalf of the NIH and over 450 Tribes around the country in State of Florida, et al., v. HHS (3:10-cv-91) (N.D.Fla. Jan. 31, 2011). This December he is scheduled to argue the most recent Contract Support Costs claims case accepted by the United States Supreme Court, Menominee Indian Tribe v. United States, No. 14-510 (U.S. cert. granted Nov. 30, 2015).

Sylvestor, Ileen, MBA
Vice President of Executive & Tribal Services, Southcentral Foundation
Ileen Sylvestor, of Yup'ik, Ath. bascan and Aleut descent, has served as a Southcentral Foundation vice president for 16 years. She currently oversees Tribal relations and village initiatives for health care delivery to 55 rural villages, as well as traditional healing, youth internship and Elder programming, public relations, planning and grants, and more. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration.

Teel, Brenda
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Brenda Teel, RHIA. Brenda is the Executive Officer of Revenue for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health in Ada, Oklahoma and has worked for the Tribe for 15 years. Her areas of experience includes Business Office & all billing operations for hospital and outpatient services, Health Information Management & Registration / Admission's management. Brenda received her Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma and is credentialed with the American Health Information Management Association. She is a member of AHIMA, OKHIMA and HFMA.

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Lane Terwilliger is a Technical Director in the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, State Demonstrations Group. Since January 2005, Lane has worked on Medicaid section 1115 demonstrations and policy issues that concern the AI/AN community and Tribal health providers including several statutory provisions directly impacting the provision of and reimbursement of health care services to Indian Country. Most notably, the Indian protections in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, and the Affordable Care Act. Lane has a Juris Doctorate and a Master’s in Health Law Reimbursement from the DePaul University College of Law.

Thompson, Brian, MD
American Association of Indian Physicians
Brian W. Thompson, MD is a practicing OB/GYN in Syracuse, NY. Dr. Thompson graduated from State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine in 1991. He completed residency at the University of Texas Health Care System. He currently practices at Syracuse Community Health Center and is affiliated with Community General
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Acting Chief Medical Informatics Officer, Indian Health Service, US DHHS  

Dr. Michael Toedt is the Acting Chief Medical Informatics Officer for the Indian Health Service. Dr. Toedt is Board Certified in Family Medicine and served at Cherokee Indian Hospital, where he held the roles of Chief of Staff, Clinical Director, and Chair of the Quality Committee of the Governing Board. Leading efforts resulting in the 2008 HIMSS Davies Award for Excellence in Public Health, the 2012 Computerworld Honors Laureate for implementation of an EHR to improve quality, and the 2013 Governor's Award for Performance Excellence in Healthcare. He oversees clinical informatics aspects of MU2 software and services and ICD-10 conversion throughout the IHS.

Tsosie, Nathania, MCRP  
Principal Indigenous Health Education Planner, Center for Native American Health  

Nathania Tsosie, Navajo (Totsohni/ Nakai Dine’é), is the Principal Indigenous Health Education Planner at the Center for Native American Health and is a co-founder and Associate Director for the Institute for Indigenous Knowledge & Development at the U NM Health Sciences Center. Her professional interests include Indigenous health planning, community-based participatory research, and community engagement related to the social determinants of health – particularly housing and community design. Her expertise includes facilitation for Tribal community health capacity-building.

Vizenor, Erma J., Ph.D  
Chairwoman, White Earth Reservation  

Erma J. Vizenor was elected as the Chairwoman of the White Earth Reservation in 2004 and is the first woman to lead the largest Tribe in Minnesota. Previously, she served as Secretary/Treasurer in 1996 and was re-elected to the position in 1997. As Chairwoman she represents all districts both on and off the White Earth Reservation. Erma has worked her entire career in education on the White Earth Reservation. She holds an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education; a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling; and a specialist degree in Education Administration from Minnesota State University Moorhead. A Bush Leadership fellowship gave Erma the opportunity to earn a master's degree in Community Decision-Making and Lifelong Learning; and a doctoral degree in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University. Erma is committed to building a strong infrastructure within the White Earth Reservation, which is necessary in order to exercise sovereignty, self-governance, and service to the Tribal citizens.

Wafford, Marty  
Undersecretary of Support, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health  

Marty Wafford, Undersecretary of Support for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health holds a Business Administration degree in Accounting, has 20 years of experience working in healthcare with 15 of those being at the Chickasaw Nation. She and her husband live in rural Southern Oklahoma with their two children.

Ward, Ryan  
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