National Indian Health Board
Tribal Health Equity Data Symposium Agenda
Constitution Hall, American University, Washington, DC
Monday, September 25, 2023

8:30 AM  Breakfast (fruit & pastries)
9:00 AM  Prayer and Opening Remarks from the National Indian Health Board
  • William Smith (Valdez Native Tribe), Chairperson and Alaska Area Representative, National Indian Health Board (NIHB)
9:15 AM  Health Equity Update from CMS
  • Meagan Khau, MHA, Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Office of Minority Health, Data Analytics & Research Group
9:30 AM  Keynote: “Decolonizing Data: Restoring Culture, Building Beauty”
  • Abigail Echo-Hawk (Pawnee), MA, Executive Vice President, Seattle Indian Health Board, and Director, Urban Indian Health Institute
10:00 AM Keynote: “Indigenizing Data: Mapping a Path Toward Health Equity”
  • Dr. Myra Parker (Mandan-Hidatsa-Cree), JD, MPH, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Washington School of Medicine
10:25 AM  Morning Break
10:40 AM  Panel: Culturally Relevant Data Collection Methods
  • “Being a Good Relative: Community and Indigenous Grounded Principles for Bridging Data Disparities and Implementing Culturally Safe Research Approaches to Address Youth Suicide”
    o Dr. Michelle Kahn John (Dine), PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, GNP, Research Associate, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing
  • Abigail Echo-Hawk (Pawnee), MA, Executive Vice President, Seattle Indian Health Board, and Director, Urban Indian Health Institute
  • Dr. Myra Parker (Mandan-Hidatsa-Cree), JD, MPH, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Washington School of Medicine
  • Moderator: Dr. Susan Karol, MD, Chief Medical Officer, CMS, Division of Tribal Affairs
11:35 AM  We are More than Numbers: The Impacts of Different Counts and Definitions of Alaska Native and American Indian People
  • Rachael DeMarce (Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Blackfeet Nation), MPH, MPA, Analytics Engagement Manager, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)
  • Ben Han, Analytics Architect, ANTHC

12:00 PM  Lunch (boxed lunches – sandwich or salad)

1:00 PM  Optimizing Collection of Self-Reported Race, Ethnicity, & Language Data
  • Denise Schofield, Executive Director, Data Strategy, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA)
  • Nancy Scherden, Managing Director of Brand Insights, BCBSA

1:20 PM  Roundtable: Promising Practices to Improve How Race & Ethnicity Data Are Used in Public Health, Healthcare, and Research
  • “Moving Beyond Race and Ethnicity Data Collection to Define AI/AN Communities”
    o Sujata Joshi, MSPH, Project Director/Epidemiologist, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)
  • “Results from the National Tribal Health Conference Roundtable on Race and Ethnicity Standards”
    o Dr. Rochelle Ruffer, PhD, Tribal Health Data Project Director, NIHB
  • “Current Strategies for Improvement through an Intergenerational Lens”
    o Delight Satter (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde), MPH, Senior Health Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  • Denise Schofield, Executive Director, Data Strategy, BCBSA
  • Moderator: AC Locklear II (Lumbee), JD, Federal Relations Director, NIHB

2:35 PM  Poster Session and Afternoon Break

3:15 PM  Facilitated Discussion: Identifying the AI/AN Population
  • Facilitator: Carrie Field, MPH, Policy Analyst, NIHB

4:50 PM  Closing Remarks

5:00 PM  Adjourn
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Tuesday, September 26, 2023

8:30 AM  Breakfast (fruit & pastries)
9:00 AM  Welcome
9:05 AM  Keynote: Measuring Health Equity with a Tribal Lens: Leaning on Strengths, Sovereignty, and Indigenous Identity
  • Dr. Donald Warne (Oglala Lakota), MD, MPH, Co-Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health
9:45 AM  Panel: Getting to Yes: Data Sharing between States and Tribes
  • “Collaborating with State partners to promote Tribal Health Data Equity”
    o Pharah D. Morgan, MS, MPH, Lead Epidemiologist, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, Tribal Epidemiology Center (RMTLC TEC)
  • “Data Sharing to Support Tribes through Medicaid Unwinding”
    o Jessica Imotichey, MLS, MPH, (Chickasaw), Health Policy & Legislative Analyst, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health
  • “Enhancing Health IT in Tribal Communities”
    o Krystal Schramm (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians), MS, Senior Technical Business Analyst, Michigan Health Information Network
  • Moderator: Chairperson Janet Alkire (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe), Member-At-Large and Great Plains Area Representative, NIHB
11:00 AM  Morning Break
11:15 AM  Learning from COVID: Communicating Data to the Public with Visualizations and Social Media
  • Darby Galligher (Miami Tribe of Oklahoma), MPH, Communications Coordinator, NIHB
  • Jeannie Le, MPH, Data Visualization Analyst, NIHB
11:35 AM  Tribal Environmental Health Priorities: From Data to Action
  • Brett Weber, MPA, Environmental Health Programs Director, NIHB
  • Aliza Bolling, CDC Public Health Associate Program Associate, CDC
12:15 PM  Lunch (boxed lunches – sandwich or salad)
1:15 PM  **Panel: Data Flow Between Tribes and Federal Agencies: Challenges and Opportunities**

- “Data Modernization at the Indian Health Service: Opportunities to Improve Interoperability and Data Sharing”
  o Mitchell Thornbrugh, (Muscogee Creek Nation), Chief Information Officer and Director for the Office of Information Technology, Indian Health Service (IHS)
- “Federal Data Sharing Obligations”
  o Aila Hoss, JD, Associate Professor of Law, Indiana University McKinney School of Law
- “Current Issues in Federal Data Sharing with TECS and Tribes”
  o Dr. Meghan Curry O’Connell, (Cherokee), MD, MPH, Chief Public Health Officer, Great Plains Tribal Leaders’ Health Board
  o Chris Alibrandi O’Connor, JD, Deputy Director, Mid-States Region, Network for Public Health Law
- AC Locklear II (Lumbee), JD, Federal Relations Director, NIHB
- Moderator: Ms. Amber Torres (Walker River Paiute Tribe), Phoenix Area Representative, NIHB

2:35 PM  **Afternoon Break**

2:50 PM  **Case Study: Lessons from COVID: How Partnerships and GIS Can Facilitate Data Sharing and Improve Health Equity**

- Dr. Amanda Lam, MD, MPH, Informatics and Data Services, Epidemiologist, Pima County Health Department
- Tyler Baccam, MS, Epidemiology Intelligence Unit (EIU) Surveillance Epidemiologist, Pima County Health Department

3:20 PM  **Interactive Session: Putting it into Practice: Story as Data and Data as Story**

- Anamalia Su’esu’e, MA, PhD student, Department of Psychology, Graduate Research Assistant, Office of Public Health Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Dawn Hunter, JD, MPH, Director, Health Equity, Network for Public Health Law

4:45 PM  **Closing Remarks from NIHB**

5:00 PM  **Adjourn**