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**"CONSULTATION IN PROCESS"
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**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AWARDS
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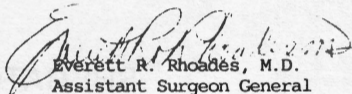
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Indian leaders are asked to meet extremely complex challenges every day. They are expected to produce positive results in spite of numerous difficulties. Despite the constant pressures thrust upon them, these leaders provide necessary guidance and direction through creative strategies for resolving the many problems encountered. This Tribal-Indian Health Service meeting presents an excellent opportunity for Indian leaders and Indian Health Service representatives to work together toward the common goal of elevating the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest possible level.

Recipients of this Indian Health Service Award are recognized for their significant efforts and years of dedicated service to improving the health of the Indian and Alaska Native people.

It is particularly appropriate that this award be presented to these individuals at this workshop. I invite all workshop participants to join with me in extending our sincere appreciation and congratulations to the award recipients.

Sincerely yours,



Everett R. Rhoades, M.D.
Assistant Surgeon General
Director



**NILES CESAR
ALASKA**

Niles Cesar, a Tlingit Indian from Juneau, Alaska is the Executive Vice President of the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation (SEARHC). Niles has been with SEARHC for nine years and has been instrumental in building the organization into a major Native Health Corporation in America.

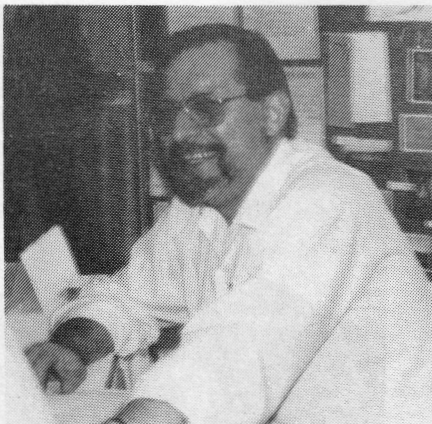
Under his administration SEARHC contracted for Indian Self-Determination (P.L. 93-638) management of the Juneau Clinic in 1982 and the Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital and Service Unit in 1986. In 1987 SEARHC began planning to construct their own health care facility in Juneau. Financing was arranged, land acquired and construction plans developed. During 1988 the SEARHC Center building was completed and is the largest native owned clinic in Alaska.

Throughout the development of SEARHC, Mr. Cesar has ably demonstrated his extensive experience in dealing with federal and state agencies. He was responsible for the introduction of the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) supplemental food program into rural Southeast Alaska. Mr. Cesar has consistently advocated for an integrated system of health care delivery. Under his guidance SEARHC has been able to coordinate, build and improve the level of health care for Alaska Natives. His accomplishment in this area has contributed significantly to the health status and quality of life in Southeast Alaska.

Mr. Cesar has shared his and SEARHC's experience with native management of health care programs on a national level. SEARHC has served as a positive example to numerous tribes interested in Indian Self-Determination Act contracting.

Mr. Cesar has also served with distinction on national committees and workgroups to assist with carrying out the Indian Health Service program. Most recently he has been an active participant in the development and drafting of new regulations for the Amendments to P.L. 93-638.

*To the other side of my life
Niles*



DENNIS P. DEGROSS
ALASKA

Denny DeGross has been Executive Director of the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) for the past six years. His accomplishments in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention have been many and will have a lasting impact on the Alaska Area and on all of Indian Health Service.

ANHB has flourished under Denny's able leadership. ANHB has dared to assume leadership roles and call public attention to the need for prevention in highly sensitive areas like suicide, fetal alcohol syndrome and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). But a few examples of ANHB prevention efforts and programs for which Denny has served as project director and are:

ANHB was a strong proponent for Hepatitis B prevention and administered the Anchorage Area HEV Eradication Project. For the last 2-1/2 years, ANHB has conducted a statewide FAS prevention program. As a result, all 12 regions in Alaska now have a FAS prevention components.

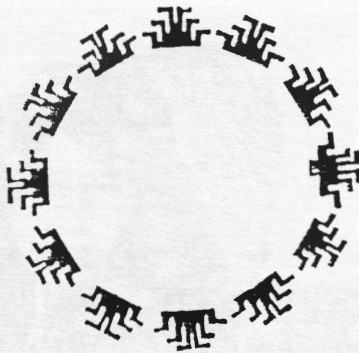
This past August, ANHB was awarded a grant from the Centers for Disease Control to begin work in the area of AIDS prevention for Native Americans in Region X.

ANHB is also currently administering a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to make P.L. 99-570 tribal action planning monies available to Alaska Native villages.

ANHB has done considerable work in the area of suicide prevention including: research; served as a "pass through" funding agency for 20 suicide demonstration projects funded by the state in 1985. One of the results was that new state money was appropriated and suicide prevention grants awarded to 48 Alaskan communities this year.

Throughout his tenure at ANHB, Denny has been a strong advocate for the need to employ a community development type of approach in Alaska to address the myriad behavioral health problems affecting Alaska Natives.

Denny is a member of the Statewide Nutrition Committee, Alaska Area 570 Task Force, Village Water and Sewer Projects Prioritization committee. He was instrumental in seeing the Adolescent Health Survey administered in Alaskan schools, has been a strong advocate for the need for accident prevention/injury control programs. Denny DeGross, has proven himself over the years through his actions and deeds to be totally committed to furthering health promotion and disease prevention efforts among Native Americans.



MARITHA GARCIA
ALBUQUERQUE

Martha Garcia of Ramah Navajo Community, Pine Hill, New Mexico, is currently the President of the Ramah Navajo Chapter, a sub-government of the Navajo Nation. She is elected to a four year term as of October 1, 1987, by the people of the Ramah Navajo Community. She is also currently the Vice-President of the Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc., and past Vice-President ('87 and '89) of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board and is the Tribal Representative to the Albuquerque Area Office, Indian Health Service on the P.L. 93-638 amendment workshops.

She is married to Roy L. Garcia and have five children, two boys and three girls. She received her education at Ramah High School, Fort Lewis College, Navajo Community College and the University of New Mexico.

She has been active in public services to the Ramah Navajo Community for over twenty (20) years and a strong advocate for a tribal self-governed community. She has a wide range of experience in the various fields of Education, Community Development, Health and Human Services contracting with Federal, State and Tribal government and venturing into new fields of Economic Development, Water Rights, and Legislation at national levels.

All of her efforts are for the betterment of the Ramah Navajo people and its government and programs.



LEATRICE SIMPLICIO PINTO
ALBUQUERQUE

Leatrice Simplicio Pinto was educated at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, where she received a B.A. degree in Recreation and Community Health Education in 1986. She also attended the University of New Mexico, Gallup receiving an A.A. in Health, Physical Education and Recreation in 1984.

Currently she is employed by the Zuni Public School District as Assistant Director of the Zuni Wellness Center. Responsibilities include developing and implementing, fitness and recreation programs for youth, seniors, handicapped adults, and other clients of the Wellness Center.

Other experiences include:

Volunteered as the adult sponsor for the 5th and 6th Annual National Indian Youth Leadership Camp.

Employed by the Zuni Public School District as the Fitness Director of the Zuni Wellness Center. Performance responsibilities included developing and implementing weight control and fitness programs at worksites, schools and other community agencies. Other duties involved providing professional guidance and assistance to clients at the Wellness Center, supporting the efforts of the Aerobics Coordinator in providing resources to the aerobic exercises community.

Employed as the Health Education Assistant at the Zuni Public Health Service Indian Hospital. Specific duties include screening for diabetes, hypertension, obesity and other related illnesses. Responsibilities were publicizing activities concerning health promotion, record keeping for weight control programs, the Zuni Fitness Series and other aerobic class activities.

Employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital in the Medical Media Center through the University of New Mexico College Work-Study Program in Albuquerque.

Employed by the University of New Mexico, Gallup Campus as secretary and office manager for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.

Employed by the Alternative Learning Center in Zuni, New Mexico as an Educational Assistant providing recreational sports and activities for junior and senior high school students at the Zuni Recreation Center.



DEANNA L. BAUMAN
BEMIDJI

Ms. Deanna L. Bauman, an enrollee of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, has a deep and abiding concern for the health and welfare of Indian people.

In 1977, Ms. Bauman accepted employment with the Health Services Division of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. Prior to that, she had served as Headstart Program Director for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. Two years later, she was named Assistant Director of Health Services at Stockbridge-Munsee, a position she held until her recent selection as Director of Health Services for the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin.

Throughout her tenure at Stockbridge-Munsee, Ms. Bauman has played a major role in developing, expanding and maintaining high quality health care services for the service population. She has also participated actively in the Wisconsin Health Directors Association, networking with the other ten tribes in various aspects of health care provision.

Ms. Bauman quickly gained a reputation within the Bemidji Area as a bright, tireless and articulate advocate of Indian health care and the role of tribal self-determination in designing and managing comprehensive health care delivery systems. Her expertise has often been called upon by IHS and tribal health staff, including making presentations at gatherings of the Four State Tribal Leaders Assembly. In December 1987, she was named Bemidji Area Representative to the National Indian Health Board. Ms. Bauman is prompt and persistent when it comes to communicating information among Area tribes, or bringing an issue of particular concern to the attention of IHS and tribal staff. Her manner is consistently concerned and professional, encouraging confrontation on important health care issues while maintaining a positive attitude.

The combination of personal attributes, professional expertise, and longterm commitment to Indian Health care possessed by Deanna Bauman make her an asset valued by the Bemidji Area tribes and Indian Health Service.



**AUDREY FALCON
BEMIDJI**

The Indian Health Service recognizes Ms. Audrey Falcon, Health Director of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, for exceptional accomplishment in the area of health promotion and disease prevention. Under her leadership, the Saginaw Chippewa health planning team has designed and successfully implemented "The Fitness Place," a community-based health promotion/disease prevention (HP/DP) project.

Ms. Falcon, a Registered Nurse, is of Ottawa Chippewa heritage. She has been employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe for ten years. As Tribal Health Director, she has provided consistent leadership in maintaining impetus to expand health care services available to the Indian community as well as to consolidate program growth. The tribe operates a Family Nurse Practitioner outpatient services clinic, and a full range of community-oriented health outreach services.

Throughout her tenure with the Saginaw Chippewa Community, Ms. Falcon has encouraged emphasis on health promotion and preventive health care, using a team approach in planning and implementation of programs. The culmination of this team's efforts has been the development of "The Fitness Place (Mshiken)," which was launched in January 1987. A holistic approach is used, encouraging individuals and families to make life-styles changes, moving toward a balance of physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. Programs include physical fitness activities - aerobics classes geared toward a wide variety of needs and physical capacities, walking groups, exercise classes for children and young people, youth fitness testing, swimming. Health education, including special needs (prenatal patients, diabetics) and general topics, is provided through written media and regular workshops. Stress management and weight control workshops are offered regularly, and the fluoride rinse program is available for school children. The program sponsors special events also, including run and run/walk events, annual Health Fairs and, in 1988, the First Annual Saginaw Chippewa Indian Olympics.

This is one of the only IHS HP/DP projects operated under a P.L. 93-638 contract to have a certified Exercise Physiologist on staff. The community has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to health promotion and disease prevention which serves as a model to other Indian communities within the Bemidji Area and all of IHS. This kind of commitment requires strong, dedicated leadership, and Audrey Falcon has provided such leadership.



KENNETH SMOKER BILLINGS

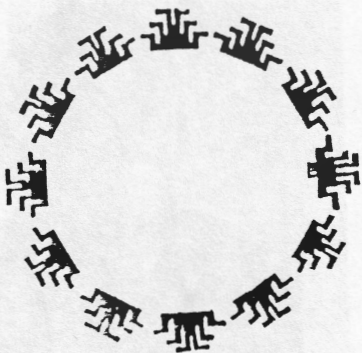
Mr. Kenneth (Ken) Smoker is an enrolled member of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana. He was born and raised on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and graduated from Poplar High School, Poplar, Montana, where he was an excellent student and an All-State Basketball player. In 1980, he was elected to the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board, which is the Governing Board for the Fort Peck Tribes, as the youngest member ever to serve in this capacity and is still currently a member.

Ken has been active on behalf of Indian people on the local, state and national level since his election to the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board in 1980. Besides being a member of the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board, he serves as the Chairman of both the Fort Peck Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) Committee and the Fort Peck Tribal Health Board. He also serves as a member of the Fort Peck Community College Board, Poplar Community Hospital Board, Indians in Medicine (INMED) Advisory Board, Poplar Drug and Alcohol Board, and the Fort Peck Tribal/Indian Health Service (IHS) Recruitment and Retention Committee.

As a member of these Boards and Committees, he was instrumental in developing and establishing the following programs: the Fort Peck Dialysis Program, Fort Peck Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), a roller skating rink and a swimming pool. He is currently involved in attempting to establish a Physical Therapy and Diabetes Prevention Program on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

Ken was instrumental in obtaining appropriations for the planning and construction of the new Public Health Service Clinic in Wolf Point, Montana. He was also instrumental in obtaining appropriations from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to build an Adolescent and Adult Half-Way Facility on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

Mr. Smoker, as a Tribal leader, is extremely dedicated to elevating the health status of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and all Indian people. His involvement in establishing Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Programs, for the people of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, is to be commended. Despite the problems, which at times may develop between IHS and Tribes, Mr. Smoker is always willing to attempt to resolve the problems and continue working together toward the common goal of elevating the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest possible level.



LINWOOD TALLBULL BILLINGS

The Indian Health Service acknowledges Mr. Linwood Tallbull for the IHS Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HP/DP) Award. Linwood is an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe located on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana. Mr. Tallbull is currently Director of the Northern Cheyenne Community Health Representative (CHR) Program. His responsibilities include the overall administration and supervision of the Northern Cheyenne CHR Program and coordinating with IHS to provide services to General health Care, Environmental, Gerontological, Maternal and Child Health, Pharmacy, Home Health Care, Ear-Nose-Throat, Optometry, Physical Fitness Activities, and Diabetic Services.

Mr. Tallbull is recognized for the IHS Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Award for his exceptional contribution to the mission of IHS for Health Promotion in Diabetic Foot Care and a Smoke-Free Environment. He is an active participant on the Northern Cheyenne Diabetic Team. He has participated in the Billings Area Diabetic Camp for the past two years, developing programs for participants. He developed a CHR Foot Care program that received national and international recognition. He presented his CHR Foot Care Program at the Native American Research and Training Center's Annual Diabetes Camp. From this presentation, he received a request from the Diabetics Prevention Industries from Germany to film his Foot Care Program. He was also put in charge of the Foot Care Program at the Flathead Indian Reservation's Diabetic's Music Camp.

Linwood also recommended to IHS that CHR training include a more comprehensive component on chemical dependency, which related in a national IHS initiative to provide training for CHR's in the areas of: crises intervention and family relations as related to alcohol and substance abuse; youth and alcohol/substance abuse; cases of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; HP/DP efforts needs of the elderly Indian alcoholic. Through his HP/DP efforts, the CHR Office in Lame Deer, Montana, has been declared smoke/free as of October 1988. He supports community prevention programs as a focus needed to ensure a healthier community.

Linwood has been Director of the Northern Cheyenne CHR Program for the past six years and in 1987, was the recipient of the Billings Area IHS CHR Director of the Year. He is nominated for his exceptional contributions and efforts toward the mission of Indian Health Service, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and his efforts on the national level in the areas of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.



**CAROL ERVIN
CALIFORNIA**

Carol Ann Ervin is a California Indian of Yurok and Karok tribal affiliation. She was born in the seaside town of Eureka situated in Northern California's Humboldt County.

Having spent three years as a Community Health Representative for the United Indian Health Service; six years as the administrator and founder for the Northern County Clinic for Women and Children; as a Health Planner for the Northern Valley Indian Health Clinic; and having completed her residency requirement for her MPH as an intern for the IHS/California Area Office, Carol has seen the many aspects of a tribal health care system.

Carol received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science and earned her Master of Public Health degree in administration, policy and planning at the University of California at Berkeley.

As Tribal Chairperson for the Trinidad Rancheria she has a major responsibility to lead the tribe in achieving its goals. In addition to her duties of Tribal Chairperson, Carol is the Executive Director for the Chapa-De Indian Health Program, Inc., an Indian Self-Determination contractor. The Chapa-De Health Program operates an ambulatory health care center in Auburn, California. She established a satellite clinic in El Dorado, California.

Carol is also the elected Chairperson of the California Tribal User's Group (CAL-TUG) having been elected by the tribal, computer users representatives from all of the health programs in the State of California. Carol is the first and only chairperson of this group. The Information Systems Advisory Council (ISAC) is the policy group for the Indian Health Service on data and computer operations. Carol is one of the two tribal representatives on the ISAC sitting on the council to represent national tribal interests.

Carol was instrumental in setting up a special California task force for establishing a minimum data set for tribal programs and has been selected to sit on a special IHS evaluation team on the minimum data set.

Carol has spent countless hours in an unselfish effort to insure that health care is the primary focus in all of the efforts (even in automation) of the IHS and tribal health programs. She has championed the notions of training and preparation as she maintains a forward thinking attitude. Carol is a very economy minded individual who is highly motivated to insure that Indians are achieving the highest possible health care.



LIZBETH A. DRURY
CALIFORNIA

Liz is a Public Health Nurse for the Central Valley Indian Health Program, an Indian Self-Determination contractor. Her contributions toward health promotion and disease prevention in the Central Valley area result from her vast experience and education in the health field.

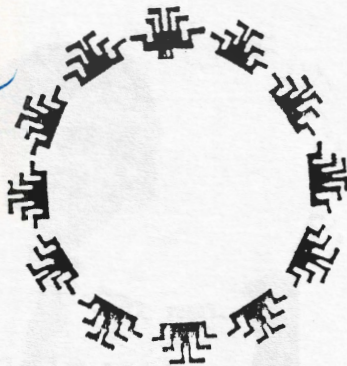
Liz holds a Master of Science from Chapman College, graduating summa cum laude in 1981. She received a PHN degree from University of San Francisco, a B.A. degree is from Chapman College and an R.N. degree from De Anza College School of Nursing at San Jose State University.

Liz was the driving force in initiating the health fairs for the Central Valley Project two years ago and has been the force who keeps HP/DP in the forefront for the staff. She was responsible for elevating the immunization rate from 56% to 90% for the Central Valley area. She also initiated a school program in which she speaks to school children on AIDS and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

With her vast knowledge she is constantly called upon by the community as well as statewide health organizations to speak and sponsor workshops on HP/DP activities. She maintains a program with the local university (Fresno State) preparing the nursing students to work in the local Indian community.

Her other experience include: Instructor for RN and LVN IV certification and blood withdrawal classes; RN refresher course; aide certification classes; Medicare and JCAH requirements and documentation; staff nursing and management 16 years, Medical surgery; critical care and home health; intensive home health care; director of professional services, Community Hospital of Sacramento, Education coordinator and staff development IV therapy and teacher for IV, CPR, JCAH Medicare, marketing, recruitment and legislation liaison with home health and nursing schools; nursing coordinator for civilian nurses in United Kingdom and Europe; nursing director for civilian nurses in England; Staffing, social actions, teaching, school nursing and health education coordinator instructor and trainer for Red Cross and USAF in England and Germany.

Thanks
Buford Rolin



BUFORD ROLIN NASHVILLE

Mr. Buford Rolin has had years of dedicated service to improving the health care of Indian people.

Throughout his tenure as the Health Director for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Atmore, Alabama, Mr. Rolin has taken the lead in developing a comprehensive strategy for streamlining the implementation of the provisions of Public Law 93-638, including recent amendments. His extensive background in Indian affairs gives him a thorough working knowledge of the various aspects of Public Law 93-638 and their impact upon tribal groups.

Shortly after becoming the Poarch Band Health Director, Mr. Rolin took steps to upgrade his capabilities in the area of health care delivery by completing the Health Services Administrators Development Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Community and Allied Health, thereby gaining further insight into the health care needs of Indian people.

He currently serves as the treasurer of the National Congress of American Indians, and is a member of the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs. He also serves as a member of the State of Alabama Public Health Advisory Board, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Atmore Area Partnership for Youth.

Formerly, Mr. Rolin served as a Tribal Council Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and was a member of both the Coalition of Eastern Native Americans and the Northwest Florida Creek Indian Council.

In 1987, Mr. Rolin received recognition from the National Indian Health Board for his contributions in the health field to the American Indian/Alaska Native population. Last year the Public Health Service presented Mr. Rolin the PHS Award for Outstanding Contribution for Improvement of Health Care.

Based on his background and his current efforts, Mr. Rolin is wholly deserving of the recognition for which is he now being nominated.



ROBERT L. NEWELL
NASHVILLE

Governor Robert Newell is a graduate of Haskell College, located in Lawrence, Kansas. He continued his higher education receiving his Master's Degree from the New Hampshire College located in Manchester, New Hampshire.

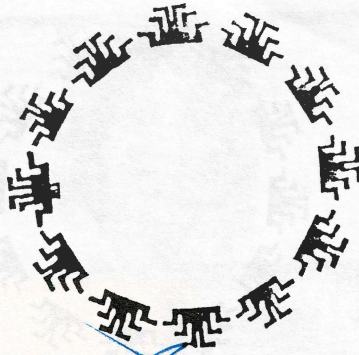
Governor Newell presides over one thousand members of the Indian Township Reservation. He was elected in the fall of 1986. His campaign promise was to improve the quality of life for all Tribal members. He has endeavored to meet this goal by improving health care services for all tribal members.

Recently, at one of his business meetings the Governor stated, "We are in the midst of an economic revolution." Over 20 new business ventures including expansion of existing programs have since been developed, thus creating many more new jobs on the reservation.

The Tribal Community Health Services Clinic is located at Peter Dana Point and offers a comprehensive program of health care for all tribal members. Both medical and dental services are located on site and referral for other medical care is provided through the clinic. Through the personal concern and effort on the part of the Governor the following is a brief list of his accomplishments:

- Over \$408,000 spent in last 6 1/2 months.
- (100,000 Tribal /\$300,000 Insurance)
- Two Tribal members in training in Human Service Department.
- Physician on site (once per month) for quality assurance on substance abuse.
- 200 people attended a variety of treatment programs during the first 24 months.
- Aftercare - on site for ACOA, substance abuse and family programs.
- Treatment offered for eating disorders.
- Staff increased for both substance abuse and mental health services.
- First Indian substance abuse program licensed by the State of Maine.
- First Indian program to be certified D.E.E.P. provider.

Governor Newell has made one of his top priorities his personal involvement in the Drafting Regulations of the 638 Amendments. His active involvement has earned him the respect as a national leader and national spokesperson for the Indian people relating to major Indian issues.



Nelson Gorman

NELSON GORMAN, JR.
NAVAJO

A native of Chinle, Arizona, Mr. Nelson Gorman, Jr., has been involved with the advancement of health most of his life. His is a prominent leader and his accomplishment as a health advocate is recognized locally and nationally.

He works adamantly for community involvement and participation as exemplified by the realization of a new hospital in Chinle. He chaired the Chinle hospital planning and steering committee during the period Chinle hospital was being planned, designed and constructed. Mr. Gorman served as director of the Chinle Extended Care Facility for a number of years.

He pledged to combat the pressing health concerns of today through continuous involvement and participation. Mr. Gorman is a member of the Advisory Board for the Navajo Area Indian Health Service and, as such is a voice for the people in the future design of the Navajo Area Indian Health Service.

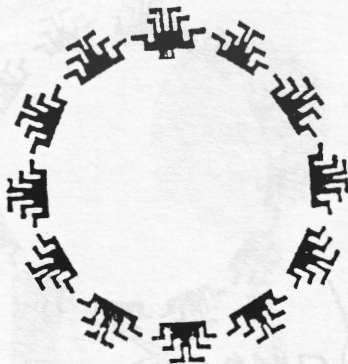
Mr. Gorman serves as the Chairman of the Arizona Inter-Tribal Task Force on Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, an appointment that affects significantly the health delivery system for the Native Americans of Arizona.

As the Chairman of the Health and Human Service Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council, the committee is the instrument for the assurance that proper direction is mandated on all health programs that impact the Native American health and social welfare on the Navajo Nation.

As a member of the Navajo Tribal Council, his involvement and participation advances all aspect of human services on the Navajo Nation. His dedication to serve placed him on numerous health committees, local boards, task force and activities at the Chapters Area and State level. His is continuously being sought out for advice, opinion and support.

Mr. Gorman is highly respected for his accomplishment, as a tribal leader, and as a advocate for the Health and Social Welfare of the people.

Mr. Gorman is being recognized for his contribution to the advancement of health, his concern for the people, and his leadership as an Indian leaders. Mr. Nelson Gorman is an individual who is willing and ready to assist no matter the size or scope of the problem and need either locally in Chinle, Window Rock, at the State level or in Washington, D.C.



BEVERLY PIGMAN NAVAJO

Mrs. Beverly Pigman is the former Beverly A. Becenti originally from Tohatchi, New Mexico of the Edge of the Water Clan born for Keyonnie Clan. Her ancestors are bitter water. She is the mother of four children and grandmother of twins (boy & girl) and one other grandson.

Beverly Bigman has served as Chairperson for the Title IV Parent Advisory Committee for sixteen years and was a foster parent for four years.

When Beverly first came to Kayenta, there was nothing to do for young children. She organized the Little League in the community and was president of the club for five years. She also organized the MVHS Booster Club for the athletics, which is still ongoing.

Beverly is presently serving on the following committees, elected at large by the Kayenta Chapter:

- Kayenta Township Pilot Project (Kayenta Planning Board Secretary)
- Kayenta Public Safety Facility Committee
- Kayenta Community Health Services Incorporated (secretary) Tohdenasshai
- Steering committee for the Elderly
- AIDS Task force and Vice-Chairperson
- Governing Board Committee (IHS)
- KSU Executive Board
- Navajo Area Research and Publications Committee
- Together for Children, Secretary for Committee against Sexual Molestation of children in our school & community
- Navajo Area Health Board Member
- KSU Health Board Chairperson
- Kayenta Alcohol Task Force
- Navajo Nation Family Planning Corporation Member
- MVHS Substance Abuse Conference, Chairperson for three years
- HPDP Committee member
- MVHS Cheerleader sponsor for two years

She has also attended numerous conferences and workshops for the betterment of the Kayenta Community and the health needs of the youth and the elderly in the community.



LINDA FORD
OKLAHOMA

Linda Ford is responsible for the overall direction of the Cherokee Nation Emergency Medical Services Program. This program is a training program primarily directed toward communities and schools within the Cherokee Nation. In addition, the Cherokee Nation has a certified ambulance service and provides services to W. W. Hastings Indian Hospital at Tahlequah. She directs the program staff, develops program standards of operations and routinely works shifts on the ambulance service to maintain her advanced EMT skills.

The Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service EMS program began a systematic implementation of this program in 1979 by developing a cadre of First Responder instructors. These instructors were provided First Responder training, EMT training and instructor training. Ms. Ford, a Cherokee tribal member, was in that original class. Since then she had upgraded her skills to that of an advanced Emergency Medical technician and is now qualified as an EMT instructor.

In coordination with the Oklahoma Area EMS program, she has provided First Responder training and EMT training throughout the Oklahoma Area. She has also provided training IHS wide upon request of the Nation IHS EMS Coordinator. She has maintained a high level of instruction and has an extremely high "pass rate" of her students.

During FY 87, on her own initiative, she began development of the Cherokee Nation ambulance service and the Native American EMT Chapter. By FY 88, the Cherokee Nation ambulance service became fully operational and attained Oklahoma State certification. The Native American EMT Chapter is a tribute to her outstanding leadership and has provided two tribal "medic update". This chapter has been requested to host a national "medic update" by the National IHS EMS program during FY 89.

Linda Ford is an invaluable asset to the Emergency Medical Services discipline at both the tribal and IHS levels. Her accomplishments are clearly outstanding and the benefits have been enormous. Her service continues to be excellent and it is recommended she receive the "Directors Award for Excellence" for this level of performance and dedication.



**GABE PAXTON
OKLAHOMA**

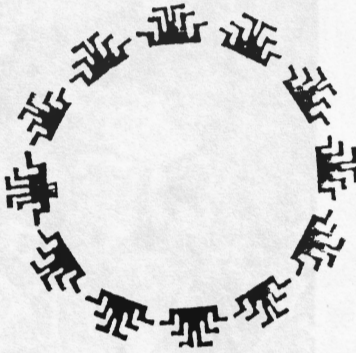
Dr. Gabe Paxton, a Choctaw Indian, returned to Oklahoma upon his retirement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Senior Executive Service as Deputy Director of Indian Education, in Washington, D.C. in 1982. During his tenure with the BIA and in addition to his work in Washington, D.C., Dr. Paxton worked at Anadarko, Oklahoma and on the Pima and Hopi Reservations.

He completed his DED from Penn State University in 1974. After returning to Taliuhina, he was appointed Director of Education and Training for the Choctaw Nation Indian Hospital. He served in that capacity as a personnel officer until 1986 when he was appointed Hospital Administrator.

On March 14, 1987, Dr. Paxton was honored by Chief Hollis Roberts and the Tribal Council by naming the just completed Choctaw Nation Hospitality House, the "Gabe Paxton Hospitality House" citing his 30 years service in BIA education, his work as tribal judge and hospital administrator and his work with foster children.

In May, his attempt at retirement was futile, Dr. Paxton accepted his present position as Health Educator at the Choctaw Nation Indian Hospital in July of 1988. In his present capacity and in addition to his Health Education duties, Dr. Paxton serves as the Chairman of the AIDS Prevention Team and has been instrumental in recruiting and training AIDS counselors and coordinators. His is responsible for articles pertaining to Health Promotion/Disease Prevention being published in the tribal as well as the local newspaper.

Dr. Paxton is commended for tireless efforts in Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and service to the Indian people of Oklahoma and other areas as well.



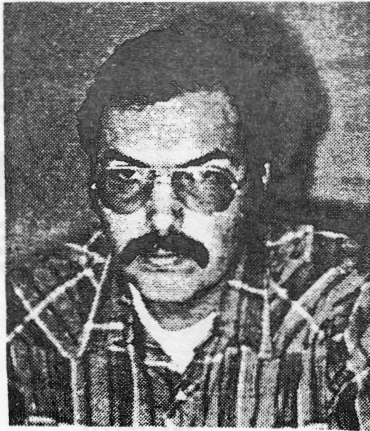
NORA GARCIA
PHOENIX

Under the leadership of Nora Garcia, two term Chairperson of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, all Tribal public buildings have become Smoke Free. Mrs. Garcia, mother of three, has long championed disease prevention among her people and establishing a Smoke Free environment is just one example of her dedication to cooperative health promotion efforts with the Indian Health Service.

The Tribal Health Department was strategic in the implementation of the project with the cooperation of the Colorado River Service Unit. Mrs. Garcia made it known, first in the Tribal Chambers then throughout the Tribal structure that smoking was an unhealthy activity and not to be supported. It is the opinion of Tribal employees that not only have the number of smokers been reduced but those who continue to smoke have made major reductions in the amount of smoking done.

Mrs. Garcia has continuously served her community since 1975 with various roles in the Tribal governmental structure. Currently, she serves as First Vice-President of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona. First Vice-President of the Indian Development District of Arizona. Secretary of the Fort Mojave Development Board and a member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Floodway Task Force.

Mrs. Nora Garcia is an American Indian role model who champions healthy environments in which Indian people can grow to greatness.



JOSEPH H. ELY
PHOENIX

Mr. Joseph H. Ely is the Chairman of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nixon, Nevada. During the short duration of Mr. Ely's term, he has grown to be a renowned, well-liked and respected tribal leader both at the local and national level.

Joe is a very personable, approachable, easygoing sort of guy. He is held in very high regard by his staff. Joe has been a great resource to his Tribe at Pyramid and as an advocate for tribal issues on the State level. He has actively promoted the welfare and livelihood of his Tribe. Joe has overseen and implemented many economic developments for the Pyramid Lake Reservation, but uniquely, he has been able to conserve the environment, culture and quality of life.

Mr. Ely's involvements and accomplishments include a member of the steering committee, past chairman of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada and author of a published book on the Paiute language. He is a lobbyist for Tribal affairs and a former member of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Academy. In addition, he is a conservationist.

He is an active member of the Nevada Commission on Tourism and the State Drought Review and Reporting committee. Joe is also a statesman for major water issues and an advocate for rural health and has been a leader in facilitating rural health delivery, both medically and environmentally to Nevada. Examples here range from having a full-time medical staff to the implementation of a new domesticated water source for one of the three communities on the reservation, to implementing a solid waste program.

He is also involved in litigation protecting tribal resources and protecting tribal sovereignty. In addition, he is a member of the Washoe-At-Risk Program for high school dropouts. Joe is a positive role model for Indian people. He is a avid sportsman, teacher (including Sunday School teaching), hunter, marksman with a true love for the outdoors and buckaroo life-style. Joe is married with two sons.

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HENRY SIJOHN
PORTLAND

Mr. Henry SiJohn was born on August 6, 1917 at Desmet, Idaho. He was educated at Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon and received the following degrees: Associate of Arts degree (Music Education), Riverside Jr. College; B.S. in Music Education, University of Idaho, Moscow; M.A. (Music Education), Gonzaga University, Spokane. His military experience include Special Services as a member of the U.S. Air Corps Band for 4 1/2 years. He had a Honorable discharge in 1945.

Mr. SiJohn was a teacher for 27 years. As a professor of Indian education programs at Shoreline Community College in Washington State, he taught Indian history and social/contemporary problems. Mr. SiJohn also developed and taught Indian curriculum to students of various cultures, included Persian, Taiwanese, Japanese, Korean, including an all-time favorite, stick games.

Other activities include; last active charter member of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, which was formed in Spokane, Washington; Member of Nation Congress of American Indians since 1953; elected to tribal council for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, presently serves as Vice-Chairman. Mr. SiJohn attended the first joint ATNI/NCAI meeting held in Washington, D.C. in 1953 which dealt with the termination of Indian tribes.

More recently, Mr. SiJohn has served in the capacity of Health Representative for the Northern Idaho Service Unit and is the elected delegate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. He has served as Vice-Chairman, Sergeant-At-Arms, and served on the Executive Committee.

During his tenure with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Mr. SiJohn has chaired and served on many committees, addressing the special needs of Northwest Tribes and continues in that capacity to contribute his knowledge and expertise toward the betterment of all Indian Tribes and people.

*To Debbie:
With sincerest
appreciation for
your dedication for
with NITB, but especially
your valued and cheerful
friendship;
Sincerely,
Henry SiJohn*



NANCY ESCHIEF MURILLO
PORTLAND

Nancy Eschief Murillo is a Shoshone-Bannock/Pima from Fort Hall. Her primary objective is to earn a degree in dentistry and become an IHS Area Director. She would also like to obtain an M.A. in Sociology and to teach on the college level. Nancy graduated from Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas and holds a B.A. in Sociology/Psychology from Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho. Nancy presently serves as Director, Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Health and Human Services, Fort Hall, Idaho.

Since the mid-1970's, and through the efforts of people like Nancy Murillo, the Fort Hall community began to achieve an awareness of what "health Promotion/Disease Prevention" was all about. Monthly calendars of "fun activities" promoting this concept of being involved with one's health caught on quickly, receiving tribal leadership support and council endorsement through resolution, in only a matter of time. Since then, the pioneering efforts of many tribal and IHS programs have popularized its development and growth into what it is today, but no matter who sponsors it, it is still seen as one of a few programs motivating Indian self-reliance and if only in this respect deserves special attention.

Besides being involved with HP/DP projects and activities, Ms. Murillo was instrumental in her tribe's sponsorship of many conferences, workshops, and symposiums addressing the special concerns of her people. Additionally, she has served in the advisory capacity to many tribal and state boards, sharing her knowledge with others who have similar concerns.

Her participation in the Co-Owned Information System Project with Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and her presentation on 638 amendments to Northwest tribes received many favorable responses. Nancy is always an added asset to the Board advantage.



**RALPH ANTONE
TUCSON**

In 1968, Ralph Antone was a dye maker living in Los Angeles at which time, then Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, Thomas A. Segundo, sought him out and asked him to direct the first tribal health program that would provide direct field health care to the O'Odham people, the CHR Program.

From 1970 to 1974, Ralph served as the Nation's first representative on the National Indian Health Board and provided the Tohono O'Odham a national voice to National Indian health policy makers.

Ralph was one of the founding fathers of the Executive health Staff (EHS) established in 1982 which became the Tribe's first tribal health organization and then predecessor of the Tohono O'Odham Health Department.

Ralph was faced with many problems for the first time and instrumental in creating an O'Odham solution to combating the disease and health problems affecting the O'Odham. When Ralph started there were no O'Odham workers to describe many of the complicated medical conditions so an O'Odham explanation had to be created.

Even with personal tragedies, Ralph and his family endured, spurring Ralph to seek solutions so that other O'Odham families would not suffer the same tragedies.

Ralph provided leadership to the Nation when called upon. He was instrumental in: assisting Florence Village to be recognized as Tribal land; was a member of the tribal team conducted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration - Space Technology Applied to Rural Papago Advanced Health Care Project; and provided leadership for the tribal Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Ralph's quiet manner and soft spoken approach is a major resource to the Nation and health Department. So many young and new Tribal Health workers have benefited greatly from Ralph's guidance and patience in providing them with a better understanding and appreciation for our own culture. He has always been viewed by the Department as it's historian. Ralph was the creator of the Health Department motto, "To live in harmony as O'Odham in the environment", a principle that has guided us for the past twenty years.



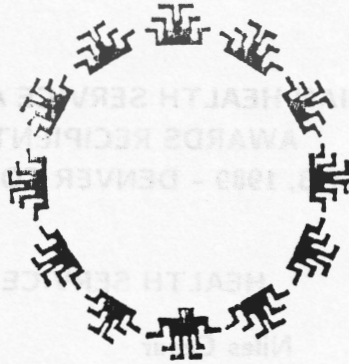
DR. LOIS STEELE
TUCSON

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe recognizes Dr. Lois Steele for her outstanding work, contribution and dedication to improving the health of Indian people.

Dr. Steele is an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine Tribe of Montana. She was sent to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe by Indian Health Service in the spring of 1987. During her tenure she has offered structure to the United Way Juvenile Delinquency Prevention program, and has spearheaded and drafted the Tribal Action plan for the prevention of Drug and Alcohol abuse after initiating the original Tribal Coordinating Committee.

She has worked with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona on the Regional Adolescent Treatment Center for Drug and Alcohol Abuse as well as the National Indian Youth conference for Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Through her efforts, Pascua Yaqui has the only current Tribal AIDS prevention project funded by the State of Arizona.

In addition to these projects and many more, Dr. Steele has worked enthusiastically with three different Tribal councils as the Tribe experienced growing pains. It has been obvious to this council that Dr. Steele's position has been more than just a job to her. Due to Dr. Steele's administrative and managerial skills she has put organization into the Pascua Yaqui Health Department thus improving the overall health care provided to Pascua Yaqui Tribal members. She has put in many hours of her own time to ensure that the programs are a success. Her participation within the community itself has left an impression on the tribe that she has a strong commitment to her job and to Indian people as well.



ARTA CARLOW
ABERDEEN

The Indian Health Service is proud to announce Arta Carlow, Oglala Sioux from Pine Ridge, South Dakota as its selection for this year's Aberdeen Area Health Award for her dedication to improving the health status of the Indian people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and supporting health care for all Indian people in the Aberdeen Area.

Mrs. Carlow began her involvement in the health field when she represented her area as a member of the Lakota TB Association in 1960. In 1961, the Oglala Health Board was founded to work toward meeting the unmet health needs on the Pine Ridge Sioux Indian Reservation. She continued to be active in both organizations until the Lakota TB Association was terminated.

In 1979, the Oglala Tribal Health Authority was chartered under the Oglala Sioux Tribe. In 1976, Mrs. Carlow was elected Chairperson of the Board, a position she holds to this day and was recently re-elected to another term. The Health Board was very active in getting the new hospital at Pine Ridge and the Health Center at Kyle, South Dakota. The board is currently working with IHS to secure a new clinic at Manderson, South Dakota. Mrs. Carlow is currently on the INMED Board at the University of North Dakota.

Mrs. Carlow has also been active politically by serving seven years on the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council and at one time with her father, the late Ben Cottier. She is also active in Pine Ridge Village community functions.

On the personal side, Arta was married to the late Robert Carlow and is the proud mother of eleven children, thirty-five grand children and eighteen great-grandchildren. She is an Alumni of Holy Rosary Indian Mission School. Arta is highly motivated to stick with an issue and stay with it until its conclusion.

Mrs. Arta Carlow is admired for her many years of service to the Indian people.

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2. Aberdeen	Arta Carlow	
3. Albuquerque	Martha Garcia	Leatrice Pinto
4. Bemidji	Denna Bauman	Audrey Falcon
5. Billings	Kenneth Smoker	Linwood Tallbull
6. California	Carol Ervin	Lizbeth A. Drury
7. Nashville	Buford Rolin	Robert Newell
8. Navajo	Nelson Gorman, Jr.	Beverly Pigman
9. Oklahoma	Linda Ford	Dr. Gabe Paxton
10. Phoenix	Nora Garcia	Joseph Ely
11. Portland	Henry SiJohn	Nancy Murillo
12. Tucson	Ralph Antone	Dr. Lois Steele