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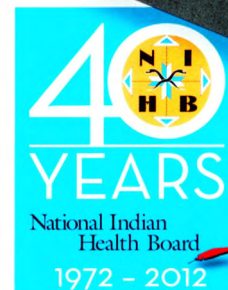


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Welcome

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Dear Tribal Leaders, Advocates for Tribal Health, Colleagues and Friends:

It is with a grateful heart that on behalf of the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) Board of Directors, I thank you for being part of our 29th Annual Consumer Conference and 40th Anniversary Celebration. This year's celebration marks two generations of the Tribes supporting one voice in American Indian and Alaska Native health through the organization that the Tribes, themselves, founded in 1972. This 40th year, we hold this conference in Denver, Colorado to honor the birthplace of NIHB.

This year's conference and celebration is themed *NIHB@40: The Vision That Became One Enduring Voice for our People's Health*. This theme honors the Tribes and Tribal Leaders who recognized that only through Tribal unity would our People's Health issues be heard: Only through Tribal unity would our People's health improve. For 40 years NIHB has had the honor and the privilege to serve the Tribes with finding our voice, finding unity of purpose and advocating with that one, enduring Tribal Voice. The wisdom of this action in 1972 has resulted in many victories for Indian health; such as, the passage of the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act; creating and sustaining the life-changing Special Diabetes Program for Indians; including Tribes in the allocation of vaccines, including H1-N1; strengthening Tribal Consultation; the **permanent** reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act; and the many pro-Indian opportunities we all fought for, and won, in the Affordable Care Act!

None of this happens without the "U" in "UNITY." It is because of each of you working together to support and strengthen your national Tribal health care voice in NIHB that the national presence of Tribes in health care is so strong and effective. Our strength of presence exists because of Tribal Leaders and Tribes through the Area Indian health boards, regional health organizations and corporations. It exists because of our enduring partnership and unity with friends like the National Congress of American Indians. It exists because of health directors, health advocates and policy experts who tirelessly and generously share their knowledge to benefit us all. It exists because of the individual who has suffered illness and whose stories propel us forward for a better tomorrow.

This week, we invite you to learn with us and to celebrate 40 years of the NIHB. We acknowledge your contributions to our People's health. You are the legacy that is NIHB. With many, many thanks, I say Chi Miiigwech – profound thanks, to you and I look forward the next 40 years of advancing our People's health.

Yours in Health,


Chairperson



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What is the National Indian Health Board?

Our Vision

The National Indian Health Board advocates on behalf of all federally-recognized Tribal Governments, American Indians and Alaska Natives in their efforts to provide quality health care for all Indian People!

What is the National Indian Health Board?

The National Health Board (NIHB) is a 501(c) 3 not for profit, charitable organization providing health care advocacy services that facilitates Tribal consultation, and provides 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 advocate. NIHB also conducts research, provides policy analysis, program assessment and development, national and regional meeting planning, training, technical assistance, program and project management. These services are provided to Tribes, Area Health Boards, Tribal organizations, federal agencies, and private foundations. The NIHB presents the Tribal perspective while monitoring, reporting on, and responding to federal legislation and regulations. It also serves as a conduit to open opportunities for the advancement of American Indian and Alaska Native health care with national and international organizations, foundations corporations, and others in its quest to build support for, and advance, Indian health care issues.

Raising Awareness

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

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

Our Board of Directors

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

National Indian
Health Board





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National Indian Health Board's 40th Year Anniversary

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to distinguished Tribal leaders, honored elders and veterans, health educators, administrators, healthcare professionals, advocates, and other supporters of Indian health attending the National Indian Health Board's Annual Consumer Conference. The Board commends you for sharing your time, wisdom and vision at this conference. These gifts, shared with each other, illuminate our path forward – a path that builds on our many strengths, one that considers our pressing needs, and one that leads to better health and wellness for our people.

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board appreciates the leadership of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) in bringing together, supporting and empowering Tribal leaders to address the healthcare concerns of their members. NIHB has led this charge for the past 40 years, advocating for all Tribal nations and American Indian and Alaska Native people. We celebrate NIHB's past service and wish them continued success!

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board hopes your participation at the Annual Consumer Conference will provide you with opportunities to share with each other and provide you with new tools to strengthen to your health programs, for the benefit of all the people you serve and Indian Country.

In Wellness,

Jerilyn Church, MSW
Executive Director
Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board

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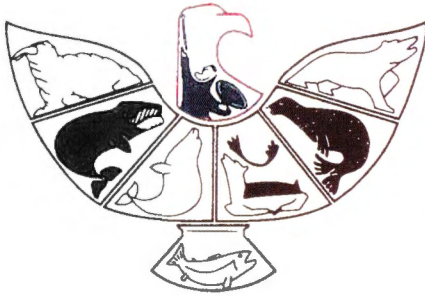
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August 20, 2012

Friends, Colleagues, and Supporters:

On behalf of the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB), we are pleased to support the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) 40th Anniversary Celebration and 29th Annual Consumer Conference. In an unprecedented milestone, NIHB has offered four decades of continuous support and advocacy for all American Indian and Alaska Native people.

While NIHB's work is seen throughout the year and across the United States, it is during the Annual Consumer Conference that their value and efforts are truly exemplified. Bringing together tribal leaders and health providers from across Indian Country, mutual challenges are addressed and stories of success are shared.

Representing 231 federally-recognized tribes spanning 663,267 square miles, ANHB is no stranger to the inherent difficulties in bringing together a large number of tribal leaders and health providers. However, in meeting this challenge, we understand the value created when all perspectives are included and, through the sharing of individual wisdom and experience, a unified voice can then be heard by those needing to hear it most.

It is in the spirit of this goal that ANHB is proud to support the ongoing work of NIHB and the Annual Consumer Conference. We look forward to this year's conference and continuing the shared mission of strengthening the health and wellbeing of our people.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Bean, Sr.
Chairman, Alaska Native Health Board

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September 5, 2012

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Re: Letter of Support, of NIHB's 29th Annual Consumer Conference and 40th Anniversary Celebration

Dear Ms. Bohlen,

As Chairman of the Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council's Committee on Health, I would like to express my congratulations on the National Indian Health Board's 40th Anniversary and my support for the 29th Annual Consumer Conference & Marketplace being held in Denver, Colorado September 24-27th.

NIHB has been a strong advocate for the health of Tribes in the Billings Area. With the Tribal Leaders support, both locally and nationally, NIHB has been pushing for improvements in our people's health, health systems and health policies as well as strengthening consultation and increasing appropriations for forty years. Two outstanding items to mention are the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

We look forward to continued collaborations with NIHB and ongoing efforts to address the health disparities impacting Montana and Wyoming Tribes.

Sincerely,

L. Jace Killsback
Northern Cheyenne Councilman
MT-WY Tribal Leaders Council Committee on Health, Chairman
NIHB Board Representative

Cc: TLC Acting Chairman Ivan Posey
TLC Executive Director Gordon Belcourt



CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, INC.

August 29, 2012

Dear Attendees,

Welcome to the National Indian Health Board's 29th Annual Consumers Conference and Fortieth Anniversary Celebration. Congratulations to the NIHB and all its supporters!

My name is Michelle Hayward and I represent the California Area at the National Indian Health Board level. I am of Wintu descent and am the elected official of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council. I was elected as the Chairperson of the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) last year. I also serve as the California representative on the IHS Contract Support Cost Committee.

CRIHB has been diligently working on health issues including the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the reauthorization of the Special Indian Diabetes Program and IHS funding over the past year. With the help of James Crouch, Executive Director, Mark LeBeau, Health Policy Analyst and the California Rural Indian Health Board Members, we met with Congressional Representatives on Capitol Hill in March to push these issues. We requested funding for implementation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), additional funding for Contract Health Services and funding for a California Youth Regional Treatment Center (YRTC). Out of the 12 regions, California is the last to build a YRTC as promised over 20 years ago to all of the IHS Areas. Margo Kerrigan, Director IHS California Area and her staff have been working very actively on this issue. We will keep bringing this topic to the forefront to congressional member's attention until we receive the funding California needs to build and operate the last YRTC for our youth who desperately need it.

We have held many Health Care Forums on the Affordable Care Act across Indian Country in California to educate the community on how health care reform will impact the Indian communities and formed local advocacy groups for networking purposes. The Special Diabetes Program for Indians grant will end September 2013, and we are requesting the funding be renewed. This will affect us all if the Special Diabetes Program for Indians is not funded. This funding has improved the health of our people with diabetes throughout the United States and we cannot afford for this funding to go away. We all need to get involved; please visit NIHB's website at www.nihb.org/sdpi for many resources to help you get involved. There is much work to be done.

I hope all of you enjoy the NIHB 29th Annual Consumer Conference and celebrate the 40 years of success at NIHB. I hope I get the honor of meeting many of you.

Sincerely,

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August 21, 2012

Dear Tribal Leaders, NIHB Board of Directors, Tribal health professionals, and other delegates:

On behalf of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET), a non-profit, inter-tribal organization that collectively represents its member Tribes at the regional and national level, I write today to express our support and well wishes in the success of the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) 40th Annual Consumer Conference that's scheduled, September 24-27, 2012 in Denver, Colorado.

USET was established over forty years ago and has grown to include twenty-six federally recognized Indian Tribes operating through various committees and programs. USET member Tribes include: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Cayuga Nation, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, Penobscot Indian Nation, Seneca Nation of Indians, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head, (Aquinnah), Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Oneida Indian Nation of New York, Aroostook Band of Micmac of Maine, Catawba Indian Nation, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Shinnecock Indian Nation. Our member Tribes can be found in 12 states from the Canadian Border in Maine and New York, along the east coast to Florida, west into Mississippi and south into Texas. Due to this large geographic area, the Tribes in the Eastern Region have incredible diversity.

Both individually, as well as collectively through USET, our member Tribes work to improve health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). Our member Tribes operate in the Nashville Area of the Indian Health Service (IHS), which contains 36 IHS and Tribal health care facilities. Our members receive health care services both directly at IHS facilities, as well as through tribally operated facilities operated under contracts with IHS pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), P.L. 93-638.

Through the support and guidance of USET member Tribes, USET established the Tribal Health Program Support (THPS) department within the organization to provide health and policy information, technical assistance and training to member Tribes. The THPS team includes 14 highly qualified staff and multiple contractors responsible for managing the Health Information and Policy Analysis Function, Tribal Epidemiology Center, Area Diabetes Program, Tribal Data Improvement & Health Informatics Program, and Dental Support Center for its member Tribes.

It's an exciting time in health for Indian Country and the NIHB Annual Consumer Conference is most timely. USET, as with NIHB and other Tribal Organization across the country, is dedicated to enhancing the development of Indian Tribes, to improving the health status of AI/ANs, and to assisting Tribes and their governments with public health policy issues that influence the health needs of Indian people.

USET would like to express our appreciation for the continued partnership that we've established with NIHB and we wish you a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Executive Director



Dear Colleague,

I am honored to welcome the NIHB home to its place of birth here in Denver, Colorado. I also am pleased to welcome you back to the 29th NIHB Annual Consumer Conference, 40th Celebration! Our conference theme "NIHB @ 40: The Vision that Became One Enduring Voice for Our People's Health," represents our achievements and the fortitude it takes to improve the health care system of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

It seems not too long ago that we began this journey to discuss the challenges and opportunities of health care advocacy. Your attendance at this 40th Celebration is evidence of your commitment to and investment in our children, families, and communities.

The result of NIHB's vision has unveiled many successes, some spiritual, educational and historic. One example is the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). Without this major accomplishment the Navajo Nation would not be in the position to conduct the Medicaid Feasibility Study, a study that surely would lead to running our own Medicaid agency! Today we have the ability to successfully deliver quality federal health programs directly to meet the needs of native people. Exercising control of our health care destination by developing innovative and traditional health care systems is exercising our sovereignty.

As in our previous gatherings we have built on the success of the previous year's conference, to provide you with a sense on continuity and stability. In returning to the birthplace of NIHB, we also invite you to revisit the vision, the mission, the values and principles that have brought NIHB thus far, to the national status and influence that we now exert. Let us commit ourselves once more to healthy and strong lives for all our people.

The NIHB and the Navajo Nation thank you for your attendance. We are grateful to all conference attendees, sponsors, partnering organizations and all native communities.

Sincerely,

Rex Lee Jim, Vice President
THE NAVAJO NATION



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 Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma
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 Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
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September 5, 2012

Dear Tribal Leaders, NIHB Board of Directors, Tribal health professionals and other delegates:

Welcome to the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) 40th Annual Consumer Conference in Denver, Colorado. The Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB), a non profit organization, is excited to support and participate in the celebration of NIHB's "The Vision That Became One Enduring Voice for Our People's Health."

OCAITHB was established in 1972 to provide a unified voice to improve the health and quality of life of Indian people living within the Indian Health Service Oklahoma City Service Area (IHS-OCA) through advocacy and participating on local and national health committees and workgroups. IHS-OCA service area includes the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, portions of Texas and one county in Nebraska. Within the OCA-IHS service area there are forty-three federally recognized Indian tribes, six hospitals (two IHS and four Tribal), one youth residential treatment center, and four urban programs.

OCAITHB is supportive and dedicated to assisting the NIHB's Annual Consumer Conference and other Tribal Organizations advocate and improve the quality of life of Indian people nationwide.

We look forward to an informative and successful conference.

Sincerely,

Diddy Nelson

Ms. Diddy Nelson
Executive Director



September 5, 2012

Cathy Abramson, Chairperson
National Indian Health Board
Councilwoman, Saulte Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians
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Dear Chairperson Abramson,

The marking of the 40th Anniversary of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is a significant achievement. The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) congratulates NIHB! There have been numerous accomplishments, most notably, years of work supporting the Tribal Nations that led to the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which is a part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The measure signed into law in 2010, contains numerous American Indian policy provisions which afford the participation of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples in health care reform. NIHB should also be congratulated for supporting Tribes in creating and sustaining the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative. Further, NIHB must be congratulated for years of constant vigilance on Indian Health Service appropriations through on-going support of the National Tribal Budget Work Group which annually develops tribal recommendations on the IHS budget following a national process of consultation.

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. which is also a tribally directed non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation is proud of its affiliation with NIHB as our staff must have the ability to provide support to the NIHB Board members that represent the Tribes in the Phoenix Area and the Tucson Area Indian Health Service regions. The constant communication has been a vital link which allows the Tribal Leaders, Tribal Organizations and Tribal Health Directors in Arizona, Nevada and Utah the ability to keep pace with the magnitude of health care policy, including regulations that many times must be altered to address American Indian health program needs.

ITCA's mission and vision which closely aligns with NIHB with regard to health advocacy and technical assistance provided to the Tribes and is also celebrating its 37th Anniversary this year. Our efforts began in 1952, when the elected leaders of nine Indian Tribes in Arizona formed an association to provide members with a united voice. The purpose of the association was to address the issues that affected the Tribes collectively or individually. This forum enabled tribal governments in Arizona to combine their efforts and resources for common goals. In 1975, with the realization that 'these challenges and opportunities require the force of united and concerted voice and action which one tribe alone does not possess,' the Tribes established the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

In 1984, Tribes in the Phoenix Area established the Tribal Health Steering Committee for the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service. ITCA provides staff support to the elected tribal leaders that serve on the Committee to enable them to provide regular advisement to the Area Office. The Steering Committee is honored that Vice-President Martin Harvier of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, serves as the Phoenix Area Representative and that Amanda Barrera, Councilmember, of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, serves as the Alternate on the NIHB Board of Directors. Also in behalf of the Tribes in the Tucson Area, which jointly select their Representative, ITCA is honored that Francis G. Antone, Legislative Councilmember of the Tohono O'odham Nation serves on the NIHB Board of Directors.

ITCA, Inc. is looking forward to continued collaboration in order to alleviate on-going health issues and concerns brought to our attention by the Tribes in behalf of their members. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or John Lewis, Executive Director, so that our work together may continue.

Sincerely,

Diane Enos, President
Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

President,
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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August 2012

**National Indian Health Board
Board of Directors**

Congratulations to the National Indian Health Board in celebrating your 40th year of maintaining and strengthening the health and welfare of tribes and Indian people nationwide. Through your tireless efforts and advocacy great strides have been accomplished in the health status of Indian people.

May the success and longevity of the National Indian Health Board signify the success, health and prosperity of all tribes nationwide!

Keep up the good work and may you fully accomplish your mission.

Sincerely,

Joe Finkbonner

**Joe Finkbonner, RPh, MHA
Executive Director**



Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

Alamo Band of Navajos * ToHajiilee Band of Navajos * Jicarilla Apache Nation * Mescalero Apache Tribe
Ramah Band of Navajos * Southern Ute Indian Tribe * Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Representative

Lester Secatero

ToHajiilee Band of Navajos

Dear Tribal leaders, colleagues, and supporters,

On behalf of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, we welcome you to the 40th Anniversary National Indian Health Board Annual Consumer Conference in Denver, Colorado. This year, we take the time to celebrate and reflect upon 40 successful years of health advocacy for our tribal communities. Forty years ago, the founders of this invaluable organization had a vision that the tribal nations would unite to advocate for quality health care. Today, this organization continues to foster this vision. Many of our tribal nations have been fortunate to witness the many victories of the National Indian Health Board, including leading the way for the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

As we look into the future, we must remember that there is undeniable strength in unity and this conference is a celebration of the partnerships, leadership, and resiliency that have empowered our tribal communities to take control of their wellness and health. Our tribes, health boards, and tribal organizations must continue to work together to eliminate the health disparities that our tribal communities face and strive for health equity in opportunities and resources. The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board is committed to the continued partnership with NIHB and tribes across the Nation.

We pause to remember our ancestors and thank them and our community members, past and current leaders for your dedication and compassion for our tribal communities.

Respectfully,

Lester Secatero
Chairman

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September 24, 2012

Greetings!

Welcome to the National Indian Health Board's 40th Anniversary Celebration and 29th Annual Consumer Conference. I am delighted to welcome you to Denver.

This conference will be an outstanding venue for American Indian and Alaska Native people to learn about resources, programs, and changes in health care. This event arises at a time when we are witnessing so many changes to our health care system at both a national and local level. Since American Indian and Alaska Native people can be adversely affected by a number of health issues, it is important to promote dialogue that will improve the lives of everyone in these communities.

I applaud the National Indian Health Board's representatives and volunteers of this conference for their dedication and foresight in bringing all of these resources together.

On behalf of the citizens of the 1st Congressional District of Colorado, I want to extend our best wishes and congratulations to the National Indian Health Board on your 40th Anniversary. May you have many celebrations ahead!

Sincerely,

Diana DeGette
Member of Congress

Michael B. Hancock
Mayor



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September 25, 2012

National Indian Health Board
Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
1550 Court Place
Denver, CO 80202

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to extend a "Mile High" welcome to the National Indian Health Board to Denver. This 29th annual Consumer Conference is a great opportunity to come together to explore new and better ways to service the American Indian and Alaska Native community.

This year's conference is a chance to honor those heroes who have helped to advance the health needs of the Indian community. It is also an opportunity to learn more about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act as well as other issues affecting Indian health.

We are excited that you chose Denver as the host city for this year's conference. We invite all of you to explore the many amenities the city has to offer. Denver's downtown is one of the nation's most walkable cities and boasts a variety of attractions, including the nation's second largest performing arts complex, three art museums, three sports stadiums, a U.S. Mint, more than 300 restaurants, and the largest city park system in the country.

At an elevation of 5,280 feet above sea level, Denver is truly a mile high. We sincerely hope that you have an informative and enjoyable conference. Have a great time and enjoy your stay!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Hancock", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael B. Hancock
Mayor



September 24, 2012

Dear NIHB Conference attendee:

On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), welcome to the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) 40th Anniversary Celebration and 29th Annual Consumer Conference.

CDC is committed to working with federally recognized tribal governments. Over the past year, we have streamlined and enhanced our tribal support efforts. As part of these measures, we have hired Delight Satter, M.P.H., as our new associate director for tribal support. The agency has also developed a stronger and more unified program to act as the principal contact for all tribal-related public health activities in the agency. The program will be the CDC principal advisor and liaison to policy officials.

Through biannual consultation with the CDC Tribal Advisory Committee, the agency works to ensure that policies, guidelines, and programmatic strategies affecting the health of tribes are both appropriate and effective. Funding opportunities enable us to further support our partners who focus on the health of American Indian and Alaska Native populations. Our current grantees include tribal nations, direct tribal consortia, as well as state, local, and non-profit organizations that support Indian tribes and urban Indian populations.

CDC hopes this conference encourages you to continue to support our shared goal of quality health care and improved health for tribal populations. We look forward to strengthening the relationship between tribal governments and CDC to promote the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, CDC



**National Indian Health Board Annual Consumer Conference
September 24-27, 2012
Booklet welcome letter**

Dear conference attendees:

On behalf of the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), I am pleased to send warm greetings to all who have gathered for the National Indian Health Board's Annual Consumer Conference. And congratulations to NIHB on the celebration of their 40th anniversary – marking four decades of invaluable contributions to improving the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

At a time when our system of health care is undergoing remarkable change, there have never been greater opportunities to address the health disparities that have long affected Indian Country. With the signing of the Affordable Care Act, the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and the launch of the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, and the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities, we have taken a critical step toward realizing our vision of health equity.

As we work to address the health challenges in Indian Country, we look forward to continuing our collaboration and honoring our government-to-government relationship with our Tribal partners. This conference is an important opportunity to strengthen those ties, and listen and learn from one another. I look forward to taking part in many rich discussions in the days to come.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful meeting, and my appreciation for your engagement and hard work.

Sincerely,

J. Nadine Gracia

J. Nadine Gracia, MD, MSCE
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health (Acting)
Office of Minority Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



September 24, 2012

Welcome Friends and Colleagues:

On behalf of the Indian Health Service (IHS), I would like to extend a warm welcome to attendees of the 40th Anniversary Celebration and 29th Annual National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Consumer Conference. I wish you a successful conference and hope you enjoy your time in Denver.

The theme for this year's conference is "*NIHB @ 40: The Vision That Became One Enduring Voice for Our People's Health.*" It is heartening to know that hundreds of Tribal leaders, healthcare providers, and supporters of Indian health are gathering to discuss successes, challenges, opportunities, and the future of health care for American Indian and Alaska Native people. This is an opportunity to look forward and learn more about how we are working together to change and improve the IHS.

IHS values its partnership with NIHB. I meet regularly with the NIHB Board of Directors and have attended the NIHB Annual Consumer Conference for many years. We have several collaborative activities with NIHB on health policy issues important to Indian Country and I know that these activities are helping improve the health of Tribal communities. Our partnership with NIHB and the Tribes we serve has helped us make progress in changing and improving the IHS, and has been critical in the progress we have made in the past few years with a 29 percent increase in the IHS budget since 2008. We value our partnership with NIHB on outreach and education activities on the Affordable Care Act and the recent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to ensure that our community members know how they can benefit from this important new law. The work that NIHB does to advance healthcare for American Indians and Alaska Natives represents an important partnership that helps IHS achieve its mission.

Thank you for attending NIHB's 40th Anniversary Celebration and 29th Annual Consumer Conference. I hope that this week's events are informative, engaging, and most of all, motivating and inspiring. We have made much progress over the past few years, but it is clear that we need to continue to work together in partnership as there is much more to do to improve the health of the communities we serve. On behalf of the IHS, I wish everyone a successful time in Denver.

Sincerely,

Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H.
Director

MICHAEL F. BENNET
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September 25, 2012

Dear Friends:

I want to offer a warm Colorado welcome to the National Indian Health Board's 40th Anniversary Celebration and 29th Annual Consumer Conference. I am glad that you have gathered in Denver for such an important event. I hope that you have the chance to enjoy some of the beauty and hospitality of our great state.

It is an exciting time to be meeting, as the tribal provisions of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act are making a difference to improve the health and wellness of American Indians.

As you know, the theme for this year's conference is the "NIHB @ 40: The Vision That Became One Enduring Voice for Our People's Health." This is an excellent opportunity to honor those who work every day to advance the health of Alaska Natives and American Indians. This is also a time to focus on the diligent and effective implementation of the new health care law's provisions. We can continue to increase access and quality care for the young and the elderly, recruit and retain qualified health care professionals, expand mental and behavioral health programs, and further develop modern tribal health care facilities.

I wish you the best for a successful conference and I look forward to hearing about the discussions that you have here so that we can continue to build partnerships as we all move forward during a time of innovative change in our health care system. Thank you for all of the work that you do in promoting the health of America's first people.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 31, 2012

National Indian Health Board
926 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends:

Thank you all for inviting me to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National Indian Health Board at the 29th NIHB Annual Consumer Conference and Marketplace. I am sorry I could not be there in person to welcome you to Colorado. It is my pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all of you on this momentous occasion.

The National Indian Health Board's efforts to provide aid to tribal governments while strengthening healthcare for American Indians and Alaska Native people are truly impressive and worthy of special recognition. These efforts underline the commitment we share to promote the welfare and well-being of all Americans. To the guests of honor attending today, your work is evidence of the very best of our country and its commitment to help those in need.

Our lives are continuously enriched by activities such as the NIHB Annual Consumer Conference and Marketplace which highlight the future of health care management between federal and tribal governments. I hope you will be inspired to take full advantage of the many options available to you at the conference and to apply what you learn here when you return to your daily lives. Thank you all for your service and commitment to such an important cause.

Again, congratulations on your 40th anniversary, and best wishes for the future.

Warm Regards,



Mark Udall
United States Senator, Colorado



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON
August 24, 2012

Ms. Cathy Abramson
Chairperson
926 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Abramson:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide the enclosed message of greeting for the National Indian Health Board's 29th Annual Consumer Conference, which recognizes and serves the interests of tribal governments and American Indian/Alaska Natives in their efforts to provide quality healthcare.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Eric K. Shinseki", is positioned above the printed name.

Eric K. Shinseki

Enclosure



Youth Track

Sponsored by the Mayo Clinic Spirit of Eagles

Youth

**SUNDAY
September 23, 2012**

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Windows & Tower B Rooms

**Welcome, Introductions,
Ice Breaker**

Youth will participate in activities that will break the ice and bring the group together. Youth will share about their communities and establish group rules for the rest of the conference.

Facilitators:

Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, Healthy Native Communities Partnerships (HNCP)

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

Erin Bailey, Director, The Center for Native American Youth (CNAV)

Josie Raphaelito, MPH, Project Coordinator, CNAV

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

**River of Life Exercise/Photo
Voice Project**

After a blessing and a welcome, several hands-on activities designed to bring the group together will help develop an understanding of each other's communities. We also will develop participatory group agreements to guide our work during the rest of the Youth Track session.

Facilitators:

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

LUNCH

Youth Track

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

WHY Digital Stories?/Story Circles

Healthy Native Communities

Partnership explains the importance of Digital Storytelling and how it gives each of us a new method of telling our stories. This session will include Story Circles as the Youth begin to build their Digital Stories.

Facilitators:

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

3:00 pm - 3:15pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Break

3:15pm - 4:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Script/Storyboard

Formatting your story is an important first step to effective storytelling. The Script/Storyboard activity will help participants create "flow" with their story elements. These sessions will assist the participants in forming the script that will be used during the Narration session.

Facilitators:

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

MovieMaker & iMovie Tutorial

This tutorial will be the first of two sessions providing participants with the tools to develop an electronic story. The MovieMaker and iMovie software provide the digital medium to which these stories will be told. Participants will be lead through step by step processes to gain the knowledge needed to use these programs.

Facilitators:

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Health Care Career Tour at University of Colorado Medical School

**Dinner will be provided following the Tour*

This is a fantastic opportunity to see a brand new medical school campus with State of the Art technology. Participants will gain exposure to several medical school training exercises, including suturing. After the tour, participants will be able to meet with other Native Students who are currently enrolled in numerous health-related professional programs and have dinner on campus.

MONDAY September 24, 2012

7:00 am - 8:00 am

TBD

Just Move It!

Jump start your day with a morning physical activity for all participants to join in promoting healthy and active lifestyles!

Facilitators:

Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, NIHB

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Narration Workshop

Words matter. During this workshop participants will gain insight on how to add dimension and depth to your story. This workshop will assist youth in using their previously created Script and Storyboard to narrate their digital stories. These sound bites will be used in the final editing and formatting of their digital story.

Facilitators:

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Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

10:00 am - 12:00 am

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Silent Movie/Movie Maker & iMovie II Tutorial

Round 2 of Movie Maker & iMovie Tutorial helping to put the finishing touches on the flow of the story. During this workshop, participants will learn more detailed instructions on the use of Movie Make & iMovie.

Facilitators:

Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, NIHB

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Lunch Presentation: Youth Resources

Lunch presentation featuring Josie Raphaelito from CNAY. Participants will learn about opportunities and resources found through the Center for Native American Youth.

Facilitators:

Erin Bailey, Director, The Center for Native American Youth (CNAY)

Josie Raphaelito, MPH, Project Coordinator, CNAY

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Youth Roundtable Discussion/ REZ CAFE

Hear directly from Native Youth to learn about the unique health care concerns, challenges, and successes in their communities. It's a chance for your voice to be heard. This discussion will also include exploration of possible solutions and recommendations youth have to address these health care issues.

Moderator:

Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, NIHB

Facilitators:

Erin Bailey, Director, CNAY

Josie Raphaelito, MPH, Project Coordinator, CNAY

Youth Track

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Sync Narration/Final Movie Session

During this session, participants will synthesize their story narrative into a final product. Using all the tools and techniques learned through the two intensive days of trainings, participants will begin to finalize their digital stories for the Native Youth Film Festival.

Facilitators:

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Editing/Continued Project Work

Continued editing process for all participants that have not yet completed their final digital story. All finished participants will assist other youth in the completion of their digital stories.

Facilitators:

Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, NIHB

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

6:00 pm

Dinner on own

You Are Invited to the
National Indian Health Board's
40th Anniversary Celebration

Youth Summit Digital Stories & Red Carpet Film Festival

Sheraton Denver Downtown, Majestic Ballroom

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

7:30 - 9:30 pm

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and their partners invite you to the Youth Summit film festival showcasing digital stories developed and produced by our exceptionally talented American Indian and Alaskan Native youth.

The youth will discuss health care issues present in their respective communities through the powerful teaching method of digital storytelling. Digital storytelling is the modern expression of the art of ancient storytelling. Youth will demonstrate their ability to use their voice, music, images and interest in common themes to weave a powerful message of health disparities in Indian Country.

Guests will enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the talents of our youth and show their support of our future leaders!

Refreshments

Raffle

Semi-Formal
Attire

This Event is a Co-Production of
the Following Organizations:

- National Indian Health Board
- Healthy Native Community Partnership
- Center for Native American Youth
- United National Indian Tribal Youth
- International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management
- National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

Youth Track

TUESDAY

September 25, 2012

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Just Move It! Activity

Jump start your day with a morning physical activity for all participants to join in promoting healthy and active lifestyles!

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Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

FINAL Editing

Healthy Native Communities Partnership will work with each participant to make sure that all digital stories are edited correctly. This workshop will provide participants with intricate knowledge of the final processes needed to complete digital storytelling videos.

Facilitators:

Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, NIHB

Marita Jones, MPH, Director, HNCP

Chris Percy, MD, Faculty, HNCP

Shelley Frazier, MPH, National "Just Move It" Coordinator, HNCP

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Windows & Tower B Rooms

Lunch: Youth Working Lunch on Leadership

*Featuring Honored Guests

NIHB will provide Lunch for all participants. This lunch will include Honored Guests that will have a chance to speak with the Youth about various topics. The Youth will also have a chance to speak with the Honored Guests during this Youth Working Lunch on Leadership.

Moderator:

Paul Allis, MEd, Director of Public Health, NIHB

Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, NIHB

Facilitators:

Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (Bemidji), Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

H. Sally Smith, Secretary, NIHB (Alaska), Chairwoman, Bristol Bay Native Health Consortium

Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH, Director, Indian Health Service

Don Warne, MD, Board Member, Mayo Spirit of Eagles

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Windows Room

Closing & Private Digital Stories Screening Session

During this closing session, participants will have the opportunity to make commitments that will be included on commitment cards mailed to each participant following the Native Youth Track. These commitments can be anything that they desire to accomplish in the six months following the Youth Track. After the closing of the Track, we will privately screen the Digital Stories created during the Track.

4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Dinner on own/Getting Red Carpet Ready!!!

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Majestic Ballroom

FILM FESTIVAL

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Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

Speakers:

Walt Pourier, Stronghold Society
NIHB Board Members



		GRAND BALLROOM	WINDOWS	TOWER A	TOWER B	TOWER C
Sunday, September 23	Native Youth Track 8:00am - 8:00 pm		Native Youth Track		Native Youth Track	
Monday, September 24	Preconference Meetings 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Veterans Affairs (VA): Listening Session *OPEN TO PUBLIC AND VETERANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE				Native Youth Track
	Preconference Meetings 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Listening Session OPEN TO ALL - ALL ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE				
Tuesday, September 25	Workshop Session 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm			Healing Lodge	Returning Service Members of Operation Enduring Freedom/ Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) Substance Abuse Programs/ Suicide Prevention	Native Youth Track
	Workshop Session 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm				Understanding the Needs of Women Veterans/ Veteran Treatment Centers/ Readjustment Counseling	
Wednesday, September 26	Workshop Session 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm			Healing Lodge	Moving Toward Prevention: It Takes All Of Us	
	Workshop Session 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm				Working to Find Health Data and Then Making it Work for You!	
Thursday, September 27	Bonus Workshop Session 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm			Healing Lodge		

At-a-glance

New Online Resource!

SDPI

Special Diabetes
Program for Indians



JOIN THE SDPI NETWORK

SDPI is our nation's most effective effort in the prevention and treatment of diabetes in Indian Country.

Visit the NIHB SDPI Online Resource Center to get involved and learn more about the SDPI renewal campaign in Congress, personal success stories and local impact in your community.

www.nihb.org/sdpi/

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For more information contact:
Jennifer Cooper at jcooper@nihb.org or 202-507-4070



National Indian Health Board

*29th Annual
Consumer
Conference*

AND

*Fortieth Anniversary
Celebration*

Denver, Colorado
September 24-27, 2012

Agenda

Conference Agenda and Activities

Pre-Conference Meetings

Pre-Conference

MONDAY
September 24, 2012

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Silver Room

OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH: HEALTH RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HRAC) MEETING

The American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) HRAC was established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide the Department with a forum for direct consultation and collaboration with Tribes. The HRAC serves as an advisory body to Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the HHS on AI/AN health issues and research priorities. Members of the council are elected Tribal officials, including one delegate and alternate from each of the 12 Indian Health Service areas and four (4) National At-Large Members.

The HRAC serves three primary functions: (1) to obtain input from Tribal leaders on health needs and research priorities for their communities; (2) to provide a forum for HHS and Tribal leaders to better coordinate AI/AN health research activities; (3) to provide a conduit for disseminating information to Tribes about AI/AN health findings.

**This Meeting is OPEN to the PUBLIC*

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Grand Ballroom

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) TRIBAL CONSULTATION

*Coffee Break Sponsored by the
Albuquerque Area Indian Health
Board*

The Department of Veterans Affairs, an agency committed to fulfill President Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and

for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's Veterans is hosting a Tribal consultation session, through each of the VA administrations. VA is initiating consultation to request input to enhance the delivery of services to American Indian/ Alaska Native Veterans. Tribal consultation topics include: Native American Direct Loan Program, and increasing Tribal government involvement in the VA/ Indian Health Service Memorandum of Understanding workgroups and workgroup activities at the national and local levels. Consultation with Tribal Governments will enhance positive government-to-government relations between VA and all federally recognized Indian Tribes and maintain partnerships with American Indians and Alaskan Native tribes.

**OPEN to ALL Tribal Leaders and Veterans strongly encouraged to participate*

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

North Convention Foyer

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK OPEN

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Grand Ballroom

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) LISTENING SESSION

HRSA will host a Tribal Listening Session to seek Tribal Leaders' feedback on HRSA's programs. HRSA is the primary Federal Agency dedicated to improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable. During this Tribal Listening Session, there will be ample opportunity for Tribal Leaders and

Conference Workshop Tracks

Workshop Tracks

Representatives to learn more about and provide feedback on HRSA's programs.

**OPEN to ALL - ALL encouraged to participate*

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

South Convention Lobby

MARKETPLACE EXHIBIT

BOOTHS OPEN

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Majestic Ballroom

WELCOME RECEPTION

Partners:

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

Southern Ute Tribe

Denver Indian Center

City of Denver

Native American Rights Fund

International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management

Denver Indian Health and Family Services

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm

Majestic Ballroom

VIP Meet and Greet

KEY



Pre-Conference Meetings



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Track



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Track



Native Youth Track



Current Trends in Tribal Health Programs and Policy Track



TUESDAY, September 25, 2012

Full Agenda

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8:00 am - 8:20 am

Grand Ballroom

**OPENING CEREMONY/PRAYER
PROCESSION**

Presentation of Colors by the American Indian Veterans of Colorado Color Guard

- National Indian Health Board's Board of Directors
- Welcome Drum and Opening Prayer by Lee Plenty Wolf (Oglala Lakota)
- Southern Ute Tribe Drum Group

8:20 am - 8:30 am

Grand Ballroom

WELCOMING REMARKS

Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (Bemidji), Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

8:30 am - 8:50 am

Grand Ballroom

LOCAL WELCOME

Gary Hayes, Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe of Colorado

Jimmy R. Newton, Jr., Chairman, Southern Ute Tribe of Colorado

Darius Lee Smith, Tribal Liaison, City of Denver

L. Jace Killback, Vice Chairman, NIHB (Billings), Councilman, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Historical Welcome

8:50 am - 9:30 am

Grand Ballroom

NIHB 40th Anniversary Address

NIHB at 40: The Vision that Became One Enduring Voice for Our People's Health

Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (Bemidji), Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

H. Sally Smith, Secretary, NIHB (Alaska), Chairwoman, Bristol Bay Native Health Consortium

Buford Rolin, NIHB (Nashville), Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Grand Ballroom

HONORED SPEAKER:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

"American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans: A Legacy of Honor, Future of Hope"

The Honorable Eric Shinseki, Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

10:00 am - 10:05 am

Grand Ballroom

Special Videotaped Greeting

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Tuesday

10:05 am - 10:40 am

Grand Ballroom

Indian Health Service Keynote

The Indian Health Service

Moving Forward

**Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH, Director,
Indian Health Service**

10:40 am - 11:40 am

Grand Ballroom

FABULOUS FEDS

***Beyond IHS: Trust Responsibility
for American Indian and Alaska
Native Health***

The discussion will include participants from leading agencies within HHS who will discuss the role each office plays within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) organizational structure. The panelists will also discuss the responsibilities their respective office orchestrates in upholding the federal trust responsibilities for health.

Moderator:

**Rex Lee Jim, Member-at-Large, NIHB
(Navajo, Vice-President, Navajo Nation)**

Panelists:

**Pamela Hyde, JD, Administrator,
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration**

**Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, Administrator,
Health Resource Services Administration**

**Nadine Gracia, MD, MSCE, Deputy Assistant
Secretary, Office of Minority Health**

**Lillian Sparks, Commissioner,
Administration on Native Americans,
Administration on Children and Families**

11:40 am - 12:00 pm

Grand Ballroom

**Update From Secretary's Tribal
Advisory Committee (STAC)**

In late 2010, the HHS Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, created the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC), the first Tribal advisory committee established to directly advise the Secretary in the history of HHS. The Committee is comprised of one primary representative from each of the twelve Service Areas of the Indian Health Service (IHS), as well as five at-large national representatives. The STAC's primary purpose is to seek consensus, exchange views, share information and provide advice and/

or recommendations; or facilitate any other interaction related to intergovernmental responsibilities or administration of HHS programs, including those that arise explicitly or implicitly under statute, regulation or executive order.

Introduction:

**Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, National
Indian Health Board (Bemidji),
Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians, STAC Member**

**Ken Lucero, Chair, Secretary's Tribal
Advisory Committee and Tribal Council
Member, Pueblo of Zia**

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Grand Ballroom

LUNCHEON Seminar

***"The Special Diabetes Program
for Indians: The Most Effective
National Effort to Address Diabetes
in Indian Country"***

***Lunch Sponsored by Roche
Diagnostics***

Moderator:

**Gale Marshall (Choctaw Nation),
Consultant, Special Diabetes Program for
Indians, Indian Health Service Division of
Diabetes.**

Panelists:

"A View from Capitol Hill"

**Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO-1),
Co-Chair, Congressional Diabetes Caucus,
Representative, United States House of
Representatives**

***"A National Tribal Perspective
On SDPI"***

**Buford L. Rolin (Chairman, Poarch Band
of Creek Indians), Chair, Tribal Leaders
Diabetes Committee, NIHB Board Member
(Nashville Area)**

***"SDPI By the Numbers: Profile on
Long Term Success"***

**Spero M. Manson (Pembina Chippewa),
PhD, Director, Centers for American
Indian and Alaska Native Health,
Colorado School of Public Health,
University of Colorado**

***"The Necessity of Partnership to
the Future of SDPI"***

**Tekisha Dwan Everette, PhD, Managing
Director-Federal Government Affairs,
American Diabetes Association**

**James Buckles, Executive Director, Rocky
Mountain Chapter, Juvenile Diabetes
Research Foundation**

"Why Now?"

**Shondra McCage (Chickasaw
Nation), MPH, CHES,
Chair, Awakening the
Spirit/American Diabetes
Association**

Established by Congress in 1997, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) is a response to the diabetes epidemic among American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs). Administered by the Indian Health Service's Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention (DDTP) and with guidance from the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC), the SDPI programs use evidence-based, community-driven diabetes treatment and prevention strategies that address each stage of the disease. SDPI has become our nation's most strategic and effective federal effort in combating diabetes in Tribal communities. SDPI funding has led to significant advances in prevention, education, and treatment. It is saving lives, transforming communities and putting us on a path to a diabetes-free future in Indian Country. This session will feature perspectives on how SDPI is addressing diabetes as well as the prospects for securing renewal of the program this year. Speakers will include leaders in Congress, Tribal leaders, top scientists and researchers. This is your opportunity to learn about what has been accomplished, what remains to be done, and how you can get involved to help ensure this vital program remains in Indian Country.

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

Gold Room

CURRENT TRENDS TRACK

Health Information Technology for The Next Generation of Health Care in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

Moderator:

Rex Lee Jim, Member-at-Large, NIHB (Navajo, Vice-President, Navajo Nation)

Presenters:

Jason Heinecke, REC Director, NIHB

Tom Kauley, REC Consultant, NIHB

Nickol Todd, Project Officer, Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This workshop will provide an overview of the NIHB Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) program. This project is funded by the ONC. The NIHB Regional Extension Center (REC) is the only national HITECH center providing services to health facilities in 35 states. The NIHB REC has signed up more than 2,700 Primary Care Providers working in Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban health facilities. Information will be provided on a broad range of initiatives supported by the Center including the Native Health IT Native Workforce Training Program. The workshop participants will also be provided with information related to "Putting the 'I' in Health 'IT'."

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Colorado Room

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

CMS TRACK

The Healthy Native Babies Project, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Risk-Reduction Activities

Moderator:

L. Jace Killback, Vice Chairman, NIHB (Billings), Councilman, Northern Cheyenne Tribe

Presenter:

Folorunso Akintan, MD, MPH, Director, Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center

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

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Silver Room

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

CMS TRACK

Medicaid 101/ Medicaid Eligibility and Simplification Regulations

Moderator:

H. Sally Smith, Secretary, NIHB (Alaska), Chairwoman, Bristol Bay Native Health Consortium

Presenters:

Cindy Smith, Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY) Native American Contact (NAC), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Cyndi Gillaspie, Technical Director, Lead NAC, Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations, CMS

This session will provide an overview of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. This will include administration, eligibility, covered services, and reimbursement for Tribal health program staff and beneficiaries with a focus on specific provisions for American Indians and Alaska Natives. CMS NACS from Region 8 will be available to address the provider enrollment process and provide information about how to maximize collections for services provided by Tribal programs.

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Century Room

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

CMS TRACK

Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) Opportunities Today and In 2014

Moderator:

Buford Rolin, NIHB (Nashville), Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Presenters:

Myra Munson, Esq., Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson LLP

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) reenacts, amends, and permanently reauthorizes the Indian IHCIA. Many of the IHCIA provisions are essential to increasing health care coverage and direct collections from Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party insurers. This workshop will cover the key IHCIA provisions that are helpful for third party reimbursement today and for ACA implementation in 2014.

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Spruce Room

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

CMS TRACK

The Affordable Care Act and IHCIA: Three Initiatives

Moderator:

Tom John, Treasurer, NIHB (Oklahoma City), Administrator of Self Governance, Chickasaw Nation

Presenters:

"National Collaborative Tribal Outreach and Education Project"

Tyra Baer, Tribal Health Care Reform Project Coordinator, National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

Terra Branson, Legislative Associate, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

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"TTAG Outreach and Education Efforts"

Kitty Marx, JD, Director, Tribal Affairs Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

"Regional Tribal Consortium Approach to ACA Outreach and Education"

Diddy Nelson, Executive Director, Indian Health Service, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board

Outreach and education is currently underway with coordination of local trainings, national marketing tools, and e-resources that clearly explain health reform changes and their impact on Tribal communities. This workshop will share information about recent outreach campaigns through three projects: 1. NIHB, NCAI - National Indian Health Outreach & Education (NIHOE); 2. CMS TTAG Outreach & Education; 3. Tribal Education and Outreach Consortium (TEOC). Materials are being created for outreach and education to Tribes about Health Insurance Exchanges and Medicaid Expansion. Tools have been developed to provide effective, streamlined, consumer-oriented materials to assist American Indians and Alaska Natives in understanding their rights and new opportunities under the ACA and IHCA. Learn about these activities in your area and how you can become involved in outreach and education efforts.

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Denver Room

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

VA TRACK

Veterans Health Administration Enrollment and Eligibility

Moderator:

Lester Secatero, NIHB (Albuquerque), Chairperson, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

Presenters:

Travis Tougaw, Stakeholder Relations Manager Non-VA Care Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration, Chief Business Office Purchased Care

This workshop will provide an overview of: Basic Eligibility for VA Health Care, Income Thresholds, Medical Benefits Package, Basic

Eligibility for Beneficiary Travel, and Purchased Care Programs. The Department of Veterans Affairs, Chief Business Office (CBO) represents a single accountable authority for the development of administrative processes, policy, regulations, and directives associated with the delivery of VA health benefit programs. As a principal health benefits administration advisor to the Under Secretary for Health, the Chief Business Officer develops, implements, and supports various aspects of administrative health care issues. CBO core values are based upon offering quality Veteran services, implementing innovative business solutions, and a commitment to excellence in the development and management of all initiatives and programs. The CBO effectively and actively addresses a wide range of health benefit administration issues.

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Tower B Room

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

VA TRACK

Returning Service Members of Operation Enduring Freedom/ Operation Iraqi Freedom/ Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/ OND) Substance Abuse Programs/ Suicide Prevention

Moderator:

Andy Joseph Jr., NIHB (Portland), Council Member, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Presenters:

Krista Stephenson, Deputy National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, VA
Cleo Monette, LICSW, Behavioral Health Consultant, IHS Bemidji Area Office

Today, the VA is caring for America's newest generation of Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan while serving all Veterans from every conflict and every veteran who has defended the nation. The VA understands and appreciates Veterans' war experiences while assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community. This presentation will outline substance abuse programs and suicide prevention programs available through the VA.

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

BREAK

3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Gold Room

WORKSHOP II

CURRENT TRENDS TRACK

Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) - Electronic Health Records (EHR) Deployment Update

Moderator:

Martin Harvier, NIHB(Phoenix), Vice President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council

Presenters:

David Taylor, RPMS EHR Deployment Lead, Office of Information Technology, IHS Headquarters

Byron Jasper, REC Sub Recipient Team Lead, United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.

This workshop will provide an update on the current status of the Indian Health Service (IHS) deployment of the Resource and Patient Management System-Electronic Health Record (RPMS-EHR) across IHS/Tribal/urban Indian health facilities. Included in this workshop will be information on NIHB Regional Extension Center (REC) technical support of IHS efforts to deploy RPMS-EHR across Indian country. This workshop will discuss unique challenges to EHR adoption and its meaningful use, EHR Deployment Project Management, plus unique deployment services provided by IHS Office of Information Technology and NIHB-REC. The audience will learn of current features and future enhancements to the RPMS-EHR to meet the challenges of Meaningful Use as defined by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services' Incentive Program.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Colorado Room

WORKSHOP II

CURRENT TRENDS TRACK

Collaborative Partnership to Improve Response to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Tribal Communities

Moderator:

L. Jace KILLSBACK, Vice Chairman, NIHB (Billings), Councilman, Northern Cheyenne Tribe

Presenters:

Debbie Turner, AAS, Special Projects Coordinator, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Shirley Moses, MEd, Housing Director, Alaska Native Women's Coalition

Linda McLaughlin, Victim Advocate/Trainer, Alaska Native Justice Center

Paula Ciniero RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse

Brittany Luddington, MSW, Training Project Director, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The partnership team will provide an overview of how these four agencies unite to offer Tribes training on the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault. The team will give an overview of the data on domestic violence and sexual assault and describe the agencies that they work for, their program goals, and how this is tied to partnership. Panelist will briefly describe the regions or tribes in Alaska that they traveled to and some of the successes and challenges in those tribes. Finally, we will summarize the effectiveness and importance of partnerships in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Silver Room

WORKSHOP II

CMS TRACK

Medicare 101

Moderator:

H. Sally Smith, Secretary, NIHB (Alaska), Chairwoman, Bristol Bay Native Health Consortium

Presenters:

Rosella Norris, Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV), Native American Contact (NAC), CMS

This session will provide an overview of Medicare administration, eligibility, covered services and reimbursement for Tribal Health Program staff and beneficiaries with a focus on specific provisions for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Century Room

WORKSHOP II

CMS TRACK

Health Care Coverage of the Uninsured: What Does the Data Tell Us?

Moderator:

Michelle Hayward, NIHB (California), Elected Councilwoman, Redding Rancheria

Presenters:

Ed Fox, PhD, Health Services Director, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Carol Korenbrot, PhD, Research Director, California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)

James Crouch, MPH, Executive Director, CRIHB

There are critical gaps in health care coverage in Indian country whether or not American Indians and Alaska Natives have access to healthcare through the Indian Health Service. Closing the gaps in coverage will rely on both expanding eligibility criteria of Medicaid and on subsidizing costs of private insurance available through new state Health Insurance Exchanges. This workshop is designed to provide the audience with the latest information from U.S. Census, which is valuable to many people interested in outreach and enrollment of low income American Indians and Alaska Natives in state Medicaid programs and Health Insurance Exchanges to reduce the unmet need for comprehensive health care coverage in Indian country.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Denver Room

WORKSHOP II

CMS TRACK

Medicaid Expansion in 2014: Optional for States and Essential for Tribes

Moderator:

Frances G. Antone, NIHB (Tucson), Tohono O'odham Nation

Presenters:

Myra Munson, Esq, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson LLP

Cyndi Gillaspie, Technical Director, Lead Native American Contact (NAC), Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Lane Terwilliger, Esq, Center for Medicaid & State Operations, CMS

This workshop will provide updates and evolving trends in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program with a focus on expanding eligibility, access, delivery system reforms, and quality of care in preparation for expanding coverage in 2014. Trends in Medicaid section 1115 waivers, including managed care, will be discussed, as well as the new Waiver Transparency requirements applicable to these waivers.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Spruce Room

WORKSHOP II

VA TRACK

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)/ Indian Health Service (IHS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Collaboration in Action

Moderators:

John Garcia, Deputy Assistant Secretary, VA, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Stephanie Birdwell, MSW, Director, VA, Office of Tribal Government Relations

Presenters:

Mary Beth Skupien, PHD, Director, VA Office of Rural Health

Donna Jacobs, FACHE, Director, VA Prescott Medical Center

Cynthia Breyfogle, FACHE, Director, Charles George VA Medical Center

William "Skip" Myers, Native American Liaison, Cherokee Indian Hospital/ Charles George VA Medical Center

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The VA-IHS MOU was signed by Dr. Robert Petzel, VA Under Secretary for Health and Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, IHS on October 1, 2010. The Memorandum's principal goals are for VA and IHS to promote patient-centered collaborations in consultation with Tribes. Although national in scope, the MOU provides the necessary flexibility to tailor programs through local implementation. VA leadership believes that by bringing together the strengths and resources of each organization, we will improve the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

VA and IHS collaborate on areas such as services and benefits, coordination of care, health information technology, implementation of new technologies, payment and reimbursement, sharing of services, cultural competency and awareness, training and recruitment, and others. This presentation will provide an overview of the areas of collaboration and encourages discussion of local best practices focused on Veteran care.

the variety of programs available to Women Veterans such as Veteran Treatment Centers, and readjustment counseling.

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Vail Room

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN AIDS PREVENTION CENTER (NNAAPC) RECEPTION

NNAAPC is proud to be celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. Founded in 1987 in Oakland, CA, NNAAPC has a long history as the only national, Native-specific organization devoted to working on HIV and AIDS prevention and advocacy in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native American communities. Please join us for some refreshments and hors d'oeuvres before the start of the evening's film festival, and help us not only celebrate our 25th year anniversary, but also help us recognize the wonderful work that NIHB does as they celebrate their 40th anniversary.

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Windows Room

Special Diabetes Program for Indians - Tribal Caucus

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Majestic Ballroom

Film Festival

See below for details.

Tuesday

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Tower B Room

WORKSHOP II

VA TRACK

Understanding the Needs of Women Veterans/ Veteran Treatment Centers/ Readjustment Counseling

Moderator:

Mary Culley, MBA, Acting Tribal Government Relations Specialist-Southwest Region, VA, Office of Tribal Government Relations

Presenters:

Sharon Batala, Counselor, VA, Hopi Veterans Treatment Center

American Indian and Alaska Native Women serve in the military with pride and honor. The VA is committed to provide quality health care and benefits services and programs for women Veterans. The VA fosters programs which provide a cultural transformation (both within VA and in the general public) in recognizing the service and contributions of women Veterans and women in the military, and in raising awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with dignity and respect. This presentation will discuss

You Are Invited to the
National Indian Health Board's
40th Anniversary Celebration

Youth Summit Digital Stories & Red Carpet Film Festival

Sheraton Denver Downtown, Majestic Ballroom
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
7:30 - 9:30 pm

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and their partners invite you to the Youth Summit film festival showcasing digital stories developed and produced by our exceptionally talented American Indian and Alaskan Native youth.

The youth will discuss health care issues present in their respective communities through the powerful teaching method of digital storytelling. Digital storytelling is the modern expression of the art of ancient storytelling. Youth will demonstrate their ability to use their voice, music, images and interest in common themes to weave a powerful message of health disparities in Indian Country.

Guests will enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the talents of our youth and show their support of our future leaders!

This Event is a Co-Production of the Following Organizations:

- National Indian Health Board
- Healthy Native Community Partnership
- Center for Native American Youth
- United National Indian Tribal Youth
- International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management
- National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

Refreshments

Raffle

Semi-Formal Attire

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North Convention Lobby

WALK/RUN FOR HOPE

All conference attendees are
encouraged to participate in a walk/
run to stress the importance of healthy
living through a moderate increase in
physical exercise. The walk/run will
take place on the 16th Street Mall just
outside the hotel. Meet in the North
Convention Lobby to register. All
participants who complete the walk
will receive a collectable NIH 40th
Anniversary t-shirt and drawstring
sports bag sponsored by NIKE.

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NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN
AIDS PREVENTION CENTER



9:00 am - 9:10 am

Grand Ballroom

**WELCOME TO CENTERS FOR
MEDICARE AND MEDICAID
SERVICES (CMS) DAY!**

H. Sally Smith, Secretary, NIH (Alaska),
NIH Representative to the CMS Tribal
Technical Advisory Group (TTAG), and
NIH Medicare and Medicaid Advisory
Committee

9:10 am - 9:20 am

Grand Ballroom

**WELCOME TO DENVER
REGION 8, CENTERS FOR
MEDICARE & MEDICAID
SERVICES (CMS)!**

Jeff Hinson, Regional Administrator,
Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY), CMS

Wednesday



9:20 am - 9:35 am

Grand Ballroom

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Video: Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Presenter:

Gale Marshall, President, Two Feathers Media, North Carolina

9:35 am - 10:00 am

Grand Ballroom

Keynote Address:

Moving Forward On the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Health Insurance Exchanges

The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) is charged with helping implement many provisions of the ACA. CCIIO oversees the implementation of the provisions related to private health insurance. Gary Cohen, the new Director of CCIIO, will provide an update on CCIIO's activities.

Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, CCIIO, CMS

10:00 am - 10:10 am

Grand Ballroom

CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG): Progress And Future Goals

TTAG serves as an advisory committee to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on important health care matters associated with the Medicare, Medicaid, Children Health Insurance Programs and how the Affordable Care Act programs and activities impact Indian Country.

Valerie "Nurr'araaluk" Davidson, Chair of CMS TTAG, and Senior Director, Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

10:10 am - 10:30 am

Grand Ballroom

Keynote Address:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS): Updates for Indian Country

The IRS has a key role in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as the ACA contains some tax provisions that are in effect and more that will be implemented during the next several years. The Director of the Indian Tribal Governments Office at the IRS, the office that handles all federal tax matters related to tribal governments, will provide an update on IRS activities.

Christi J. Jacobs, Director, Office of Indian Tribal Governments, IRS

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Grand Ballroom

Question & Answer Session

A plenary panel discussion with our federal partners to gain an understanding of the primary roles each office plays within the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) organizational structure to move the Affordable Care Act (ACA) work forward. The panelists will also discuss the responsibilities of engaging Tribes in the implementation of Health Care Reform and key benefits for individual American Indian and Alaska Natives. Learn about other resources available from the federal government to help you learn more about the ACA.

Facilitator:

Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (Bemidji), Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Panelists:

Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)

Valerie "Nurr'araaluk" Davidson, Chair of CMS Tribal Affairs Advisory Group (TTAG), and Senior Director, Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Christi J. Jacobs, Director, Office of Indian Tribal Governments, Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Grand Ballroom

Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) Strategic Plan Update

The purpose of the CMS TTAG American Indian and Alaska Native Strategic Plan is to outline a path for CMS to partner with Tribal governments in order to achieve mutually-beneficial goals and objectives. The plan's goals, objectives, and tasks include funding recommendations for the CMS Administrator to consider during budget formulation processes and while writing CMS work plans. Hear an overview from TTAG on the progress of this work and next steps.

Presenter:

Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)

11:30 am - 12:15pm

Grand Ballroom

What Will Sequestration Mean for American Indian and Alaska Native Health?

On September 14, 2012, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued its report on Sequestration. The report notes that the 2% exemption, as provided under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, for the Indian Health Service (IHS) accounts (services and facilities) applies "only for a discretionary cap sequestration and such accounts are fully sequestrable under a Joint Committee sequestration." This means that nearly all of the Indian health service's budget is subject to a 8.2% cut under the upcoming sequestration (which is a \$317 million cut for services in FY 2013). The IHS's mandatory accounts (e.g. SDPI) is subject to a 2% cap. The 8.2% cut is quite different than what was originally understood and reported by many.

Presenters:

Jodi Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, Domestic Policy Council Member, Executive Office of the President

Marc Garufi, Chief, Public Health Branch, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (Invited)

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Colorado Room

WORKSHOP 1

CURRENT TRENDS TRACK

An Exploration of Adapting the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Model (ROSC) to Native American Substance Abuse Recovery

Moderator:

Michelle Hayward, NIHB (California), Elected Councilwoman, Redding Rancheria

Presenters:

Anne Helene Skinstad, PhD, Director, Prairielands Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC)

Erin Thin Elk, MSW, Director of the Northern Plains Behavioral Health Programs, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (GPTCHB)

Substance use disorders are considered a chronic disease and clients in recovery need support from their community to be able to maintain sobriety. The shift in service delivery from acute to long term care is often referred to as Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. Prairielands ATTC in partnership with the GPTCHB, Northern Plains Behavioral Health Programs, has held talking circles with a number of Tribal behavioral health professionals both in the Northern Plains and Great Lakes regions to explore how this national movement can best be adapted to Native American recovery. The presentation will focus on preliminary results from the talking circles.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Denver Room

WORKSHOP 1

CURRENT TRENDS TRACK

Tribal Public Health Institute Feasibility Study

Moderator:

H. Sally Smith, Secretary, NIHB (Alaska), Former Tribal Representative, Public Health Accreditation Board, Chairperson, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Presenters:

Aleena Hernandez, MPH, CEO/Founder, Red Star Innovations, LLC

Aimee Centivany, MPH, Project Lead, Red Star Innovations, LLC

Red Star Innovations received a contract from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to determine the desirability and feasibility of a Tribal Public Health Institute (TPHI). This Tribal Roundtable is one of eight to be held nationally to engage Tribes, Tribal Organizations and other Tribal public health system stakeholders in a consultative process to inform the overall direction of the project. Our objectives are to provide an overview of the project; facilitate discussion to identify strengths and needs of Tribal public health systems; and discuss the potential role of a Tribal public health institute. Input received at the Roundtable will be summarized and reported back to participants and NIHB.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Silver Room

WORKSHOP 1

CMS TRACK

An Overview of Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) in Indian Country

Moderator:

Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (Bemidji), Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Presenters:

Susan Karol, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Services

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, APRN-CNP, Administrator, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Cynthia LaCounte, Director, Office for American Indian, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian Programs, Administration for Community Living (ACL) & Administration on Aging (AoA)

John L. Johns, JD, Health Insurance Specialist, Tribal Affairs Group (TAG), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

This session will provide an overview of LTSS in the context of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act (IHCA), and the Older Americans Act, Title VI Programs for Native American, Native Alaskan & Native Hawaiian Elders. These authorities provide opportunities to expand LTSS in Indian Country. The workshop will also offer an overview of a collaborative effort between the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging (ACL/AoA), and the CMS to provide technical assistance and ongoing training regarding LTSS to IHS direct service providers, Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian health programs (I/T/Us) that are seeking to expand the development and delivery of LTSS for their communities' users.

WORKSHOP TRACKS KEY

	Pre-Conference Meetings
	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Track
	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Track
	Native Youth Track
	Current Trends in Tribal Health Programs and Policy Track

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Spruce Room

WORKSHOP 1

CMS TRACK

Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Trends and Tribal Responses

Moderator:

Jennifer Cooper, JD, MPA, Legislative Director, National Indian Health Board

Presenters:

Elliot A. Milhollin, Esq., Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

Stephen R. Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairman, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Lane Terwilliger, Esq., Center for Medicaid & State Operations (CMSO), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Ken Lucero, Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Native American Health Policy (CNAHP)

This workshop will provide updates and evolving trends in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to expand eligibility, access, delivery system reforms, and the quality of care in preparation for expanding coverage in 2014. Trends in Medicaid section 1115 waivers including managed care will be discussed as well as the new Waiver Transparency requirements applicable to these waivers.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Tower B Room

WORKSHOP 1

CMS TRACK

Moving Toward Prevention: It Takes All Of Us

Moderator:

Tom John, Treasurer, NIHB (Oklahoma City), Administrator of Self Governance, Chickasaw Nation

Presenters:

CAPT Zachary Taylor, MD, MS, Regional Health Administrator, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY) Office, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Cheryl Kennedy, Director of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

This workshop will discuss the National Prevention Strategy, which is an unprecedented opportunity to shift the nation from a focus on sickness and disease to one based on wellness and prevention. The National

Prevention Strategy presents a vision, goals, recommendations, and action items that public, private, nonprofit organizations, and individuals can meet to reduce preventable death, disease, and disability in the United States. Several initiatives will be addressed that support the National Prevention Strategy, such as the Million Hearts Campaign to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes over five years and the Let's Move! in Indian Country initiative that seeks to support and advance the work that Tribal leaders and community members are already doing to improve the health of American Indian and Alaskan Native children.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Century Room

WORKSHOP 1

VA TRACK

Native Veterans Mental Health and Innovations in Tele-Health Services

Moderator:

Peter S. Vicaire, JD, Tribal Government Relations Specialist- Central Region, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations

Presenters:

Jay H. Shore, MD, MPH, Native Domain Lead, Veterans Rural Health Resource Center Western Region, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Rural Health

Ronald Schmidt, LICSW, Rural Health Consultant, VA, Veterans Integrated Service Network 19

New technologies such as tele-health help improve health care services and can bring care closer to home. Tele-health in VA helps ensure Veteran patients get the right care in the right place at the right time and aims to make the home into the preferred place of care, whenever possible. If the home, or place of residence, is going to be the preferred site of care the caregiver in the home and caregiver support in the local community becomes ever more important. Treatment provided through these services includes, medication management and psychotherapy (group, individual and family), as well as links to and coordination

with other VA services. The Prescott VA and IHS Chinle have established videoconferencing connectivity to provide tele-psychiatry. This workshop will provide an overview of native mental health/tele-health services for American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Gold Room

WORKSHOP 1

VA TRACK

The Cherokee Project: Developing a Partnership for Life Asheville VA Medical Center/ Cherokee Indian Hospital

Moderator:

Lester Secatero, NIHB (Albuquerque), Chairperson, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

Presenters:

Cynthia Breyfogle, FACHE, Director, Charles George VA Medical Center

Barbara St. Hilaire, LICSW, Director, Home Based Primary Care, Charles George VA Medical Center

Penny James, LICSW, Program Manager, Home Based Primary Care, Charles George VA Medical Center

William "Skip" Myers, Native American Liaison, Cherokee Indian Hospital/ Charles George VA Medical Center

Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) serves as the primary care provider for veterans with complex chronic diseases for whom traditional clinic based care is not effective. Services include ongoing monitoring of medical needs and changes in functioning, routine comprehensive assessments, coordination of care, and the prevention or early detection of worsening conditions. HBPC works with the Veteran, their family, their caregiver, and the community to ensure quality care. The Asheville VA Medical Center and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribe have collaborated to provide a HBPC office located on the Reservation. A Veteran can continue to receive medical services through the Cherokee Indian Hospital. The program uses an

interdisciplinary team of health care professionals who work together to create a plan of care specific to each veteran. This workshop will provide an overview of the HBPC program between the Asheville VA Medical Center and Cherokee Indian Hospital.

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm

BREAK

2:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Colorado Room

WORKSHOP 2

CURRENT TRENDS TRACK

Don't Feed the Monster on Tuesday

Moderator:

L. Jace KILLSBACK, Vice Chairman, NIHB (Billings), Councilman, Northern Cheyenne Tribe

Presenter:

Cheri Hample, MPH, MSW, Tribal Health Director, Chugachmiut

"Don't Feed the Monster on Tuesday" will be an interactive session using Children's books on self-esteem, stress/anger management and other tools for managing toxic stress. Participants will learn how to create and maintain "tools for living a happy, healthy well balanced life. Also participants will learn about self-confidence/self-esteem and how to build positive self-esteem, as well as how to communicate in a assertive manner. Among other things participants will learn about tools for stress management and how to incorporate them into their daily routine all while having FUN!!

2:45 pm - 4:15pm

Tower B Room

WORKSHOP 2

CMS TRACK

Working to Find Health Data and Then Making it Work for You!

Moderator:

Michelle Hayward, NIHB (California), Elected Councilwoman, Redding Rancheria

Presenters:

Robert Foley, MEd, Executive Director, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC)

Jamie Folsom, MS, Project Manager, NNAAPC

NNAAPC worked on a project for the past twelve months to raise the competency of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian (and those people serving Native communities) to become informed consumers of health information. Health data is the paving stones for the improved community health, health education and promotion, and advocacy.

It is vital for all communities to understand not just how to locate data, but how to use it. This workshop is designed for individuals new to the health promotion or education field, and will serve to introduce them to concepts of epidemiology and health information. This workshop will utilize original pieces of Native art to frame a discussion around the value of health information in our communities, and the role that this information plays in decision-making. Participants will be exposed to various sources of health data on a variety of health issues, as well as how to utilize the data for program improvement, advocacy and sustainability.

2:45 pm - 4:15pm

Silver Room

WORKSHOP 2

CMS TRACK

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Payment Reform- Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) and Integrated Care

Moderator:

Rex Lee Jim, Member-at-Large, NIHB (Navajo) Vice-President, Navajo Nation

Presenters:

Josh Engelken, CEO, Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation

Lynette Bonar RN, MBA, BSN, Chief Operating Officer at Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation

Lane Terwilliger, Esq, Center for Medicaid & State Operations (CMSO), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Affordable Care Act encourages the development of new, innovating health care delivery systems that will promote quality health care while lowering health care costs. One such model includes ACOs, which are described as organizations formed by groups of doctors and other health care providers that have agreed to work together to coordinate care for people with Medicare. The workshop will provide an overview of various integrated care and payment reform models, including ACOs, being considered by health care providers and the CMS Innovation Center.

2:45 pm - 4:15pm

Gold Room

WORKSHOP 2

CMS TRACK

Outreach and Enrollment Best Practices

Moderator:

Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, National Indian Health Board (Bemidji), Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Presenters:

Ed Fox, PhD, Health Services Director, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Ernesto Padilla, Executive Director, Lake County Tribal Health Consortium, Inc.

Outreach and education are powerful tools in overcoming barriers to enrolling American Indians and Alaska Natives in Center for Medicare

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and Medicaid Services programs. This session will focus on promising practices to improve outreach and enrollment of American Indian and Alaska Native families and children in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

2:45 pm - 4:15pm

Century Room

WORKSHOP 2

CMS TRACK

Health Insurance Exchange in 2014

Moderator:

Martin Harvier, NIHB(Phoenix), Vice President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council

Presenters:

Alida Montiel, Health System Analyst, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc

Diddy Nelson, Executive Director, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board, Indian Health Board (IHS)

Mark LeBeau, MS, PhD, Health Policy Analyst, California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.

Nancy Martine-Alonzo, Executive Director, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

States have a responsibility to work with tribes, within their boundaries, and to develop health insurance exchanges. This workshop will provide participants with a background and share news on implementation in their states. State health insurance exchanges will carry out several tasks: such as, conducting eligibility determining eligibility, describe health plan choices to consumers, providing outreach to consumers, and enroll beneficiaries. This workshop will focus on the impact of state insurance exchanges for Indian country. We will share current best practices in developing materials and communicating with American Indian and Alaska Native consumers. Tribes need a heads up about what is coming from state Exchanges and this presentation will provide real world experience to help give you the building blocks for the implementation of successful outreach and education strategies.

2:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Spruce Room

WORKSHOP 2

VA TRACK

Alaska Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center/Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal Organization Collaboration

Moderator:

H. Sally Smith, Secretary, NIHB (Alaska), Former Tribal Representative, Public Health Accreditation Board, Chairperson, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Presenters:

Alexander Spector, Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, Alaska VA Medical Center

Chris Mandregan Jr., MPH, Director, Alaska Area, HHS

Elizabeth "Libby" Watanabe, MPA, RD, LD, Special Assistant to the President, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

The Alaska VA Healthcare System, the Alaska Area Indian Health Service and the Alaska Tribal Health Care System have joined forces in order to improve the coordination and provision of health and other care for Veterans residing throughout Alaska. A slide show will be provided describing these efforts and will illustrate the pioneering efforts of the three organizations with one unified goal: to provide the best possible care and benefits for Alaskan Veterans.

2:45 pm - 4:15pm

Denver Room

WORKSHOP 2

VA TRACK

Tribal Veterans Representatives

Moderator:

Lester Secatero, NIHB (Albuquerque), Chairperson, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

Presenters:

Terry Bentley, Tribal Government Relations Specialist- Western Region, Department of Veterans Affairs(VA), Office of Tribal Government Relations

Connie Moffitt, Minority Veterans Program Coordinator, VA Black Hills Healthcare System

Tribal Veterans Representatives (TVRs) are a representative of a Tribal entity such as a village tribal council, government, health care corporation, etc. TVRs are trained to know about available VA services, like education programs, funeral

services, home and small business loan programs, transportation services, vocational rehabilitation, disability compensation, and pension. TVRs are volunteers who work closely with various agencies to help tribal Veterans and their families learn about and obtain needed services, as well as provide assistance in completing paperwork for VA healthcare enrollment and benefits. This workshop will provide an overview of the TVR concept and offers best practice suggestions for tribes interested in establishing TVR positions and Veterans programs in local communities.

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Silver Room

VA TRACK

U.S DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) LISTENING SESSION

Moderator:

Lester Sacatero

Erika D. Moott, MPA, Executive Officer/ Tribal Government Relations Specialist, Eastern Region, VA, Office of Tribal Government Relations

Presenters:

Stephanie Birdwell, MSW, Director, VA, Office of Tribal Government Relations

Cynthia Breyfogle, FACHE, Director, VA, Charles George VA Medical Center

Stephen DiStasio, FACHE, Director, VA, VA Black Hills Medical Center

Cynthia Kindred, Acting Deputy Chief Business Officer for Purchased Care, VA, Chief Business Office

Janet Murphy, Director, VA, Veterans Integrated Service Network 23

This listening session will provide an opportunity to interact with and hear updates from VA leadership and subject matter experts, share best practices and network with others who are serving Veterans in Indian Country. VA must build and maintain lasting bonds with Tribal leaders and Native American Veterans. Toward this end, listening sessions are vital if we are to effectively address the unique needs of Native American Veterans. We

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see a future where VA demonstrates its commitment to Native American Veterans by being culturally competent, respecting the unique sovereign status of tribes, and reaching out to Veterans in their communities.

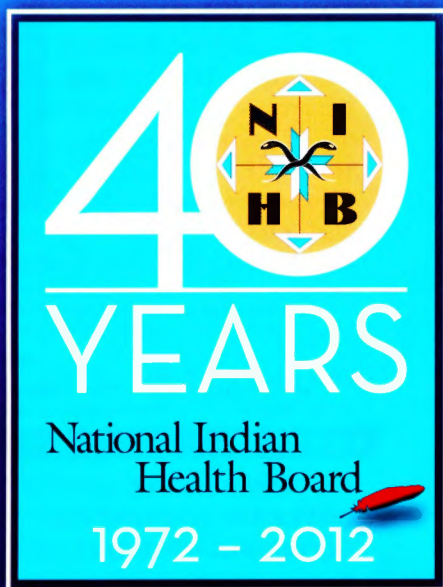
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Majestic Ballroom

AWARDS GALA

Mistress of Ceremonies

Gale Marshall, President, Two Feathers
Media, North Carolina



Please Join Us

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
Majestic Ballroom

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- National Impact Awards
- Local, Regional, and Youth Impact Awards
- American Diabetes Association John Pipe Award

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THURSDAY
September 27, 2012

7:00 am - 8:30 am

North Convention Lobby

MORNING COFFEE SERVED

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7:00 am - 8:45 am

Windows Room

Special Event for Tribal Leaders

Breakfast will be provided.

Tribal Caucus. Closed session for Tribal leaders only.

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

South Convention Lobby

MARKETPLACE EXHIBITS OPEN

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

North Convention Lobby Platform

ELDER'S CORNER

This special place is reserved for Native Elders to relax in their own space.

8:00 - 5:00 pm

Tower A Room

Healing Lodge

The Healing Lodge will host several Traditional Healers from various Tribal communities throughout Indian Country. The lodge will provide an opportunity for conference attendees to seek guidance and direction in a safe and healing environment throughout the event.

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Tribal Leaders Caucus on Contract Support Costs

9:00 am - 9:05 am

Grand Ballroom

Opening Remarks

Cathy Abramson, Chairperson, NIHB (Bemidji), Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

9:05 am - 9:35 am

Grand Ballroom

Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH, Director, Indian Health Service

9:35 am - 10:15 am

Grand Ballroom

The Role of the IHS National Tribal Budget Work Group/ IHS National Tribal Budget Work Group Budget Testimony

Moderator:

Tom John, NIHB Treasurer (Oklahoma City), Chairman, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board

Presenter:

Carolyn Crowder, Health Director, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc., National Co-Chair, IHS National Tribal Budget Work Group

10:15 am - 10:20 am

Grand Ballroom

Special Videotaped Greeting

Honorable Thomas R. Frieden, MD, MPH, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

10:20 am - 11:00 am

Grand Ballroom

Finding a Balance of Health and Illness, Good and Evil, Joy and Sorrow

Moderator:

Frances G. Antone, NIHB (Tucson), Tohono O'odham Nation

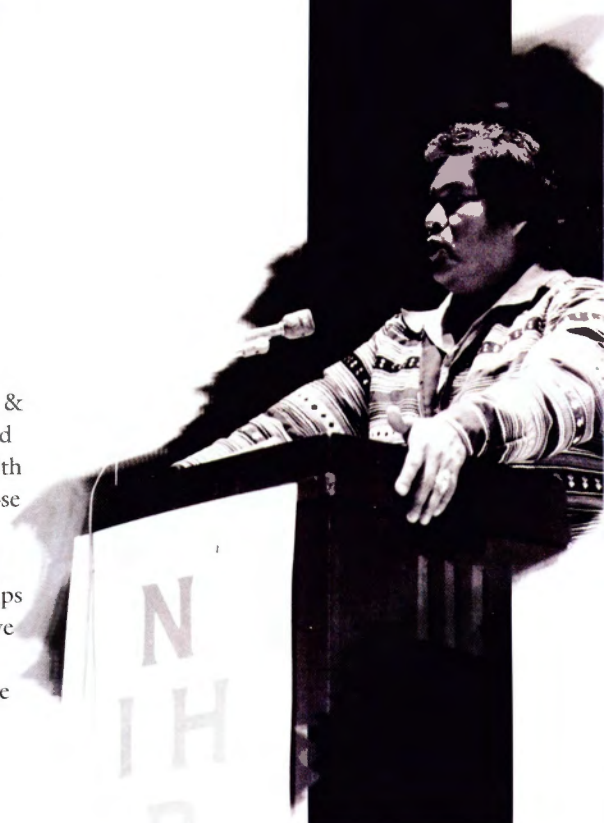
Presenter:

Michelle Collins, Membership Administration Liaison Rep, President, Native American Business Resource Group

Kaiser Permanente proudly presents HOZHO (Life in Balance), a documentary film focusing on the diversity and health of the Native American populations. The Diversity & Health Film Series (DHS) was created to raise the cultural awareness of health care providers and staff for the purpose of achieving: 1) Enhanced patient interactions and health outcomes; 2) Respectful and productive relationships in the workplace; and 3) Collaborative relationships with the communities we serve to find solutions to eliminate health disparities.

This 35-minute documentary produced by the Kaiser Permanente

Thursday



Diversity Development Department in association with the Kaiser Permanente Native American Business Resource Group. This moving and insightful documentary shares personal experiences of Kaiser Permanente members, staff and community partners while exploring Native American health disparities in the U.S.

11:00 am - 11:15 am

Grand Ballroom

The Supreme Court's Decision on the Affordable Care Act (ACA): What Does this Mean for Indian Health?

On Thursday, June 28, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the ACA and with it the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). With this important Supreme Court case settled and the permanent reauthorization of the IHCIA affirmed, the Indian health care system now can begin a new chapter in the delivery of quality health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The speakers will review the Court's decision, and its implications to both the Medicaid Expansion and delivery of Indian Health Care.

Presenters:

Jennifer Cooper, JD, MPA, Legislative Director, National Indian Health Board
Elliot A. Milhollin, Esq., Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

11:15 am - 11:45 am

Grand Ballroom

Indian Health Care Improvement Act Implementation Update (IHCIA)

Moderator:

Buford Rolin, NIH Board Member (Nashville), Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, National Co-Chair, National Tribal Steering Committee for the Reauthorization of the IHCIA (Note: The Committee concluded its work when the IHCIA was permanently reauthorized in 2010)

Presenters:

Jennifer Cooper, JD, MPA, Legislative Director, National Indian Health Board
Myra Munson, JD, Partner, Sonosky Chambers, Sachse and Munson Law Firm

11:45 am - 12:00 pm

Grand Ballroom

Closing Remarks

Invitation to 2013 ACC/Traverse City, Michigan

Closing Blessing

Retiring of the Colors

American Indian Veterans of Colorado Color Guard

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

BONUS WORKSHOPS

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Spruce Room

Implementing an Electronic Health Record in Indian Country: The Good, Bad, and Ugly!

Presenters:

Brandy Cunningham, AAS, Muscogee Creek Nation Division of Health
Robert Coffey, BS, Chief Information Officer, Muscogee Creek Nation Division of Health
Kris Krueger, Information Technology Manager, Muscogee Creek Nation Division of Health
Becky Whitlow, Medical Technologist, Muscogee Creek Nation Division of Health

As we strive to be a leader in Indian health we have faced many challenges as well as rewards. Being the first tribe in Oklahoma to move away from RPMS has provided many opportunities to learn new lessons. Some include, but are not limited to, the following; Training our staff, hardware and software install and upgrades; and educating our vendors on the necessary functionality needed in the software and the culture of Indian Health.

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Century Room

Collaboration Among Tribal and State Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Organizations

Moderator:

Blake Harper, MPH, Public Health Project Coordinator, National Indian Health Board

Presenters:

Andy Ruck, PhD, Professor, Health Care Organization and Policy, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Su Jin Jeong, Doctoral Candidate, University of Alabama at Birmingham

This workshop will present results from a project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation conducted through a partnership with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs and the National Indian Health Board. Levels of collaboration were explored for state and tribal organizations



that serve women and children (the MCH population). Surveys contained questions about how many and how often participants worked with identified partners. The workshop will focus on responses from the survey and interview questions used to explore the nature of these partnerships, activities, barriers and possible ways to enhance collaboration.

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Gold Room

Promoting Healthy Native Foods and Designing Effective Strategies to Prevent and Address Obesity in Indian Country

Moderator:

Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

Presenter:

Stacy A. Bohlen, Executive Director, NIHB

Rob Kinneen, Alaska Native (Tlingit) Chef

Jessica Quinlan, RD, Renal Dietician, Red Rocks Zuni Dialysis Unit, Pueblo of Zuni

Ms. Bohlen will discuss NIHB's new program to promote the use of community gardens and advancing Native foods as part of a culturally-based effort to prevent diabetes in Indian country. This "Healthy Native Foods Program" is advancing in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Native Diabetes Wellness Program

Chef Kinneen will provide information about advocating for Indigenous, local and sustainable foods and food gathering practice. He also will discuss the value of integrating Native foods into the daily diet as a means to achieve and sustain health. Chef Kinneen will discuss the use of media to promote Native foods.

Ms. Quinlan will present successful Native strategies in addressing childhood obesity in Tribal communities utilizing the Pueblo of Zuni's integrated gardening, nutrition and physical activity programs for the community's children.

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Colorado Room

Public Health Laws in Indian Country - Exercising Sovereignty to Improve Health

Presenters:

Emily White Hat, JD, Program Manager, National Congress of American Indians Policy Research Center(NCAI)

Malia Villegas, PhD, Director, Policy Research Center, NCAI

The National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Health Board will host a roundtable discussion for Tribal leaders, health practitioners, and Tribal health program directors and staff to discuss public health laws in Indian Country (e.g., emergency preparedness, road safety, food handling, and management of health outbreaks). This workshop will discuss the scope and range of Tribal public health laws, look the ways law can promote public health goals for Tribal nations, identify the unique aspects of public health law in Indian Country, and gather feedback that will inform the development of a Tribal public health law database.

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Silver Room

Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative Practices - Tools for Success!

Moderator:

Paul Allis, M Ed, Director of Public Health, National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

Presenters:

Richard Colson, Supervisor/ Manager of the Outpatient Treatment Program, Fond du Lac Reservation

Gail Mason, PhD, Clinical Director, Drug and Alcohol Programs, Methamphetamine, Rehabilitation Program, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Erin Thin Elk, MSW, Director of the Northern Plains Behavioral Health Programs

Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board

The Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) is a national pilot demonstration project focused on addressing two of the most pressing public health concerns in American Indian and Alaska Native communities - methamphetamine use and suicide. As part of the MSPI, the Indian Health Service is funding 125 Federal, Tribal, and urban programs developing innovative and promising approaches to reduce the methamphetamine and suicide crisis in Indian Country today. This workshop will highlight evidence-based and promising approaches used by Tribal MSPI over the last three years. The program presenters will discuss the challenges encountered, creative and innovative solutions to barriers, and promising outcomes.

Thursday



THURSDAY, September 27, 2012

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Tower B Room

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Outreach and Education: Focus Group Testing of Outreach Materials

Moderator:

H. Sally Smith, Secretary, NIHB (Alaska),
NIHB Representative to the CMS Tribal
Technical Advisory Troup (TTAG), and
NIHB Medicare and Medicaid Advisory
Committee

Presenters:

Kitty Marx, Director, Tribal Affairs, CMS
Georgeline Sparks, Tribal Affairs, CMS

5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Grand Ballroom

**GOURD DANCING and SOCIAL
POW WOW and CULTURAL
EXHIBITION**

**NIHB
40th Anniversary Celebration
Pow Wow and Cultural Dance Performance**

Denver Sheraton's Grand Ballroom

Thursday, September 27, 2012

5:00 - 11:00 pm

You are invited to take part in the 40th Anniversary Celebration of NIHB and its legacy of advocating for the improved health of our People. This Social Pow Wow and Cultural Dance Performance event is open to all American Indians and Alaska Natives: Admission is free. This cultural showcase will include a Pow Wow and cultural dance performances by Alaska Native and Navajo Dance Groups. Bring your regalia, and join the social and traditional intertribal dancing, singing and share your traditions as part of this celebration.

5:00 - 6:00 pm
Gourd Dance

Gourd Dance Start
Water Bird Singers, Southern

6:30 pm
Honor Guard
Master of Ceremonies
Arena Director
Host Southern Drum
Host Northern Drum
Head Man Dancer
Head Woman Dancer
Head Boy Dancer
Head Girl Dancer

Honor Guard and Grand Entry
American Indian Veterans of Colorado Color Guard
Thomas Wind, Creek
Bernard Cottonwood, Hunkpapa Dakota
Water Bird Singers
Plenty Wolf Singers
Doug Good Feather, Hunkpapa Lakota, Veteran
Adrianna Rouillard, Oglala Lakota, Veteran
Matene Wanna-Jerome, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
Shaylee Sherwood, Arikara-Hidatsa-Navajo-Assiniboine-Blackfeet, Cree

Others include: Veterans, Elders, Visiting Royalty, NIHB Board Members, NIHB Staff, Area Health Boards and Staff, NIHB Awardees, NIHB Local Partners, NIHB Sponsors, Youth Summit Participants and all visiting guests.

7:00 - 11:00 pm

Evening Social Pow Wow and Cultural Performances
Intertribal Dancing
Special for Elders
Alaska Native Dance Group
Navajo Dance Group
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Closing Ceremonies

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Alaska Native Health Board *Anchorage, Alaska*



The Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB), established in 1968, is recognized as the statewide voice on Alaska Native health issues. The purpose of the Alaska Native Health Board is to promote the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and cultural well-being and pride of Alaska Native people. ANHB is a 25-member board entity, consisting of one elected or selected representative of the Board of Directors or health committees of Alaska's Native regional health organizations and independent tribal public Law 93-638 compactors/contractors. For more information, visit www.anhb.org.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium *Anchorage, Alaska*



The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium created in 1997 to provide statewide Native health services is a not-for-profit tribal health organization managed by Alaska Native tribal governments and their regional health organizations. The consortium provides statewide services in specialty medical care; construction of water, sanitation and health facilities; community health and research; information technology and professional recruiting. For more information, visit www.anthc.org

American Dental Association *Chicago, Illinois*



Founded in 1859, the American Dental Association is the oldest and largest national dental society in the world. Since then, the ADA has grown to become the leading source of oral health related information for dentists and their patients. The ADA works to advance the dental profession on the national, state and local level. For more information, visit www.ada.org.

American Diabetes Association *Alexandria, Virginia*



The American Diabetes Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The "Awakening The Spirit" campaign works locally and nationally with Native American and Alaska native communities and other organizations developing and disseminating educational materials to encourage the fight against diabetes, making healthy food choices and becoming more active. For more information, visit www.diabetes.org.

American Psychiatric Association *Arlington, Virginia*



The American Psychiatric Foundation (APF), works to advance understanding of mental illnesses; promote awareness of mental illnesses and the effectiveness

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of treatment, the importance of early intervention, access to care and the need for high quality services and treatment through a combination of public and professional education, research, research training, grants, and awards. For more information, visit www.psych.org.

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation *Dillingham, Alaska*



The Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation (BBAHC) was formed by Bristol Bay tribes in 1973 to provide health services to residents of Southwest Alaska. BBAHC now serves 34 villages and employs over 360 health care professionals. BBAHC remains dedicated to their founders' vision of providing quality health care with competence, a caring attitude, and cultural sensitivity. For more information, visit www.bbahc.org.

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



The Choctaw Nation Health Care Services, anchored by the Health Care Center in Talihiina, Choctaw Nation has satellite clinics in Broken Bow, Idabel, Hugo, McAlester, Poteau, Stigler, and Talihiina. Since the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center opened in June, 1999, and with recent renovations to its satellite clinics, the Choctaw Nation is the leader in health care in southern Oklahoma. For more information, visit www.choctawnation.com.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Tribal Affairs Group *Baltimore, Maryland*



The CMS Tribal Affairs Group provides Agency-leadership in the development and enhancement of the government to government relationship with Tribes; serves as a liaison and an internal resource for Tribal leaders, Indian health programs and beneficiaries, and other Federal agencies in regards to AI/AN health issues and CMS programs; and promotes Agency's policies and activities to improve the health care status of AI/ANs. For more information, visit www.cms.gov.

Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker LLP *Portland, Oregon*



The law firm of Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP is a national law firm at the forefront of legal issues impacting Indian Country with attorneys dedicated to promoting and defending sovereign rights, expanding opportunities, and improving the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Their clients include tribes, tribal organizations and individual Indians in all regions of the United States, including Alaska. For more information, visit www.hsdwlaw.com.

Intertribal Buffalo Council *Rapid City, South Dakota*



ITBC has a membership of 56 tribes in 19 states with a collective herd of over 15,000 bison. Membership of ITBC remains open and there is continued interest by non-member tribes in the

organization. ITBC is committed to reestablishing buffalo herds on Indian lands in a manner that promotes cultural enhancement, spiritual revitalization, ecological restoration, and economic development. For more information, visit www.itbcbuffalo.com.

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National Native American AIDS Prevention Center *Denver, Colorado*



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN AIDS PREVENTION CENTER

The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) helps organizations that serve Native communities to plan, develop and manage HIV/AIDS prevention, intervention, care and treatment programs and addresses the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians through culturally appropriate advocacy, research, education, and policy development in support of healthy Indigenous. For more information, visit www.nnaapc.org.

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Native American Rights Fund

Boulder, Colorado



The Native American Rights Fund is dedicated to asserting and defending the rights of Indian tribes, organizations and individuals nationwide and practices in five key areas: preservation of tribal existence; protection of tribal natural resources; promotion of Native American human rights; accountability of governments to Native Americans; development of Indian law and educating the public about Indian rights, laws, and issues. For more information, visit www.narf.org.

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The Navajo Nation



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Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.



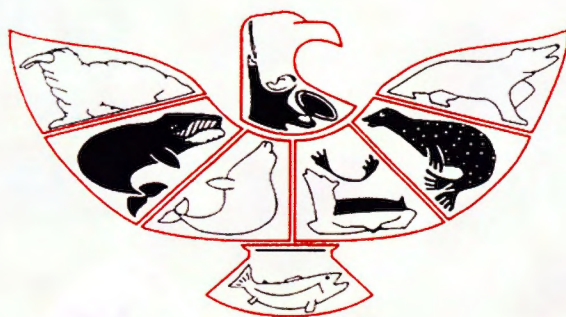
The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. is a nonprofit organization, 100 percent Indian-owned and operated, serving tribal communities in New Mexico and southern Colorado which advocates on behalf of American Indians through the delivery of quality health care services, which honor spiritual and cultural values.

Spirit of Eagles Mayo Clinic



The Spirit of Eagles Mayo Clinic Cancer Center is an initiative created to assist tribes with increased community awareness and understanding of cancer, provide training in cancer control research for AI/AN researchers and improve native community channels to the National Cancer Institute (NCI) so that research can be specifically focused on issues that affect native people





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Providing policy analysis, technical support, meeting facilitation, and logistical coordination, ANHB works to provide Alaska's 231 federally-recognized tribes with the resources to partner with state and federal agencies in strengthening our communities and improving the health and wellbeing of our people.



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Aberdeen Area Representative

John Yellowbird Steele (*Pine Ridge, Oglala Sioux Tribe*) was elected in December 2010 to serve as President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, a role he has been elected to six times in the past eighteen years.

Alaska Area Representative-Secretary

H. Sally Smith (*Yupik Eskimo*) served as the Chairperson for the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) Board of Directors from December 1999 until January 2009. Currently Ms. Smith is the Alaska Area Representative to the NIHB Board and also serves as NIHB's Representative to the Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG). Ms. Smith also serves as the Chairperson for the Alaska Native Health Board, a position she has held since 1998. She also presides as the Chair for the Alaska Native Medical Center Joint Operating Board, the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and serves as the Sergeant at Arms for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Ms. Smith is the National and Alaska Representative to the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee, the National Representative to the Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee and a member of the National Steering Committee for the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Sally serves as 3rd Chief of the Native Village of Dillingham and a Tribal Judge. In 1997, she was the recipient of the Alaska Federation of Natives Health Award and in 1998 she received the National Indian Health Board's highest recognition, The Jake White Crow Award. She is Yupik Eskimo and the mother of four sons.

Albuquerque Area Representative

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

Bemidji Area Representative - Chairperson

Cathy Abramson (*Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*) represents the Bemidji Area Tribes (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) on the National Indian Health Board. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She was elected to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribes Board of Directors in 1996 representing Unit 1. She has been serving as a board member since that time, and was re-elected for a fifth term in the summer of 2012; she presently serves as Treasurer. Cathy's Spirit Name is Wabanung Quay. She is a member of the Wolf clan. She resides in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan - Bawehiting. Cathy is actively involved with United Tribes of Michigan and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST). She also serves on the Tribes traditional living and foods program planning committee, and participates in the Sault Ste. Marie

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culture committee, higher education committee, conservation committee, and has served as an advisor for the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Youth Council. Cathy states, "The greatest gift that the Creator has given me is my family. I have been married for 30 years to Tony Abramson and we have 3 beautiful children Lisa, Laura and Tony, Jr. We have 6 six beautiful granddaughters, and a beautiful grandson, who are the absolute joys of my life." Cathy loves to hunt, fish and gather the indigenous foods of her area, and enjoys camping, hiking, traveling and family gatherings.

Billings Representative - Vice Chairman

L. Jace Killsback, "**Voaxaa'e Nestoohe**" (Screaming Eagle) (*Northern Cheyenne*) is from Busby, Montana and is a direct descendant of Chief Dull Knife. Mr. Killsback is currently serving his second term as a Councilman for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and is the Billing Area Representative for the NIHB Board of Directors. In 2002 L. Jace received his Bachelors of Arts Degree from the University of California, Berkeley in Native American Studies with a minor in Environmental Science. While pursuing his higher education in the Bay Area, L. Jace Killsback first became involved in health care issues as a board member of the Native American Health Centers of Oakland and San Francisco. Once home on the reservation and as an elected tribal official, Mr. Killsback was appointed as his Tribe's delegate for the Montana & Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (MT/WY-TLC) and the Council of Large Land-Based Tribes (CLLBT). Mr. Killsback was the former Treasurer of the CLLBT and the past chairman

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of the MT/WY-TLC and is current chairman of the Subcommittee on Health. Mr. KILLSBACK has facilitated Tribal Consultations with SAMHSA, made presentations on suicide prevention, and testified at a senate field hearing on Indian health care. Mr. KILLSBACK has served as the Billings Area Representative for the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee, IHS HP/DP Policy Advisory Committee, and Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

California Area Representative

Michelle Hayward (*Redding Rancheria*) is Secretary of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council and has been involved in the healthcare field since 1993 at Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Clinic. Michelle was the Clinic Operations Manager for 5 years at the Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Clinic. She has been seated on the

Tribal Council since 2005 and is now serving her second year of being Tribal Secretary. Michelle has served on the California Rural Indian Health Board since 2007 and was Vice-Chair for one year. She was elected in October 2011 as the Chair of the California Rural Indian Health Board, Board of Directors and since then has also been seated on the National Indian Health Board.

Nashville Area Representative

Buford L. Rolin (*Poarch Band of Creek Indians*) has served as Secretary for the Tribe and has served as the Vice-Chairman from 1991-2006. As of June 12, 2006 he was elected Chairman of the Tribe. In 1989, Mr. Rolin received a service award from the Indian Health Service for improving the Health of Indian People. In 1993, he was awarded the Director's Award for Excellence by the Indian Health Service. In 1996, he also received the

Area Director's Special Commendation Award from the Indian Health Service. In 2007, he was awarded the NIHB Jake White Crow Award. Mr. Rolin has served on many national organizations including the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Atmore Area Partnership for Youth Board of Directors, and the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs. He has held various positions pertaining to the North West Florida Creek Indian Council, the National Committee on Indian Work, the Episcopal Church, The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Creek Indians Arts Council, Creek Indian Heritage Memorial Association, and the United South & Eastern Tribes (USET) and currently as Vice-Chairman for the National Indian Health Board (NIHB). He serves on the State of Alabama Public Health Advisory Board and is a member of the USET Health Committee. Mr. Rolin was appointed in 1998 by Dr. Michael Trujillo, Director, Indian



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Health Service, as Tribal Co-Chair National Steering Committee (NSC), for Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA). He was appointed in 1999 Tribal Co-Chair to the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee by Dr. Michael Trujillo. During 2000, Mr. Rolin was appointed to the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy by President Bill Clinton. Mr. Rolin was appointed to NCAI Tribal Leaders Health Information Technology Task Force in 2001, by NCAI President Tex Hall. Mr. Rolin was elected Chairman. Mr. Rolin was the Co-Chair for the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Planning Committee. The last meeting was held in August 2006 in Edmonton Alberta, Canada. Mr. Rolin is the Co-Chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) as well as a member of the HIS Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Rolin is currently the Vice Chairman of the National Indian Health Board.

Navajo Area Representative

Rex Lee Jim (*Navajo Nation*) is Vice President of the Navajo Nation. After serving as a ranking member on the Judiciary Committee and chairman of the Public Safety Committee within the 21st Navajo Nation Council, Delegate Rex Lee Jim was sworn in as Vice President of the Navajo Nation on January 11, 2011. Born and raised in Rock Point, a small farming and ranching community in northern Arizona, Vice President Jim attended the local school where he learned to read and write in Navajo. He is of the Kin Lichii'nii clan born for Tachii'nii. His maternal grandfather is Kin Yaa'aanii and his paternal grandfather is Naakaii Dine'e. He has five children. Vice President Jim attended the Newfound School in Asheville, North Carolina, and graduated from Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale, Colorado. In high school, he was introduced to students from other countries and gained much

appreciation for their unique languages and cultures. After graduating from Princeton University, Vice President Jim started work with the Rock Point Community School teaching Navajo to students K-12. During this time, he developed a curriculum for K-Graduate programs that was culturally and pedagogically appropriate for Navajo students. He has published books and produced plays using the Navajo language. An author, playwright, and medicine man, Vice President Jim continues to make diplomatic trips abroad on behalf of the United Nations to improve relations between nation states and indigenous peoples. As a representative of the Carter Foundation, the Vice President has helped improve relations between the United States of America and the Andean Countries of Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. Vice President Jim played a key role in the drafting and final passage of the International Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. On 16 December 2010, President Barack Obama declared that the United States is going to sign the declaration.

Oklahoma Area Representative-Treasurer

Thomas "Tom" John (*Seneca Nation of Indians*) obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations from Syracuse University in May 1990. He received a graduate Certificate in Public Health from the University of Oklahoma, Health Sciences Center, and College of Public Health in May 2006, and is currently enrolled in the master of public health program at the University of Oklahoma. He has worked with American Indian tribes for his entire professional career, including positions in the areas of tribal administration, law enforcement, health, gaming and parks & recreation. His experience working with American Indian tribes has been at the local, regional and national levels. During this time, Mr. John has been responsible for

many multi-million dollar programs, and have had overall supervisory responsibility for as many as 145 staff. He worked with tribal health programs in particular for over thirteen years, including positions for both individual tribes and a tribal consortium. Eight years were specifically related to management of tribal diabetes programs. Other responsibilities have included personnel management, policy & procedure development; grant writing, development of educational & public information materials, program planning & evaluation, and overall organizational administration & fiscal management. Additionally, Mr. John has been entrusted to represent numerous American Indian tribes on regional and national level policy issues with the federal government. He has been involved with the technical development of a variety of federal Indian health policies, including analysis of federal legislation, consultation between Indian tribes and the federal government, health disparities and funding allocation methodologies. Mr. John has also sat on several local, regional and national committees, workgroups and boards relative to American Indian health. Mr. John is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians, and was raised on his tribe's Allegany Territory in New York State. He belongs to the turtle clan, and is also a member to their traditional longhouse. Mr. John is married to Lisa of the Chickasaw Nation, and they have two children, Lauren and Trevor.

Phoenix Area Representative

Martin Harvier (*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*) took office as Vice President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) in December 2006. As Vice President, Harvier supports improving education for Community members and creating opportunities for cultural preservation and promotion. He notes that the Pima were a peaceful people and

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believes these feelings could come back into the hearts of families if people know who they are. As Vice President, he will support educational and health-based programming that furthers these goals. Harvier grew up in Poston, Ariz., and when he was in the sixth grade, his family relocated to Sacaton, Ariz., where Harvier attended the Bureau of Indian Affairs School. He graduated from Casa Grande High School in 1977. When Harvier was 19 years old, his father was diagnosed with cancer, and in 1979 lost his battle with the disease. Martin Harvier became the sole support for his mother, three sisters and two brothers. He worked as a chain man on a survey crew for the Gila River Indian Community, and then as a plant mechanic and welder for a company located on the Salt River Indian Community for 11 years. In 1996, the SRPMIC hired Harvier as a civil tech soils tester. In 1998, he was promoted to plant manager of a water pump station, and until assuming the office of Vice President, served as the acting Irrigation Manager for the Community. In his spare time, he coached the Salt River High School baseball team for four years. Although he was not able to continue his education, Harvier has made a point of watching and learning by example. He is committed to treating people with respect and believes that you can tell a lot about someone by how he or she treats others. Harvier and his wife Toni are the proud parents of five children and one grandchild. When not working for the Community or involved with his family, Vice President Harvier is an avid sports fan.

Portland Area Representative- Member at Large

Andy Joseph, Jr. (*Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation*) started his 4th term on the Confederated Tribes Business Council in July 2009. He is a Nespelem District Representative, where in 1997 he was elected to the Nespelem School Board. Mr. Joseph serves on his Council's Executive Committee, Veterans Committee as 1st Vice, Tribal Government Committee as 1st Vice, Culture Committee as 1st Vice and 1st Vice for the Education and Employment Committee. He is also the Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee and serves as the Tribe's Delegate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) where he is the now the Chair. As Chair of NPAIHB, Andy represents the Portland Area on the Board of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), where he was recently elected as an at Large Executive NIHB Member. In addition, Andy represents NIHB on the SAMHSA Advisory Committee. Andy is also a voting delegate of ATNI, NCAI, and serves as the Vice Chairman of the IHS Direct Services Tribes Advisory Committee.

"Hello, I was born in Portland OR on September 23, 1959. When my parents were relocated during the Relocation Act; I moved home to the Colville Reservation in the spring of 1968. In 1970, my Father ran for Tribal Council - with my Grand Aunt Lucy Covington. Also, in 1970 our Tribe won the battle against Termination of our Reservation. From 1977-79 I served in the US Army 2nd of the 75th Airborne Ranger Battalion. I have been happily married Lori Lynn since December 18, 1983 and we have 5

children and 3 grandchildren. In 1997, I was elected to the Nespelem School Board. I come from the blood of many Chiefs and have been mentored by my Father who served on the Tribal Council for 17 years; my mother and her parents, Gorge and Celestine Friedlander. Gorge served on Tribal Council, as well as his sister, Lucy Covington. As a youth I listened to other Tribal leaders; Mel Tonasket and Shirley Palmer. While on the Portland Area Indian Health Board I have been mentored by Pearl Capoceman-Baller, Bob Brisbois, Willy Jones, Linda Holt, Janice Clements and Bernice Mitchell."

Tucson Area Representative

Francis Antone (*Tohono O'odham Nation*) is a member of the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council representing the Baboquivari District, one of the eleven political districts of the Nation, since 1997. Currently serving a fourth four-year term (15 fifteen years) as a Councilwoman in which terms ends in May 2013. Ms. Antone has worked in the public sector and prior to being elected she was the Legislative Council Secretary and continues to work in public service in her current capacity. She has addressed all facets of issues in regards to the Tohono O'odham Nation in committees she has served such as Health, Commerce, Education, Natural Resources (Transportation), served as DOI-BIA Western Region Representative to IRRPCC, Housing, Judicial and Appropriations. Ms. Antone serves as a NIHB Board Member representing Tucson Area and also represents TTAG for Tucson. She is currently a member of the Health and Human Services Committee in addressing all health-related issues.



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College of Law, where he focused his coursework on public health law and regulation. During law school, Thad also spent time working for entities including the Medicare Appeals Counsel and AdvaMed, a medical technology industry group. In his role at NIHB, Thad is supporting the meaningful implementation of Electronic Health Records across Indian Country. Prior to attending law school, Thad received his BA in International Political Economy from Fordham University and worked as a business analyst.

Blake Harper, MPH serves as the NIHB Public Health Project Coordinator and provides comprehensive technical and program support assistance to all NIHB public health related grants, contracts and activities. Mr. Harper brings his public health knowledge and expertise in the development and implementation of the NIHB Public Health Department project action plans aimed at strengthening public health capacity for AI/AN communities. Prior to joining NIHB, Mr. Harper received his Master's in Public Health in Global Health at George Washington University in Washington, DC. Originally from Texas, Mr. Harper received his Bachelors of Science in Biomedical Science from the Texas A&M University.

Jason Heinecke is the Director of Health Information Technology for the National Indian Health Board (NIHB). Mr. Heinecke brings more than 18 years of experience in project management, activation, and project controls experience to NIHB. His strengths lie in a long, successful history in national grants and project management, effectively establishing grants management policies, processes and procedures for planning, estimating, risk assessment, management, scheduling, cost control, earned value, coordination and change control. As a veteran of the United States Army, he also brings a strong base in military discipline and service.

Elizabeth Heintzman is the new Legislative Programs Associate at the National Indian Health Board. She is a recent graduate from the University of Maryland, where she earned her BA in Government and Politics. Prior to joining the team at NIHB, Elizabeth interned for U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (OR-D) and for two nonprofits: the National Coalition of Health Care and the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity. She is originally from Oregon, and currently resides in Washington, D.C.

Jeremy Marshall, JD (*Cherokee Nation*) is a Senior Legislative Associate at National Indian Health Board. His work includes advocating for the reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and analyzing the implementation of the IHCA and PPACA in Indian Country. He is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison law school, a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and a member of the Cherokee Nation Bar. Mr. Marshall is married to Heidi J. Frechette and they have a 3-year old daughter, Giselle and newborn son, Alexander.

Kim Vigue, MS (*Ojibwa/Menominee*) joined NIHB in July 2012 as the Public Health Project Coordinator for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Diabetes Wellness Program Traditional Foods Project. She has dedicated her career to improving the health and well-being of American Indian and Alaska Natives and brings over 12 years of experience to NIHB in conducting research and implementing public health initiatives for a range of tribes, tribal organizations and federal agencies. Kim holds a Master of Science in Anthropology and a Bachelors of Arts in Communications from the University of Wisconsin.

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



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

Patrick Anderson is a single father of 3 children: Ashley, Alexander and Austin. He is Tlingit Indian (Eagle Moiety, Thunderbird Clan, from Yakutat) and Alutiiq from Nuucig. Patrick's Tlingit name is Daakudein. A 1975 graduate of the Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Patrick has been an attorney in Alaska since 1978. In his spare time, Patrick is a book collector, pitching coach for baseball players and serves as Parliamentarian for the Alaska Federation of Natives and the National Congress of American Indians.

Lieutenant Commander Mollie Ayala

is a Commissioned Officer with the United States Public Health Service. She is a recent graduate of Arizona State University with a master's degree in Healthcare Innovation. She has served in a variety of positions ranging from IT Specialist to Revenue Application Coordinator for the Phoenix Area – Management Services Organization. In this position, she was responsible for providing specialized 3rd Party and Accounts Receivable application support for 12 clinics and hospitals. Her current role is Deployment Coordinator/CAC for the ARRA EHR Meaningful Use Training and Deployment Program.

Erin Bailey is the Director of the Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute. Her passion for working on Native American issues and young people, led to this role. Previously she worked for the Center from the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs as a Health Policy Advisor. Erin serves on the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention on the American Indian and Alaska Native Taskforce, a public-private partnership advancing the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. Erin graduated from Georgetown University.

Sharon Batala, Hopi (Bamboo clan) from Paakavi Arizona, served 10 years in the U.S. Air Force. In 1994, she joined the Vet Center Program as a Counselor, working at the Hopi-Navajo Outreach Station in Hotevilla, Arizona. Sharon works with her Tribe and other Indian Tribes in the surrounding area providing direct services and guidance on Veterans Administration policies and procedures. With empathy and respect for the cultural healing ways of the Tribes, Sharon is committed to ensuring all returning veterans, fellow women veterans and their families receive the care they need as they make a post-war adjustment to reservation life.

Terry R. Bentley, enrolled member of the Karuk Tribe of California, is the Tribal Government Relations Specialist, Veterans Affairs Office of Tribal Government Relations for the Western Region, covering Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, California and Alaska. Terry's 25-year VA career includes working at the VHA facilities in Portland and Roseburg, Oregon. She has 20 years of experience with the Veterans Camp Chaparral program, hosted on the sacred ground of the Yakama Nation in Washington State. She has been a Special Emphasis Program Manager for Native Americans at both Portland and Roseburg VHA facilities.

Stephanie Elaine Birdwell, MSW, is the Director for the Office of Tribal Government Relations, Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Birdwell is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Ms. Birdwell began her career with the federal government 15 years ago as a social worker with the Bureau of Indian Affairs where she worked at the agency, regional office and headquarters levels. Ms. Birdwell was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2009. She earned her master's degree in Social Welfare from the University of California at Berkeley and her



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bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma.

Lynette Bonar, BSN, MBA, is the Associate Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Tuba City Regional Health in Tuba City Arizona (TCRHCC), on the Navajo Nation. During her 10 year tenure at TCRHCC, she has overseen major clinical service expansions in primary and specialty care, integrated interdisciplinary teaming, and implemented best practices at all levels. A member of the Navajo Tribe, Ms. Bonar served in the U.S. Army (1982-85) and Army Reserve (1985-88) as a Medic and Licensed Practical Nurse. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's in Business Administration with an emphasis in Health Care Administration.

Terra Branson, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, is a Legislative Associate at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). While at NCAI she has developed and implemented three websites; managed significant components of several prevention, behavioral health, and youth grants; served as lead for NCAI's health reform education, outreach, and implementation campaign; and was awarded the National Council of Urban Indian Health's National Impact Award. Ms. Branson graduated from Dartmouth in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Native American Studies and is currently working to complete her Master of Public Policy degree at Georgetown University.

Cynthia Breyfogle, FACHE, is the Medical Center Director of the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina. The Center is a tertiary care teaching hospital in the VA Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network and has 119 acute care hospital beds, a 120-bed community living center, and two community based outpatient clinics in Franklin and Rutherford County, NC. Before this appointment, Ms. Breyfogle was the Acting Network Director and Deputy Network Director for the VA Midwest Health Care Network, in Minneapolis. She has served in the VA since 1996 and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Business Administration.

James Buckles is a Senior Executive with 32 years of experience in not-for-profit business. He began his career with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and has worked for the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and the Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation. He has spent the last 12 years with Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, focusing his efforts on raising money to fund research to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Mr. Buckles is a graduate of the College of Santa Fe. He is married, has two children and four grandchildren.

Aimee Centivany, MPH is the Tribal Public Health Institute Feasibility Project's Co-Director. With over 15 years of experience, Aimee has provided leadership and oversight to public health programs with indigenous populations in the United States, Africa and Southeast Asia. Prior to this, Aimee served as Senior Advisor to the National Indian Health Board providing organizational leadership and strategic guidance while managing NIH's public health program portfolio, aimed at strengthening public health capacity, health policy, and service delivery for American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Aimee holds a Master of Public Health degree in International Health and Development from Tulane University.

Paula Ciniero, RN, BSN works as an Itinerant Public Health Nurse, travelling to the villages of Arctic Village, Beaver, Birch Creek, Chalkyitsik, Fort Yukon, Rampart, Stevens Village, Tanana and Venetie. From 2005-20122, Ms. Ciniero worked as a Forensic Nurse/Sexual Assault Nurse examiner at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and is a statewide trainer on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. In her free time, Paula is a dog musher who has taken her team on clinic trips to Tanana. She has run the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, the Open North American Championship, and other races in the "Lower 48" and Canada.

Robert Coffey is the Chief Information Officer for the Muscogee Creek Nation - Division of Health. He

received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Northeastern State University with a minor in Management Information Science. Mr. Coffey has 19 years of experience in the healthcare information technology industry and currently serves on the board of the Oklahoma Chapter of Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS). Mr. Coffey also serves as a Technical Advisor for the Oklahoma State University - Information Technology Committee. Mr. Coffey is Muscogee Creek and Comanche.

Gary M. Cohen serves as the Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIO), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Cohen recently served as General Counsel for the California Health Benefit Exchange and served as the Director of the Division of Insurance Oversight in CCIO for two years prior to becoming the Deputy Administrator and Director of CCIO. Before joining CCIO, Cohen served as Chief of Staff to Congressman John Garamendi, and was General Counsel of the California Department of Insurance under Commissioners Garamendi and Steve Poizner.

Richard Colsen, a licensed alcohol and drug counselor and rule 25 assessor, is the Supervisor/Manager of the Outpatient Treatment Program at the Fond du Lac Reservation. He carries intimate knowledge of the treatment process and how it must be tailored to meet the individual needs, especially for prescription drug and methamphetamine addicts. Mr. Colsen's expertise and knowledge of chemical dependency and other addictions have enhanced the development of the overall programming for individuals and groups for the Fond du Lac Reservation recovery programs and community.

James Crouch, MPH, member of the Cherokee Nation, is Executive Director of the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc., a position he has held since 1987. Mr. Crouch's

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board affiliations include serving as a Founding and now Emeritus Member of the California Endowment Board -- California's largest health foundation, and as Board Chair of the Californian Pan Ethnic Health Network. He also serves as the representative for the California Area to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Tribal-Technical Advisory Group. Mr. Crouch holds a BA from American University, Washington, D.C. and a MPH from the University of California, Berkeley.

Carolyn Crowder is the Health Director, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association. Carolyn Crowder is currently the Tribal Leader Lead of the AK Improvement Support Team for the IHS Improving Patient Care II national model for improvement initiative and have been involved in performance improvement within the Alaska Tribal Health System for several decades, more recently as coordinator for the Alaska GPRA Pilot Project, and as an active administrator for health programs since 1981. She is co-chair of the Alaska Native Health Board Health Information Exchange Task Force and member of the Alaska RPMS Users Group and the Rural Alaska Health Network. She has served on and chaired several national and statewide committees related to Tribal Health programs.

Mary Culley, MBA, currently serves as Acting Tribal Relations Specialist for the Southwestern Region for the Veterans Administration. Ms. Culley joined the VA in February 2005 as Administrative Officer, Nursing Service, at the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center. She also served as the Medical Center American Indian Advisor. Her prior overseas positions include a NATO assignment serving the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, in Belgium and as NCOIC of the base Personnel Readiness Unit, Ramstein Air Base, in Germany. She has two grandchildren, Deanna and Devon, and is Seminole and Creek Indian.

Brandy Cunningham holds an AAS in Management Information System Technology - Application Development. After completion of her education, she began work with the

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health. She is currently the Senior Database Administrator/Project Manager for the Electronic Health Record (EHR) implementation. Currently she manages the implementation, training and support for the EHR and other clinical software.

Valerie Davidson is the Senior Director of Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium based in Anchorage, Alaska. She has managed the development of a Medicaid managed care project for 28,000 people in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Ms. Davidson served as a non-voting member of Secretary Leavitt's (HHS) Medicaid Commission. She is the Chair of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) and serves on the Medicare, Medicaid and Health Reform Policy Committee (MMPC) of the National Indian Health Board. Most importantly, Ms. Davidson is the mother of two beautiful daughters.

Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO-1) is serving her eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives from the First District of Colorado. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, DeGette has enormous influence over the country's commerce, energy, and healthcare policy. As Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Diabetes Caucus, she has also been a long-time advocate for the expansion of diabetes care and research, particularly for lower-income and minority communities. A fourth-generation Coloradoan, DeGette is guided by traditional Western values, and is the senior member of Colorado's delegation to Congress.

Stephen Raymond DiStasio, Jr. is the Director of the VA Black Hills Health Care System - Fort Meade, South Dakota. He is responsible for the executive leadership of a health care system consisting of two hospitals and 13 community based outpatient clinics providing services to 19,000 veterans. Mr. DiStasio served in the U.S. Air Force as career military member

in positions ranging from Medical Technician to Nurse to Hospital Administrator and Commander. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

Joseph Engelken serves as CEO at Tuba City Regional Health Care in Northern Arizona-- a private, not-for profit, 510c3 Tribal Regional Medical Center and integrated health system serving 100,000 beneficiaries. Engelken's team implemented a multifaceted strategy that has taken advantage of new initiatives under Federal IHCIA and health reforms, while improving clinical capacity, infrastructure, patient services and financial sustainability. Engelken received his MPA from the University of New Mexico and his BS from Kansas State University. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Tekisha Dwan Everette, PhD has been the Managing Director of Federal Government Affairs at the American Diabetes Association for nearly three years. Prior to joining the Association, Tekisha worked at a law firm in DC as a Government Affairs Consultant for non-profit health organizations. She graduated from Virginia Tech in 1998 with degrees in Political Science and Interdisciplinary Studies, and again in 2000 with her Master of Public Administration. In 2011, she received her doctorate from American University in Sociology. Sheila Fleischhacker, JD, is the Manager of Food, Health & Nutrition at the Institute of Food Technologists and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Nutrition at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Her professional experiences include: The Government Accountability Project, Obama for America, Rush University Medical Center Office of Legal Affairs, and Illinois Office of the Attorney General Environmental Division, Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Programs, PowerBar/Nestle, and the American Indian Housing Initiative. Sheila received a JD with a Certificate in Health Law from Loyola University Chicago and a PhD in Integrative Biosciences/Nutritional Sciences from the Pennsylvania State University.

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Sheila was admitted to the Illinois Bar in November, 2007.

Robert Foley, MEd, has worked in varying aspects of prevention for the past 12 years, including community-based research, public information campaigns, coalition-building, and intervention planning for efforts around intimate partner violence, methamphetamine abuse, alcohol and other drug abuse, and most recently STD/HIV. Mr. Foley is currently the President/CEO of NNAAPC and oversees all administrative and programmatic functions of the organization. Before coming to NNAAPC, Robert was a trainer for the Denver STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, training on evidence-based interventions, behavioral theory and intervention skills. He also worked as a research assistant with the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research at Colorado State University.

Jamie Folsom, MS, is a Project Manager with the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center. She oversees projects that provide training and technical assistance on understanding epidemiological data, and projects that help organizations and Native entities understand the role of gender on HIV risk for women. Previously, she was an award-winning multimedia journalist working in radio, print, and online. She created and hosted First Nations Radio News. She has always been an advocate for abused children, education reform, women's rights, and Native civil rights. She holds a master's degree in Public Communication and Technology and a bachelor's degree in Psychology/Biology.

Ed Fox, PhD, serves as Director of Health Services of the Port Gamble S'Kallam Tribe of Washington, and as the Tribe's delegate to both state and regional Indian health care organizations. Dr. Fox holds a PhD in political science from the University of Washington and has published work on health care reform, Indian health and the IHS Budget. He is the former Executive Director of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and helped establish the Indian Health Board of Nevada. Prior to his current

position he was the Director of the Squaxin Island Tribe's Health and Social Services Department.

John M. Garcia was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in June 2011 to oversee the VA's Intergovernmental, Tribal Government, and International Affairs programs and the Consumer Affairs Program. He was appointed by Governor Bill Richardson in January of 2003 as the first Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans Service. He serves on the National SBA Veteran Business Advisory Board, the National U.S. Association of Veterans in Business, and the White House Task Force on Veteran Business Development. He served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1970.

Sanford A. Garfield, PhD, is Senior Advisor for Biometry and Behavioral Research in the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He has been at NIH for 21 years and was the NIDDK Program Director for the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) and is

now Program Scientist of the DPP follow-up study --the DPP Outcomes Study. Dr. Garfield manages a portfolio of grants in the NIDDK Diabetes Translational Research and is Director of the American Indian Translational Research Program.

Cyndi Gillaspie is the Technical Director for AI/AN Policy for the Consortium for Medicaid and CHIP Operations and the Lead Native American Contact (NAC) for CMS Regional Offices. She 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.

J. Nadine Gracia, MD, MSCE, is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health (Acting) and the Acting 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



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HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH). She provided programmatic and policy leadership and coordination of a portfolio that included child and adolescent health, climate change, disaster preparedness, environmental health, global health, Haiti recovery, and the White House Council on Women and Girls.

Cheri Hample has over forty years of experience in health and human services, which has provided Ms. Hample with multiple opportunities for sharing “tools for living.” Ms. Hample is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and holds a degree in Public Health and Social Work and certification in Health Touch. She states, “my heart’s work is teaching and mentoring others to live a balanced life and be happy.”

Gary Hayes, an enrolled member of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, currently serves as the Tribe’s Chairman. He has received numerous personal awards and military decorations, and a degree from Hawaii Pacific University. After serving for 25 years, Gary retired from the United States Navy in December

2005. He then returned home and was elected to the Tribal Council. Gary was elected Tribal Chairman in October 2010. The Tribal Council has appointed Gary to serve on the national level on the: Tribal/Interior Budget Council, National Congress of American Indians, DOJ Tribal Nations Leadership Council, Albuquerque Area Health Board, HHS Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee, and Native American Rights Fund.

Jeff Hinson is the Regional Administrator for the CMS Denver Regional Office since January 2010. In this role, he is responsible for CMS’s external affairs operations for the 10 states in both the Kansas City and Denver regions. Prior to his current position, Jeff served as the Deputy Director of the Medicare Contractor Management Group in the Center for Medicare Management. Throughout his career, he was an innovator in moving to a paperless environment and in streamlining the Medicare Change Management processes. Jeff earned a bachelor’s in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois in 1994.

Aleena Hernandez, MPH, Yaqui, is the Tribal Public Health Institute Feasibility’s Project Director and the Principal and Founder of Red Star Innovations, LLC. Aleena has a master’s degree in Public Health from The University of Arizona and a bachelor’s degree in Education. With nearly 20 years of experience working with Tribes and Tribal organizations, much of her work has focused on strengthening partnerships to advance shared goals in the areas of public health capacity, Tribally-driven and participatory research practices, and community health assessment. Aleena is also an Adjunct Lecturer at The University of Arizona, College of Public Health.

Pamela S. Hyde, JD, is the Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Hyde is an attorney and comes to SAMHSA with more than 30 years experience in management and consulting for public healthcare and human services agencies. In 2003 she was appointed cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Human Services Department by Gov. Bill Richardson, where she worked effectively to provide greater access to quality health services for everyone. Ms. Hyde received her JD from the University of Michigan Law School and her BA from Southwest Missouri State University.

Christie Jacobs, JD, AB, is the National Director of the Internal Revenue Service Office of the Indian Tribal Governments. Ms. Jacobs was appointed in early 2000 as the first Director of the Indian Tribal Governments Office at the Internal Revenue Service. Christie began her career with the IRS in 1989 as an attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel. Ms. Jacobs received her AB from Vassar College in 1983 and her JD in 1990 from the Columbus School of Law. She is a member of the Supreme Court Bar, District of Columbia Bar, the Federal Bar Association, and the Native American Bar Association. Ms. Jacob’s office is located in Denver, Colorado.



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Donna K. Jacobs was appointed Director, Northern Arizona VA Health Care System effective March 27, 2011. Ms. Jacobs served as Acting Director, Lexington VA Medical Center from May 2010 to March 2011 and as Associate Director, Lexington VA Medical Center from 2006. She was Associate Director, White River Junction VA Medical Center from 2003 to 2006. She began her VA career in 1991. She has a Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing and a master's degree in Business Administration. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and certified Fellow VHA Mentor.

Penny James, MSW, LCSW, LCAS, is the Home Based Primary Care Program Coordinator at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina. The Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) program serves 13 counties in western North Carolina and provides comprehensive primary care services to veterans with complex medical, social, or mental health needs in the home setting using an interdisciplinary team approach. HBPC provides services to veterans in rural, western parts of the state, including Native American Veterans from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Penny holds a master's degree in Social Work from UNC at Chapel Hill.

Su Jin Jeong is currently a Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Health Care Organization and Policy at the School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham. Ms. Jeong holds a master's degree in Public Health in Maternal and Child Health and was the project coordinator on the Collaboration Among Tribal and State MCH Organizations (CATSO) study. Ms. Jeong has presented at various conferences regarding this and other projects, and her research interests include health disparities that exist among different ethnic groups, minority health (especially Asian-American health), rural health, women's health, and maternal and child health policy.

John L. Johns, JD, joined CMS in 2009 and works with the Tribal Affairs Group (TAG). Prior to joining CMS, John was a Federal Regulations and Policy Analyst for the National Indian Health Board in Washington, DC. While attending law school, John served as a legal intern with the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. He also worked as a law clerk for the Tribal Judicial Institute (TJI) at the University of North Dakota on issues involving the Indian Child Welfare Act, parental rights, adoption, and elder care. John is an enrolled member of the Monacan Indian Tribe of Virginia.

Katie Johnson is currently the EHR Integrated Care Coordinator and Manager of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Regional Extension Center. She is a pharmacist by training and started working for the Indian Health Service after graduating from the University of Kansas, School of Pharmacy in 2004. She worked at Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center in Oregon, and then at the Whiteriver Indian Hospital in Arizona. In 2011, she moved to Portland and started her current job. She has enjoyed working with all the Tribes in the Portland Area, working towards meaningful use.

Marita Jones, MPH is the Director of Healthy Native Communities Fellowship. She is Navajo, Bitterwater clan, born for Manygoats clan. The Healthy Native Communities Fellowship is a one year, grassroots, leadership development program that works with 10-15 community teams each year to strengthen Native communities. The Fellowship is a program of Healthy Native Communities Partnership, Inc., in collaboration with Indian Health Service, National Health Promotion Program.

Susan Karol, MD, member of the Tuscarora Indian Nation, is the Chief Medical Officer of the Indian Health Service and presently a Captain in the United States Public Health Service. As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Karol collaborates with the Office of the Director and staff on American Indian and Alaska Native health care policies and issues. She serves as the primary

liaison and advocate for IHS field clinical, preventive and innovative programs and community-based health professionals. Dr. Karol received her BA from Dartmouth College, and her MD from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Tom Kauley, member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, serves as the Senior Consultant for the National Indian Health Board's National HITECH Center. He has over 25 years of experience in providing health and education services to American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the U.S. His information technology experience includes leadership roles in the development of enterprise IT systems, health IT project management, and IT business analysis. He earned a BA in Organizational Communications at the University of Oklahoma and completed master's level work at the same university.

Cheryl Kennedy is currently serving the Director of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) at the Department of Health and Human Services. Cheryl began her career with FNS in 1991 with the Regional Food Distribution Program. Since that time she has worked in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and has been the Director for Public Affairs and Field Operations. Cheryl received the USDA Secretary's Award in 2004 for developing a national curriculum on the National Employee Development Team. Cheryl holds a degree in Organizational Communication from the University of Denver.

Cynthia Kindred is currently the Acting Deputy Chief Business Officer for Purchased Care at the Health Administrative Center. Ms. Kindred has held a number of positions over her more than 30 years of service with the Veterans Administration. She has served as the IRM Service Chief at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center; as the Chief Information Officer for multiple Veteran's Integrated Service Networks (VISN); as the Director of Health Data Systems (Salt Lake City, UT); as the Deputy Director of Veterans Health

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Information Technology (Silver Spring, MD); as the Director of Veterans Health Administration Innovations and Director, HealthVet and as the VLER Program Executive Office.

Rob Kinneen, is an Alaskan Chef of Tlingit heritage. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America he fine-tuned his skills working at several fine dining restaurants in the lower 48. Returning to Alaska he established a reputation for loyalty to Alaskan product and community involvement. He has represented Alaska and her bounty in cook offs, speaking engagements and cookbook contributions including cooking with Al Roker of the TODAY Show highlighting "Alaskan Regional Cuisine." Rob and his wife, Carolyn host www.fresh49.com and culinary webisodes-Fresh Alaska, highlighting nutrient dense Indigenous and local foods in Alaska. Additionally they consult on food strategies, private events, demonstrations founded a sauce line-Harvest49 and speak advocating Indigenous, local and sustainable practices on local and national platforms.

Carol Korenbrot, PhD, serves as Research Director for the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB). Dr. Korenbrot's work at CRIHB has examined health status and health care funding disparities experienced by American Indians in California. With CRIHB, she established the California Tribal Epidemiology Center and a Native American Research Center for Health. Since 2007 she has been the Project Director of the National Data Project of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG). Her work on TTAG was recognized with a National Impact Award from the National Indian Health Board.

Kris Krueger is the IT Manager for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health. Mr. Krueger has worked for the Division of Health's IT Department for over 13 years and manages a staff of 12. Over the past few years, he has assisted with implementation of EHR in both the server and network environments and assisted in setup and configuration of the HIE.

Cynthia LaCounte, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, serves as the Director of the Office for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Programs at the Administration on Aging. She previously held positions as Project Manager for the Title VI Training and Technical Assistance Project through Kauffman and Associates, Inc., as Director for Aging/Transportation/CHR Programs at Trenton Indian Service Area (ND/MT), and as the Aging Director for Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (WI). Cynthia also served as the chairwoman for the Trenton Indian Service Area, and has been a national advocate for Tribal elders throughout her career.

Mark LeBeau, PhD, MS, is a citizen of the Pit River Nation and also has blood ties to the Cheyenne River Sioux people. He serves as the Health Policy Analyst for the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB). Mr. LeBeau has worked at CRIHB since 1999 and has earned both a MS degree and PhD from the University of California at Davis. Mr. LeBeau has served on the Pit River Tribal Election Committee and Pit River Health Services Board of Directors. In 2002, he served in Congressman Frank Pallone's office in Washington, DC, working on American Indian/Alaska Native legislative initiatives.

Ken Lucero serves as the Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Center for Native American Health Policy at the University of New Mexico. Mr. Lucero serves as a Co-chair of the All Indian Pueblo Council's Health Committee and is the Zia Pueblo representative to the IHS Albuquerque Service Unit Indian Health Board. Mr. Lucero is a member of the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC). Mr. Lucero was elected as Chairman for the Department of Health and Human Services, Secretary's Tribal Health Advisory at the inaugural meeting. Mr. Lucero received his BA in Native American Studies from the University of New Mexico.

Brittany Luddington is the Training Project Director with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Brittany worked as the Rural and Youth Educator at

IAC where she provided prevention workshops to service area school district students, teachers and staff. She provided education and advocacy in over 20 villages. Brittany went on to work as the Outreach Director, offering trainings and workshops to professionals in the community on domestic violence and sexual assault topics and served as a liaison between the agency and the community. Brittany received a bachelor's degree in Print Journalism with a minor in Women's Studies in 2005 from the University of Alaska.

Chris Mandregan, Jr., MPH, is the Alaska Area Director for the Indian Health Service. A Tribal member of the Aleut Community of St. Paul, Alaska, Mr. Mandregan began his career with the Indian Health Service in 1986. As the Area Director, Mr. Mandregan is responsible for the federal portion of the health care system for Alaska Native people and for conducting government-to-government relationships with Alaska Native Tribes. Mr. Mandregan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Washington State University and completed his Master of Public Health at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Spero M. Manson, PhD, is Distinguished Professor of Public Health and Psychiatry and directs the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health at the University of Colorado Denver's Anschutz Medical Campus. His programs include 9 national centers, totaling 63 million in sponsored research, program development, and training with 160 Native communities across the country. Dr. Manson has published 170 articles on the assessment, epidemiology, treatment, and prevention of physical, alcohol, drug, and mental health problems of Native people. Dr. Manson is widely acknowledged as one of the nation's leading authorities in regard to Indian and Native health. Dr. Manson is Pembina Band of Chippewa.

Gale Marshall, a member of the Choctaw Nation, is owner of Two Feathers Media & Management, a national consulting firm that provides qualitative research, meeting facilitation, health communication

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and media services to a variety of federal organizations, marketing firms, universities and Tribal organizations. She has 15 years of health communications experience with the American Indian and Alaska Native audience and has served as a consultant to the IHS Division of Diabetes for the past 15 years with a focus on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Nancy Martine-Alonzo is a member of the Ramah Band of Navajo Tribe (part Yaqui and Spanish heritage) and was born and raised on the Ramah Band of Navajo Tribe Reservation in Pine Hill, New Mexico. She recently retired from thirty seven years of public service as an educator with BIA 638 Tribal schools, state public schools, BIE schools, state and Tribal governments. Nancy is currently the Executive Director for the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Inc. She has a bachelor's degree, two master's degrees, an education specialist certificate, and an education doctorate. She has seven children and fourteen grandchildren.

Kathleen "Kitty" Marx, JD, joined Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as Director, Tribal Affairs Group (TAG), Office of External Affairs in January 2009. Kitty brings almost 20 years of American Indian and Alaska Native health knowledge and policy experience to CMS. Prior to her work at CMS, Kitty was the Legislative Director of the National Indian Health Board. Kitty also worked for the Indian Health Service as the Branch Chief of the Policy Liaison Team, Division of Regulatory, and Legal Affairs. She served as Managing Attorney for the Montana Legal Services field office in Browning, Tribal seat of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Kitty received a BA in History from the University of Maryland, College Park and a JD degree from Vermont Law School in South Royalton, Vermont.

Shondra McCage, MPH, CHES, is an enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and works for their diabetes program. She graduated from East Central University in 1998 with a degree in Exercise Science; in 2005 she received her Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma. She currently serves on the National Diabetes Education Program's Native American/Alaskan Native Stakeholder Group. She was recently nominated as Chair for the American Diabetes Association's Native American Initiative Subcommittee and is also a member on the Adult Strategies Committee. Ms. McCage also serves as the Secretary for the Oklahoma Intertribal Diabetes Coalition.



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Linda McLaughlin is the Victim Advocate/Trainer for the Alaska Native Justice Center. She is originally from Juneau and is Tlingit Indian, of the Shungukeidi (Eagle Clan). She works with state and municipal agencies, social services, medical, and village leaders to provide a more thorough base of services to families in Alaska. Ms. McLaughlin previously worked as a Rural Outreach Educator, conducting personal safety trainings with populations from Head Start age through adults in communities statewide. She is committed to the wellness of the Native peoples of Alaska and finds that a proactive approach towards systemic change is both challenging and rewarding.

Elliott Milhollin is a Partner at Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP and a member of the firm's health care and litigation practice groups. Elliott represents and advises the firm's Tribal clients on a variety of Indian health care issues, including Medicare, Medicaid and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. He is a technical advisor to CMS' Tribal Technical Advisory Group, which advises CMS on issues involving the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the recent amendments to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Connie Moffitt is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Sicangu Lakota Oyate). Ms. Moffitt works for VA Black Hills Health Care System as the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Manager, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Coordinator and Minority Veteran Program Coordinator (MVPC). Ms. Moffitt serves as the primary liaison between VA Black Hills Health Care System and the Tribes residing on the six reservations within its service area. Ms. Moffitt is the daughter of a WWII Combat Veteran, wife of a Vietnam Combat Veteran, and mother of Desert Storm Veteran. Ms. Moffitt is honored to have served veterans for the past 32 years.

Cleo Monette, MSW, LICSW, (Turtle Mountain Chippewa). Her career includes teaching social work courses at several universities and colleges, directing a mental health program in the Indian Health Service, working as care-coordinator for private foundations, and serving as program specialist for a short time with the Administration for Children and Families, Region X Office. Most recently, Ms. Monette worked at the Fargo VA Healthcare System where she functioned as a Therapist, Care Coordinator for OEF/OIF/OND veterans, Native American Outreach Coordinator, and Minority Veterans Program Coordinator. She currently serves as the Behavioral Health Consultant for the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service.

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Erika D. Moott, MPA, is Executive Officer for the Office of Tribal Government Relations, Veterans Affairs and the Tribal Government Relations Specialist for the Eastern Region. Erika joined the VA in 2006 as a Veterans Service Representative at the Baltimore Regional Office. She served as the Pre-Discharge Program Coordinator, Minority Veterans Program Coordinator, and Management Analyst of the Veterans Service Center at the Baltimore Regional Office. Erika graduated from Morgan State University in 2006 with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science/International Studies, and from the University of Baltimore in 2009 with a Master of Arts in Public Administration.

Shirley Moses, M Ed, serves as an advocate and provides outreach, support and supervision of staff. She organizes and conducts presentations for small and large groups through her work as the Housing Director for the Alaska Native Women's Coalition. Ms. Moses also provides supports needed for women and children utilizing the shelter, including crisis intervention, obtaining protective orders, advocacy, obtaining ongoing housing, and networking. A trainer herself, Ms. Moses has attended numerous domestic violence trainings sponsored by ANWC, Sacred Circle, The Sacred Hoop, Fairbanks Advocacy Groups & Fairbanks Native Association. She is a Board Member for the Fairbanks Native Association.

Myra M. Munson, JD, MSW, became a Partner in the Sonosky, Chambers Law Firm in 1990 after serving as Commissioner of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services. Her practice emphasizes self-determination and self-governance and Tribal health program operations' issues, including work on and implementation of the IHCA and ACA. She is a technical advisor to the CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group and serves on NIHB's Medicare & Medicaid Policy Committee. Ms. Munson was awarded the Alaska Federation of Native's Denali Award in 2003 and the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation's President's Award in 2011.



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Janet Murphy, MBA, serves as the Network Director for VA Midwest HealthCare Network (VISN 23). Ms. Murphy acts as the Senior Official for VHA in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and portions of the bordering states of Wisconsin, Illinois and Wyoming. She manages an annual operating budget of over 2.4 billion in one of the most highly rural networks in VHA. Services are provided to more than 310,000 veterans through a system of 9 hospitals, 60 community based outpatient clinics, 8 community living centers and 3 residential rehabilitation treatment programs.

Byron G. Jasper, DDS, has served as the Deputy Director- Public Health for the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.(USET), since 2005. Dr. Jasper oversees the public health operation of the USET Tribal Health Program Support (THPS) and provides expert guidance to the USET Executive Director, the USET Tribal Health Program Support Director and 25 member Tribes on Indian country health issues. He currently manages an Area Diabetes, Dental Support, Informatics/Data Quality Improvement program and Tribal Epidemiology Center program.

Jimmy R. Newton, Jr., is Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe of Colorado. Chairman Newton was first elected to the Southern Ute Tribe Tribal Council in 2003. During his time on the Council, he served as both Vice Chair and Acting Chair. In 2011, he was elected to his current position. Chairman Newton holds a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communication.

Diddy Nelson is a member of the Dine' (Navajo) Nation. Diddy is the executive director for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board. Diddy graduated from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. She worked for the Chickasaw Nation from 1997-2009 within the Office of Self-Governance and Department of Tribal Child Support Enforcement. She serves as a technical representative to the Indian Health Service Budget Formulation

Workgroup and the Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Reform Policy Committee (MMPC).

Rosella Norris, member of the Pima Tribe, Gila River Indian Community located in Sacaton, AZ, is employed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in San Francisco, California. She has extensive CMS Medicare program knowledge. Her program expertise enables her to more efficiently respond to Indian health concerns from the Indian Health Service, Tribes, Tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations. Rosie attends the CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group monthly calls, CMS and state calls, Federal Regional Council Tribal Affairs Committee and CMS Native American Contact meetings, and AI/AN outreach meetings.

Sandra Ortega is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona and the Chairwoman of the Direct Service Tribes (DST) Advisory Committee. She has been involved with the DST Advisory Committee since 2007 and served as Chairwoman since 2011. Ms. Ortega currently serves as a Tohono O'odham Legislative Council Representative; she has served on the Legislative Council for eleven years. 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 and she worked with the Community Health Representatives (CHR) Program for 19 years.

Stephen R. Ortiz, is the Tribal Council Chairman for Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He has 22 years of management experience in the corporate worlds of IBM, Kansas Power & Light, and Hallmark Cards, Inc. He serves as Co-Chairman of U.S. Department of Health & Human Service Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee and as Vice-Chairman for the Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health

Board. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Washburn University of Topeka, KS and received Honorable Discharges from United States Marine Corps and United States Army Reserves.

Ernesto Padilla serves as the Executive Director for Lake County Tribal Health Consortium in Northern California. Ernesto attended the University of California, Santa Cruz where he graduated in with a bachelor's degree in Business Management Economics. Following graduation, he began serving as a Project Manager and Grant Specialist for a Tribal Enterprise. Throughout his 10 year career, both in the non-profit and private sectors, Ernesto has advocated for community needs through his involvement with the BIA, HUD, and most recently IHS. In 2007 he was recognized as an Emerging Leader by the San Francisco Business Times.

Judith Goforth Parker, PhD, APRN-CNO, is the Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health. She has many years of experience working to increase quality of health care for Native Americans throughout the United States. She has a PhD in Nursing from Texas Women's University, and has completed her Nurse Practitioner degree at OUHSC. Dr. Parker was a Professor in the Department of Nursing at East Central University in Ada for almost twenty-five years. Dr. Parker served as an elected tribal legislator for four terms from 1994-2009, and stepped down from this role to assume the administrator's duties.

Chris Percy, MD, is currently the Director of Community Health Services at the Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, NM and serves as a faculty member for the Healthy Native Communities Partnership. A physician with the Indian Health Service since 1986, Percy has received numerous national, federal, and Tribal awards in recognition of his many years of public service in Indian Country advancing public health. Dr. Percy received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1983. He earned a

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BA degree in molecular biology and international community development from the University of Wisconsin in 1979.

Eva L. Petoskey, MS, has over 35 years of experience working with Tribal communities on issues related to wellness, education, evaluation and culture. She currently serves as the Program Director for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Anishnaabek Healing Circle Access to Recovery. Prior to this appointment, she operated a consulting business specializing in community-based evaluation services for Tribes and Indian organizations for over 20 years. Eva is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and served on the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band for six years, four years as the Vice-Chairperson.

Jessica Guinlan, RD, is a registered dietitian who has been living in New Mexico with the Zuni Pueblo Indians on the Zuni Reservation since September of 2008. She is currently a renal dietitian at the Red Rocks Zuni Dialysis Unit, and was the Nutrition and Breastfeeding Coordinator for the Pueblo of Zuni WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program from 2008–2012. Originally from Green Bay, Virginia, she graduated from Virginia Tech in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics, then continued on to receive her RD qualifications. After gaining sustainable agriculture experience with two Virginia farmers (Thistledown Farm and Faith Farms), she returned to Zuni to serve the Native American community there. Jessica stays highly involved in the Zuni community by volunteering at the Zuni Sustainable Agriculture Project and doing nutrition consultant work for the Zuni WIC Program, GET (Get Zuni Gardening), ZYEP (Zuni Youth Enrichment Project), and ZHI (Zuni Health Initiative).

Josie Raphaelito is the Program Associate for the Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute. Josie most recently graduated with a master's degree in Public Health from The George Washington University. Prior to graduate school, she studied Athletic Training at the University of

New England in Maine. While in D.C., Josie has interned at the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Health Board. Josie grew up on the Ramah Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. Suicide prevention in Indian Country is an area of true passion for Josie.

Jim Roberts, an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe from Shungmopovi, Arizona, has worked in Tribal inter-governmental, policy and legislative affairs for over 25 years. Jim serves as Policy Analyst for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), an organization that represents health issues of 43 federally-recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Prior to joining the NPAIHB, he worked for the National Indian Health Board and with American Indian Technical Services. He completed his education at Metropolitan State College of Denver with degrees in Economics and Business Management.

Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, South Dakota, is the Director of the Indian Health Service. Prior to this position, Dr. Roubideaux worked for IHS for three years as a Clinical Director and Medical Officer at the San Carlos Service Unit on the San Carlos Apache Indian reservation in Arizona and for one year as a Medical Officer at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Indian Hospital on the Gila River Indian reservation in Arizona. Dr. Roubideaux has conducted extensive research on American Indian health issues, with a focus on diabetes in American Indians/Alaska Natives and American Indian health policy. Dr. Roubideaux served as the co-director of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians Demonstration Projects, in which 66 American Indian and Alaska Native communities are implementing diabetes prevention and cardiovascular disease prevention initiatives. Dr. Roubideaux received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1989 and her Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1997.

Andrew C. Rucks, PhD, MBA, is a Professor, Department of Health Care Organization and Policy, University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has more than 30 years of academic and business experience. He authored two books, nine computer programming aids, and more than seventy-five articles and cases. He focuses on regional pediatric disaster surge networks, continuity of operations planning, preparedness exercises and drills, process optimization, collaboration among organizations, and strategic planning. His academic teaching focuses on finance, leadership, and management. Dr. Rucks received his PhD (management science) from the University of North Texas and an MBA and B.S. from Auburn University.

Ronald E. Schmidt, MSW, LCSW, serves as a VISN 19 Rural Health Consultant for the Veterans Health Administration. Mr. Schmidt is responsible for the planning, development and implementation of four major rural telehealth programs to improve health care access to rural and highly rural veterans: Primary Care Telehealth Outreach Clinics, Tele-Specialty Services, Tele-patient Education Services, and Virtual ICU services. Prior to this position, Ronald was a Training Specialist and Clinical Liaison at the Rocky Mountain Telehealth Training Center. He holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare.

Retired U.S. Army General Eric K. Shinseki was nominated by President Barack Obama on December 7, 2008 to serve as Secretary of Veterans Affairs. His nomination was confirmed by the Senate on January 20, 2009, and he was sworn in as the seventh Secretary of Veterans Affairs on January 21, 2009. Shinseki holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Arts degree from Duke University, and is a graduate of the National War College. Secretary Shinseki was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Purple Heart (with Oak Leaf Cluster),

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Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Jay H. Shore, MD, MPH is the Rural Native Veteran Domain Lead for the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Rural Health Resource Center—Western Region (VRHRC-WR). He is also an Associate Professor at the University of Colorado Denver's Department of Psychiatry and the School of Public Health's Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health (CAIANH). He serves as a subject matter expert and the Psychological Health Portfolio Manager for the Department of Defense's Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center. Dr. Shore received his medical and public health degrees from Tulane University School of Medicine and Public Health.

Anne Helene Skinstad, PsyD, PhD, received her PsyD in 1977 and her PhD in 2001 from the College of Psychology, University of Bergen in Norway. Before immigrating to the U.S., Dr. Skinstad was the Chief Psychologist for the first in-patient treatment unit for women at the Hjelstad Clinic in Bergen. She is an Associate Clinical Professor, and has directed the Prairielands ATTC since

1995. From 1998 to the present, the Center has had a strong focus on American Indians and Alaskan Natives. She has overseen the development of several videos, CD-ROMs, and curricula that have been culturally adapted to Native American cultures.

Mary Beth Skupien, PhD, is the Director, Office of Rural Health (ORH) for the VA. She leads ORH nationally and provides management and oversight of ORH funded projects, care and services for the 3.4 million rural veterans. Prior to this, Dr. Skupien worked for 28 years in the Indian Health Service. She spent five years as the Tribal Health Director for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She has a PhD in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University and master's degree from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Cindy Smith is the Native American Contact for CMS Region VIII. Cindy has worked for CMS since 1998, first for many years as a Medicaid managed care specialist and more recently as the Native American Contact for the States of Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Colorado. Prior to joining CMS, she worked for the Kansas State Medicaid Agency, EDS, and was a Coronary Care Nurse for many years.

Darius Lee Smith serves as the Director of the Denver Anti-Discrimination Office within the Agency for Human Rights and Community Relations where he facilitates resolution of civil rights discrimination complaints by assisting individuals. Darius holds a Master of Nonprofit Management and a Certificate of Graduate Studies in American Indian History and Culture from Regis University and the University of Denver, respectively. Professionally, Darius has served the American Indian community since 1992 in various positions with Habitat for Humanity International, Denver Public Schools, and several local American Indian nonprofits.

Lillian A. Sparks, Esq. (Oglala Lakota), is the Commissioner of the Administration of Native Americans. Ms. Sparks was confirmed by the United States Senate as the Commissioner on March 3, 2010, and was sworn in on March 5, 2010. Previously, Ms. Sparks served as the Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA). Named one of seven young Native American Leaders by USA Today Magazine, Ms. Sparks received her BA in Political Science from Morgan State University, Maryland, and her JD from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.



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Alex Spector, reported as the Director of the Anchorage VA Medical and Regional Office Center on March 26, 1998. During his tenure, the Alaska VA Healthcare System has received numerous awards including the Department of Health and Human Service Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service and the Under Secretary's Award for Safety. In 2007, he was awarded the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Senior Professionals. Mr. Spector has extensive experience in healthcare delivery and management. Recognition of his administrative and management expertise has resulted in frequent service on special VA work groups and committees, at the national, regional and local levels.

Krista L. Stephenson, RN, MSN, is the VA Deputy National Suicide Prevention Coordinator. Krista functions as a liaison between the Veterans Crisis Line and other internal and external organizations. Prior to her role in the VA Office of Suicide Prevention, Krista held various nursing and administrative positions within the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. In 2008, she received a Master of Science in Nursing degree with a focus on Health Care Administration. Ms. Stephenson also served on active duty with the U.S. Army from 1994-2000.

Barbara St. Hilaire, MSW, LCSW, has worked for the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina for over 20 years. She is the Program Director of the Home Based Primary Care Program, which provides primary care in the home for veterans with multiple, complex, chronic diseases who cannot access traditional primary care in a clinic setting. Expansion efforts have received funding through the Office of Rural Health, with a focus on meeting the needs of Native American Veterans. Barbara holds a master's degree in Social work from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Terri Tavenner has worked for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITC) since 1997. Ms. Tavenner current serves as the Associate Director/Treatment Coordinator for the Anishnaabek Healing Circle

Access to Recovery, managing a 13.1 million dollar substance abuse treatment and recovery support grant from SAMHSA, which she co-wrote. Past program assignments for ITC have included grants-writing, resource development, program implementation and evaluation. Ms. Tavenner has extensive experience in planning, curriculum development, facilitation and program design. Originally from the Pacific Northwest, she has designed and taught courses, and has written a culturally-based curriculum for the Quileute Tribal School in La Push, Washington.

Captain David R. Taylor MHS, RPh, PA-C, RN, NCPS is a Commissioned Officer in the United States Public Health Service and is a certified physician assistant, registered pharmacist, and registered nurse. CAPT Taylor holds more than 31 years of public health, clinical, and clinic-administrative experience in the Indian Health Service (IHS). During his commission, he has served as a pharmacist, physician assistant, quality manager, risk manager, and compliance officer for the Pine Ridge, South Dakota and Cherokee, North Carolina Indian Hospitals. He has also served as an HIV/AIDS/STD consultant, performance improvement consultant, pharmacy consultant, and diabetes clinical consultant for the Nashville Area Indian Health Service.

Assistant Surgeon General Zachary Taylor, MD, MS is the Regional Health Administrator (RHA) for Region VIII, Department of Health and Human Services (appointed in 2006). During his 27 year career with the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Taylor has served in several Department of Health and Human Services agencies including the CDC, IHS, the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. CAPT Taylor has numerous peer reviewed publications, book chapters, guidelines, and government publications. CAPT Taylor is a graduate of the Medical College of Georgia and received post-graduate training at the University of Kentucky and the University of Maryland.

Lane Terwilliger, JD, LL.M., has worked for the Center for Medicare & Medicaid for 20 years, holding a variety of program and management positions. Lane is a Technical Director in the Division of State Demonstrations & Waivers, the Center of Medicaid and CHIP Services. Lane works on the implementation of the Medicaid Expansion provisions of the ACA in the Medicaid Eligibility Division and the Medicaid Waiver Division. Lane also led implementation efforts for key provisions impacting AI/AN in the CHIPRA and ARRA legislations. Lane has JD and LL.M. in Health Law from DePaul University College of law.

Erin Thin Elk, member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate, serves as Director of the Northern Plains Behavioral Health Programs for the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board. Ms. Thin Elk has considerable experience in culturally competent behavioral health practice and research, diversity programming and implementation of human rights policies and assessments in both nonprofit and higher education settings. She has a demonstrated, energetic leadership style and possesses strong organizational development and interpersonal skills with diverse populations, especially with Native American communities. She holds a passionate commitment to equality, wellness and social justice for sovereign Native nations.

Nickol Todd, MPH, PMP is Project Officer, Regional Extension Center (REC) Cooperative Agreement Program, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Office of Provider Adoption Support (OPAS) Ms. Todd is responsible for eight Regional Extension Centers that assist over 17,000 providers in achieving Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records. She serves as the focal point for responding to scientific, technical, or programmatic correspondence from grantees, and she evaluates programmatic performance, progress, and risks. Nickol holds a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Management from Columbia University. She also holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree

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Howard Tommie served the Seminole Tribe of Florida as the Chairman from 1971 to 1979. To promote economic development, Mr. Tommie's administration opened the first Tribally-owned high-stakes bingo hall in 1979. This event set in motion a series of legal challenges to the Tribe's sovereignty, which, ultimately resulted in a Supreme Court decision for the Tribe and a legal precedent for Tribal gaming. In addition to his service to the Seminole Tribe, Mr. Tommie provided leadership and vision for a number of Indian organizations, including United South and Eastern Tribes, the National Congress of American Indians, and the National Indian Health Board.X

Travis Tougaw is the Stakeholder Relations Manager for the VHA Chief Business Office's Purchased Care Business Line. In this role, he implements and oversees programs to improve satisfaction with Purchased Care programs. Travis has been with the Chief Business Office since March 2010. Previously, as an Education Specialist, he supported Veterans Integrated Service Network 17's continuing medical education, leadership training, and on-the-job training programs. Travis is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving as a Public Affairs Officer and as an educator. During Operation Enduring Freedom, he served as the Public Affairs Advisor to the senior U.S. Air Force officer in Afghanistan.

Debbie Turner, Special Projects Coordinator for ANTHC- BHRS, is originally from Holy Cross, Alaska. She has her Associate of Applied Science degree in Human Services. Debbie has previous experience working as a Tribal Family Youth Specialist for the Tanana Chiefs Conference in the community of Holy Cross. In that capacity, she worked directly with families and the Tribal court. She also has previous experience working as the Tribal Administrator for the Tribe of Holy Cross managing the Tribal programs.

Peter Scott Vicaire, JD, member of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation in Quebec, Canada, serves as the Tribal Government Relations Specialist for the Central Region for the VA. Vicaire is a former U.S. Marine, honorably discharged as a sergeant after serving with the 8th & 1 Presidential Honor Guard in Washington D.C. and as an infantry squad leader with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. He has a master's degree in military studies from the American Military University, and American (Michigan State University) and Canadian (University of Ottawa) law degrees, with a specialization in indigenous law. He is licensed to practice in New York.

Dr. Malia Villegas is Sugpiaq/Alutiiq and an enrolled member of the Native Village of Afognak in Alaska. Dr. Villegas earned her doctorate in Culture, Communities, and Education at Harvard University. She developed extensive relationships in the South Pacific through her Fulbright-funded dissertation research in New Zealand and Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Brisbane, Australia. Dr. Villegas serves as the Principal Investigator of an NIH-funded Native American Research Center for Health project examining the use and impact of community-based participatory research in Indigenous communities and serves as a co-Core Director of an NIH-funded project on diabetes-related translation research.

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

Libby Watanabe is Tlingit, Haida & Tsimshian Alaskan Native. She is married to Clint Watanabe; they have one son, Justin, who is a junior in high school. Libby has worked for the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium since 1989 and is the Special Assistant for the President. Libby has earned a Master of Public Administration degree, a Dietetic Internship Certificate, a Bachelor of Science degree, and an Associate of Science degree. Libby is pursuing certification with the Medical Group Management Association. Libby enjoys dancing in a Tlingit dance group, sewing Alaskan Native regalia, and traditional basket weaving.

Emily White Hat, JD, is a Program Manager with the Policy Research Center at the National Congress of American Indians, located in Washington DC, and is a citizen of the Sicangu Lakota/Rosebud Sioux Tribe. She works on a variety of projects including: a Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) V study of Community-Based Participatory Research, Robert Wood Johnson Public Health Law Project, Diabetes Translation Research, and the Policy Center's tribally-driven research agenda. With guidance from Tribal leadership and the Policy Research Center National Advisory Council, Emily oversees and conducts research that benefits Tribal communities using a capacity-building approach.

Becky Whitlow is clinically trained as a Medical Technologist and has expanded her professional career to the information technology field. Her current job duties include training the medical staff as well as the staff of the ancillary services for the electronic health record applications. The clinical experience attained has been very beneficial when training the needs of the healthcare system.



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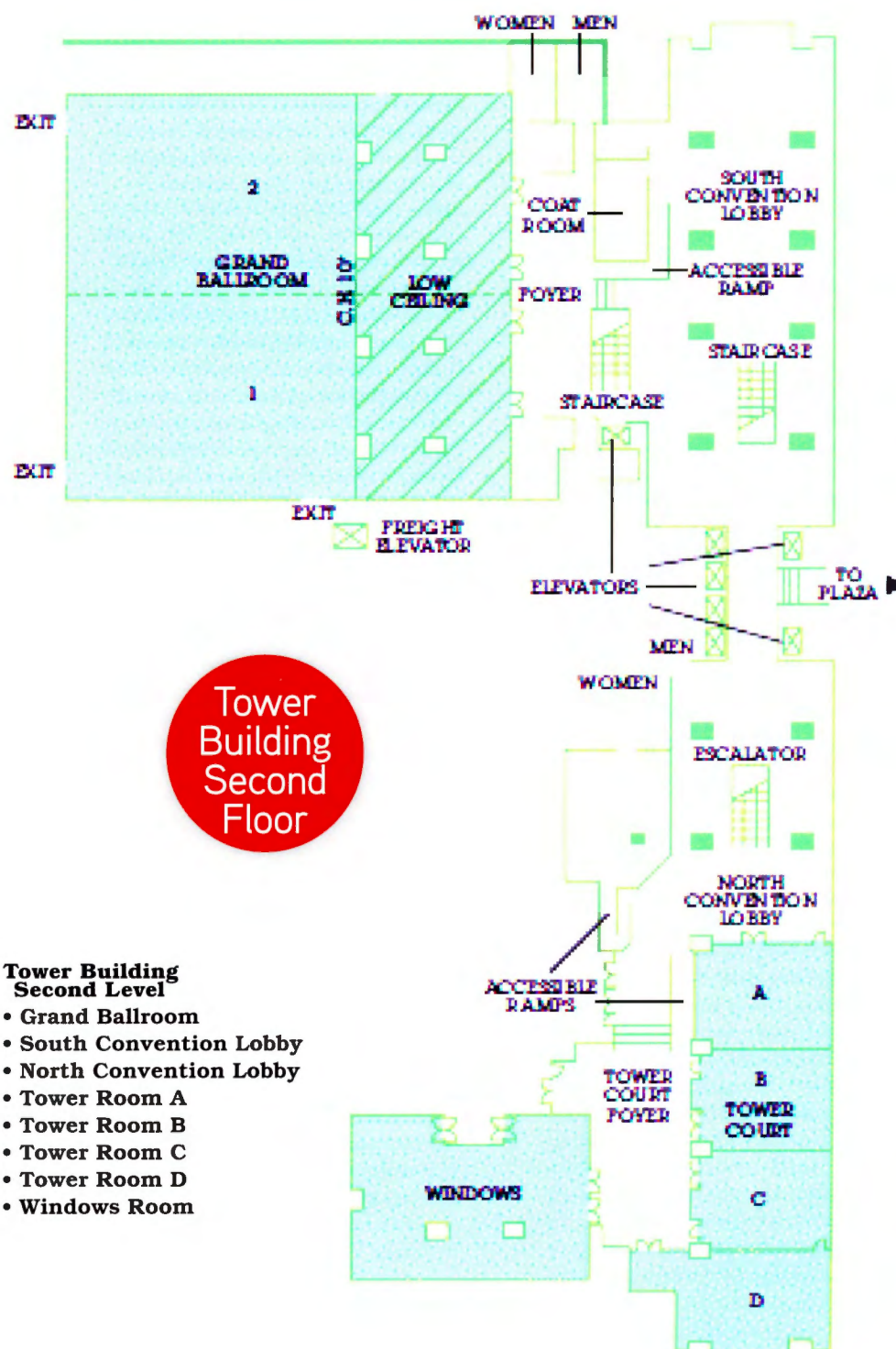
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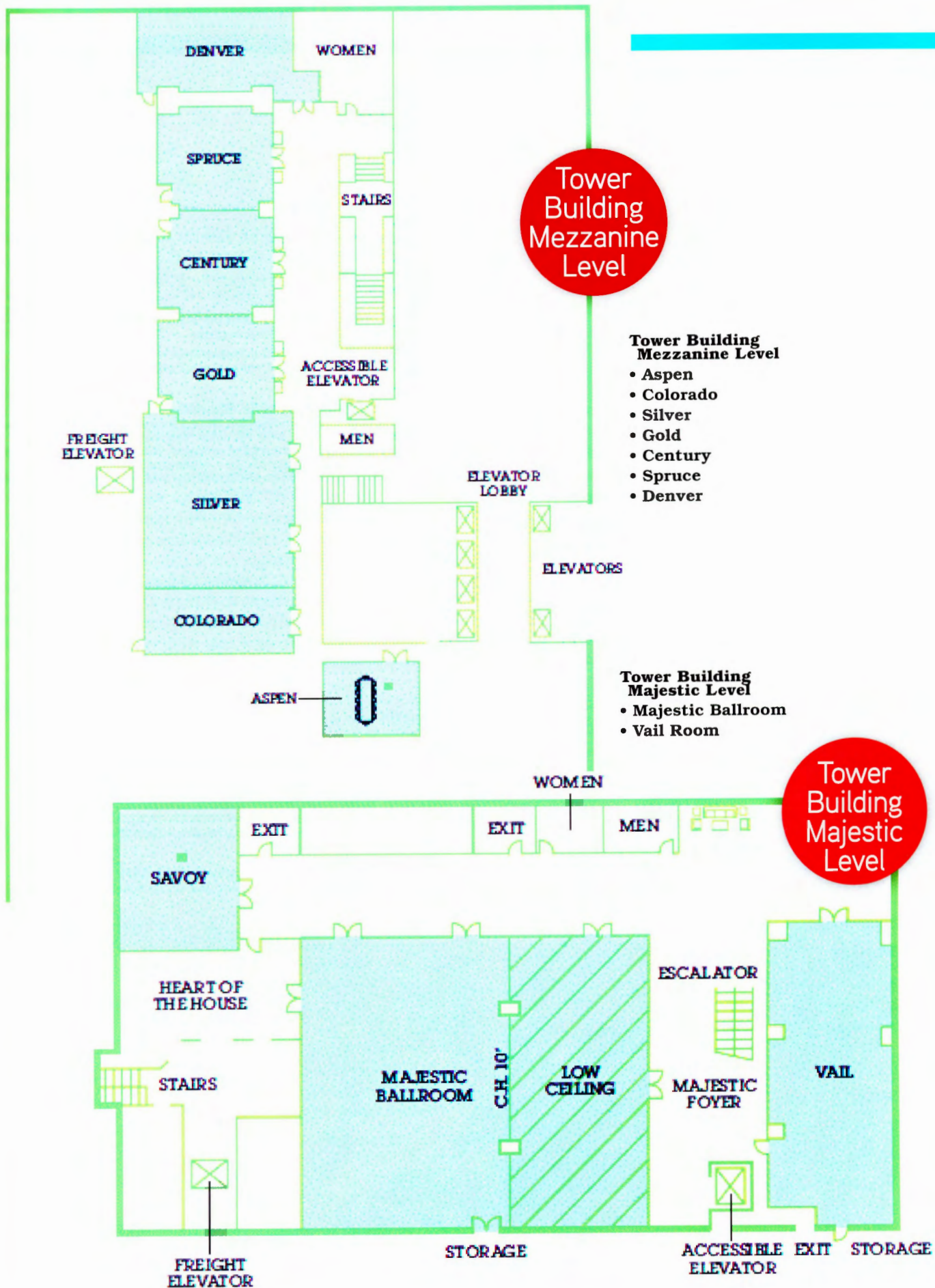
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Valet parking, fee: \$30 USD daily
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Conference Information



Agenda Changes:

Changes to the conference agenda will be posted daily by the registration desk located in the Sheraton Denver Downtown in the North Convention Lobby.

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Registration Desk:

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The registration desk hours are:

Monday, September 24, 2012 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 25, 2011 7:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, September 26, 2011 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

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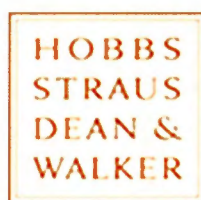


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For updated conference information, visit www.cps.ca or www.aap.org/ind

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Nates



Medicaid & The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

There has never been a better time to apply!

- Higher income levels for eligibility
- Less paperwork
- Application assistance

Special changes for tribes include:

- Tribal enrollment card for proof of citizenship
- No copayments, deductibles, or premiums

Why should I sign up my kids for health insurance when my family already gets health care at our local clinic?

Medicaid and CHIP Programs:

- Cover the cost of health services your clinic may not currently provide
- Allow your family more options - you can still go to your local clinic and also to other clinics, hospitals and physician offices that accept Medicaid and CHIP
- Stretch tribal health care dollars so our communities can provide more services in the future

In many states, Medicaid and CHIP coverage includes:

- Doctors Visits
- Hospitalizations
- Behavioral Health
- Specialty Care
- Emergency Care
- Pregnancy
- Prenatal Care
- Prescriptions
- Screenings
- Vaccinations
- Transportation
- Vision
- Dental
- Hearing

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Sunday, September 23, 2012

Youth Summit Opening

NIHB Board of Director's Meeting

Monday, September 24, 2012

Veterans Affairs Consultation Session

Health Resources and Services Administration Consultation Session

Office of Minority Health, Health Research Advisory Committee Meeting

Registration Opens

Exhibitor Marketplace Opens

Evening Welcome Reception

Daily Elders Corner

Daily Healing Lodge



Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Opening of General Session

Morning Plenary Session

- 40th Anniversary Keynote Speaker
- FABULOUS FEDS Plenary Session featuring:
 - HRSA
 - ACF
 - OMH
 - SAMHSA

Secretary of the Veterans Administration Address

Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Luncheon

Afternoon Workshops

- CMS and VA Tracks
- Chronic Health Issues
- HITECH
- Behavioral Health

Evening Reception hosted by the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

Film Festival - Youth Conference Closing Ceremony



Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Let's Move in Indian Country Walk

Plenary Session

- State Exchanges: How are States working with Tribes?
- Improving Access to Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program
- CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group: Progress and Future Goals
- Affordable Care Act and Internal Revenue Service Issues

"Moving Forward on the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act"

"The Affordable Care Act and the Supreme Court Decision"

Afternoon Workshops

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- Chronic Health Issues
- HITECH
- Behavioral Health
- Tribal Public Health Institute Roundtable

Veterans Administration Listening Session (Invitation only)

NIHB Annual Awards Gala – Seating limited. Purchase tickets online at www.nihb.org on the Conference Registration page.

- Featuring renowned traditional Native foods Chef: Rob Kinneen
- **Menu** – Surf and Turf:
Alaskan Salmon and Bison
- Jake Whitecrow Lifetime Achievement Award
- National, Regional, Local Awards
- Youth Leadership Award
- Semi-formal Attire



Thursday, September 27, 2012

Morning Workshops

- HITECH
 - Public Health Law
 - Prescription Drug Abuse
 - CMS Tribal Caucus
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General Plenary

- Budget and Appropriations
 - National Tribal Budget Workgroup
 - Indian Health Service Budget Discussion
 - Congressional Appropriations
 - Sequestration
 - How does the budget work?
 - How do appropriations work?
 - Advocacy
 - Consultation
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Closing Ceremony

Afternoon CMS Consultation

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Phone: (303) 893-3333

Hotel Cut-Off Date: September 2, 2012

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