

# 2025 COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM

# Symposium

HOSTED BY THE SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH  
BOARD & THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN  
HEALTH BOARD

MARCH 12 - 14, 2025  
FIRST AMERICANS MUSEUM, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK



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## 2025 COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM SYMPOSIUM

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# ABOUT THE FIRST AMERICAN'S MUSEUM

## ONE PLACE, MANY NATIONS

IN ONE PLACE, VISITORS EXPERIENCE THE COLLECTIVE HISTORIES OF 39 DISTINCTIVE FIRST AMERICAN NATIONS IN OKLAHOMA TODAY. FIRST AMERICANS MUSEUM SHARES THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY, HISTORY, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FIRST AMERICANS.

## FAM LAND AND PEOPLES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

FIRST AMERICANS MUSEUM (FAM) HONORS THE ANCESTORS WHO LIVED HERE BEFORE IT WAS OKLAHOMA.

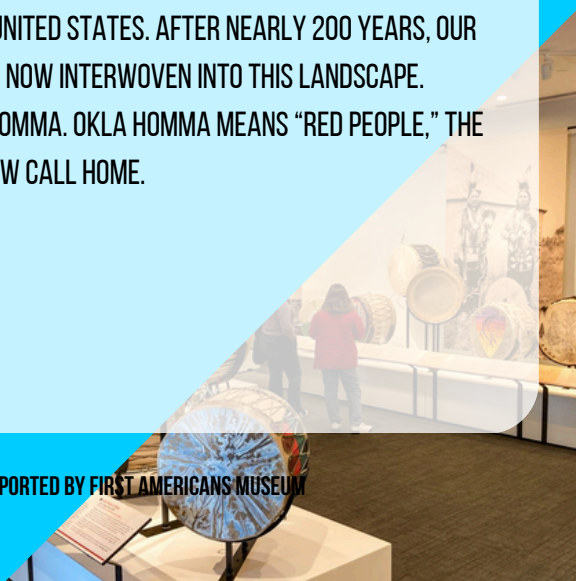
WE HONOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO INHABITED THESE LANDS BEFORE THE UNITED STATES WAS ESTABLISHED. THEY INCLUDE THE APACHE, CADDO, TONKAWA, AND WICHITA. WE ALSO HONOR THOSE TRIBES WHO HAVE A HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP TO THIS REGION, INCLUDING THE COMANCHE, KIOWA, OSAGE AND QUAPAW. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) AND SEMINOLE WHO WERE ONCE ASSIGNED THE LAND UPON WHICH FAM RESIDES.

TODAY, 39 DISTINCT TRIBAL NATIONS RESIDE IN OKLAHOMA. WE ARE AS DIVERSE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY AS THE NATIONS ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

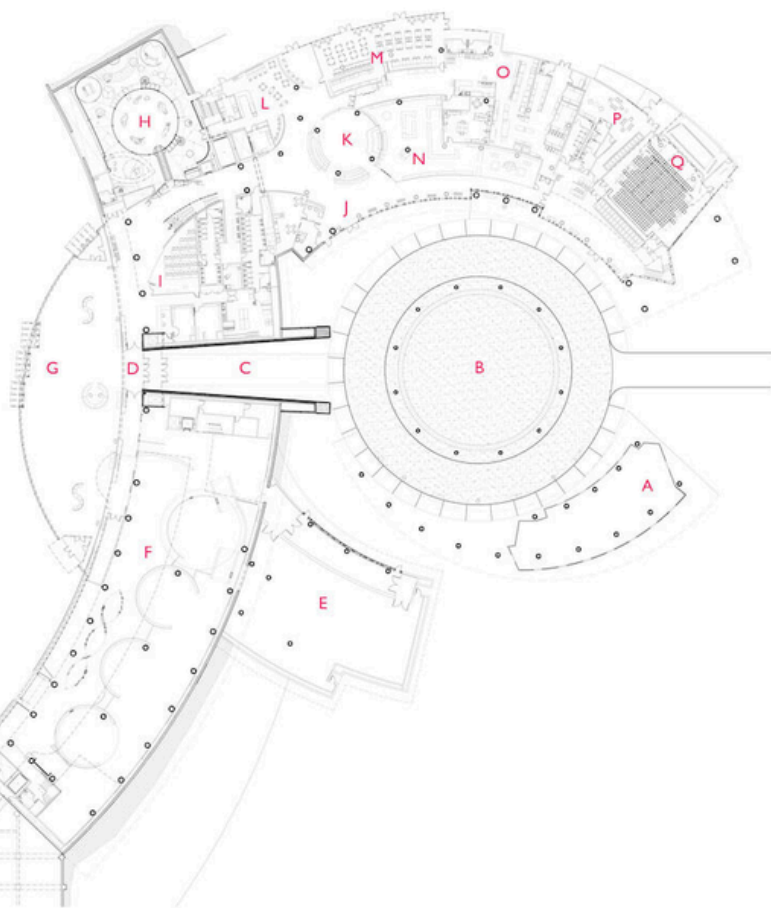
WE ARE NOT IN OKLAHOMA BY CHOICE. MANY OF OUR PEOPLES WERE REMOVED AND RELOCATED FROM THE FAR REACHES OF THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES. AFTER NEARLY 200 YEARS, OUR HISTORIES AND CULTURAL LIFEWAYS ARE NOW INTERWOVEN INTO THIS LANDSCAPE. THE CHOCTAW PEOPLE CALL THIS LAND OKLA HOMMA. OKLA HOMMA MEANS "RED PEOPLE," THE PLACE WE NOW CALL HOME.



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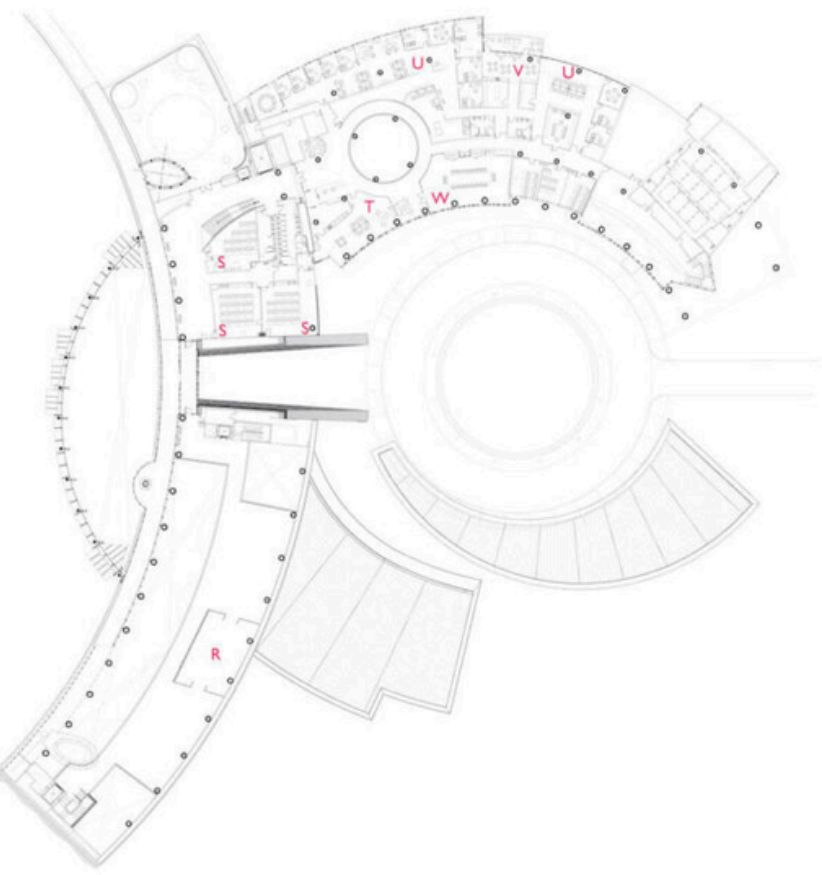
# FIRST AMERICAN'S MUSEUM



- A FAMcenter
- B Courtyard
- C Remembrance Walls
- D FAM Entrance
- E Future Changing Gallery
- F Tribal Nations Gallery
- G Hall of The People
- H FAMily Discovery Center
- I Community Gallery
- J Xchange Entrance
- K Xchange Theatre
- L Cafe
- M Restaurant
- N FAMstore
- O Kitchen
- P Green Room
- Q FAM Theatre



# FIRST AMERICAN'S MUSEUM



- R Mezzanine Gallery
- S Classroom
- T Alliance Lounge
- U FAM Offices
- V Staff Lounge
- W Sovereignty Suite



# **ABOUT SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD:**

**THE SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD (SPTHB) IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. THE HEALTH BOARD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1972 TO PROVIDE A UNIFIED VOICE ON TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS AND POLICY FOR THE 44 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES LOCATED IN THE STATES OF KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, AND TEXAS. BOARD MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 12 SERVICE UNITS IN THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS) OKLAHOMA CITY AREA.**

**THE SPTHB SERVES AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, (WHICH WORKS CLOSELY WITH CONGRESS AND THE SENATE ON INDIAN HEALTH POLICY FOR INDIAN COUNTRY) AND THE 44 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES IN KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, AND TEXAS. OUR ROLE IS TO IMPROVE TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR AMERICAN INDIANS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS, ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, DATA, AND RESEARCH, AS WELL AS EDUCATING, TRAINING, DATA AND RESEARCH.**



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# ABOUT NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

WE ARE ENGAGED IN MANY AREAS OF INDIAN HEALTH, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION, AS WELL AS DATA SURVEILLANCE AND RESEARCH. OUR STRENGTHS INCLUDE AN ACTIVE BOARD, TALENTED STAFF, AND A FORWARD THINKING ORGANIZATION. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS IN INDIAN COUNTRY, BUT WE DO NOT SHY AWAY FROM THE CHALLENGE.

ESTABLISHED IN 1972, THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD (NPAIHB OR THE BOARD) IS A NON-PROFIT TRIBAL ADVISORY ORGANIZATION SERVING THE FORTY-THREE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES OF OREGON, WASHINGTON, AND IDAHO. EACH MEMBER TRIBE APPOINTS A DELEGATE VIA TRIBAL RESOLUTION, AND MEETS QUARTERLY TO DIRECT AND OVERSEE ALL ACTIVITIES OF NPAIHB.



# ABOUT CHAP (COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM)

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM (CHAP) IS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY SYSTEM OF MID-LEVEL BEHAVIORAL, COMMUNITY, AND DENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WORKING ALONGSIDE LICENSED PROVIDERS TO OFFER PATIENTS INCREASED ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE ORIGINATING IN RURAL ALASKAN AREAS. IN 2016, THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS) CONSULTED WITH TRIBES ON EXPANDING THE PROGRAM, AND IN 2018, FORMED THE CHAP TRIBAL ADVISORY GROUP (CHAP TAG) TO EXPAND CHAP TO THE LOWER 48 STATES.

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM IS A SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EVERY FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES TO CREATE A CUSTOM HEALTHCARE MODEL SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL TRIBAL COMMUNITY'S NEEDS. IT IS A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO FILLING THE GAPS IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES' HEALTHCARE NEEDS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CARE AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

- 1. SPECIALIZED CARE** | PROVIDES CARE BY CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE & RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY
- 2. IMPROVED CARE** | PROVIDES UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRIBES TO IMPROVE CURRENT HEALTH & EDUCATION SYSTEMS
- 3. ENHANCED CARE** | IMPROVES CONTINUITY OF CARE, ALLEVIATE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION IN TRIBAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS
- 4. CAREERS IN CARE** | PROVIDES EDUCATION & CAREER ADVANCEMENT IN WORKFORCE



SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD

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**SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD;  
COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM (CHAP) STAFF  
INVITES ALL REGISTERED SYMPOSIUM ATTENDEES TO**

# Social Night

**MARCH 12, 2025 | 5 - 7 PM**

**FIRST AMERICANS MUSEUM | HALL OF THE PEOPLE | MUSEUM GALLERY  
659 FIRST AMERICANS BLVD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**

**WE ARE EXCITED TO CREATE AND FOSTER NEW AND EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE  
CHAP COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS GIVE ATTENDEES THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE FIRST  
AMERICANS MUSEUM EXHIBITS TO CLOSE OUT THE FIRST DAY OF OUR 2025 SYMPOSIUM**

## **CONTACT US**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
TO BE SERVED**

**PLEASE NO FOOD OR  
BEVERAGES IN THE  
MUSEUM GALLERY**

**PHONE: (405) 652-9200  
EMAIL: [CHAP@SPTHB.ORG](mailto:CHAP@SPTHB.ORG)  
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# Cultural Night

**MARCH 13, 2025 | 6 - 8:30 PM  
FIRST AMERICANS MUSEUM | HALL OF THE PEOPLE  
659 FIRST AMERICANS BLVD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**

**WE ARE HONORED TO DISPLAY OKLAHOMA'S TRIBAL CULTURAL EXCELLENCE TO  
CLOSE DAY 2 OF OUR 2025 SYMPOSIUM**

## **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

**PERFORMANCES BY  
DIFFERENT GROUPS &  
INDIVIDUALS  
SOCIAL DANCES**

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# *Culture Night Agenda*

THURSDAY-MARCH 13; 6:00PM

HALL OF THE PEOPLE



COMMUNITY  
HEALTH AIDE  
PROGRAM

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## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES: NICK WAHPEPAH**

KICKAPOO/ WINNEBAGO

## **PRAYER/INVOCATION**

**2025 MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA GEORGIA HARJO**

MVSKOKE/ SEMINOLE/ CHEYENNE/ CHOCTAW

- FLAG SONG
- VETERANS SONG

JOHN G. HAMILTON (KIOWA; CADDO, CHEYENNE AND WICHITA); AJ HARVEY (PONCA);  
ACE GREENWOOD (CHICKASAW, CHEROKEE); MIKE KIHEGA (OTOE-MISSOURIA)

## **DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS**

**STOMP DANCE**

**SOUTHERN CLOTH**

**SOUTHERN STYLE BUCKSKIN**

**FANCY SHAWL/JINGLE**

**MENS GRASS/TRADITIONAL**

**HOOP DANCE**

**MENS SOUTHERN FANCY WAR DANCE**

**SOCIAL DANCE: ROUND DANCE**

WELCOME, RELATIVES! WE ARE HONORED TO GATHER WITH YOU ON THIS SACRED JOURNEY OF HEALTH AND HEALING, ROOTED IN THE WISDOM OF OUR ANCESTORS AND THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES. AS WE COME TOGETHER, LET US EMBRACE THE WARMTH OF SHARED STORIES, THE POWER OF CONNECTION, AND THE HOPE THAT GUIDES US TOWARD A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR OUR PEOPLE. MAY THIS CONFERENCE BE A PLACE OF LEARNING, LAUGHTER, AND LOVE, WHERE EVERY HEART FEELS UPLIFTED, EVERY VOICE IS VALUED, AND EVERY STEP FORWARD IS TAKEN IN UNITY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL YOU ARE HERE—YOUR PRESENCE IS A BLESSING!



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 1

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

**8:30 AM**

BREAKFAST

REGISTRATION

(HALL OF THE PEOPLE)

**INVOCATION | 9-9:10 AM**

BRUCE PRATT, SPTHB

**WELCOMING | 9:10-9:20 AM**

ROBERT COFFEY, IOWA TRIBE AND SPTHB BOARD PRESIDENT

**WELCOMING | 9:20-9:30 AM**

NICK BARTON, SPTHB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**WELCOME-OKC AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE | 9:30-10:00 AM**

RADM GREGG WOITTE, OKC AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DIRECTOR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

**INTRODUCTION TO CHAP IN THE OCA | 10-10:30 AM**

JULIE SEWARD, SPTHB CHAP MANAGER

**KEYNOTE: SUCCESS AND BARRIERS: INCREASING ACCESS TO CARE IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES | 10:30-11 AM**

ANGELA DAUGHTERY, IOWA TRIBE, HEALTH DIRECTOR

**SETTING THE STAGE: THE NEXT DECADE OF CHAP NATIONALIZATION | 10:30-11:00 AM**

CHRISTINA FRIEDT, CKF CONSULTING

**11:30 AM – 12 PM**

BREAK- REGISTER FOR PROVIDER RAFFLE

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 1 CONT'D

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

12 – 12:50 PM

LUNCH (HALL OF THE PEOPLE)

“WE ARE HEALERS” VIDEO

CHAP VIDEO

1 – 2:30 PM

ROUND 1 BREAK OUT SESSIONS (DAY 1)

**1. CHAP SUSTAINABILITY: STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AND NAVIGATING CHANGING LANDSCAPES** | INNOVATION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

CARRIE SAMPSON SAMUELS, NPaiHB

DANA MILLER, DANA MILLER CONSULTING

DR. MARCY RONYAK, IHS HEADQUARTERS

MODERATOR: CHRISTINA FRIEDT

**2. BHA EDUCATION PROGRAMS: LEVERAGING INDIGENOUS WAYS TO DESIGN STATE OF THE ART PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAMS** | INSPIRATION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

YAKAIYASTAI GORMAN-ETL, NORTHWEST INDIAN COLLEGE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

DOLORES JIMERSON, NPaiHB, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

DR. WINONA WYNN, HERITAGE UNIVERSITY

MODERATOR: KATIE HUNSBERGER

**3. CHAP CERTIFICATION: THE CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND LESSONS LEARNED IN BUILDING A CHAP CERTIFICATION BOARD** | ALLIANCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

LISA GRIGGS, NPaiHB

TANYA FIREMOON, CHAP CONSULTANT

DR. CHERYL SIXKILLER, IHS HEADQUARTERS

KELLE LITTLE, COQUILLE TRIBE, COO

MODERATOR: JULIE SEWARD



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 1 CONT'D

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

2:30 – 2:45 PM

BREAK

2:45 – 4:15 PM

ROUND 2 BREAK OUT SESSIONS (DAY 1)

**1. THE STORY OF THREE INSEPARABLE FRIENDS: CHAM, CHA S&P, AND CHA CURRICULUM** | INSPIRATION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

CARRIE SAMPSON-SAMUELS

STEPHANIE CHRISTIAN

REBECCA PAZDERNIK, CHAP CONSULTANT

MODERATOR: SASHA JONES, NPAIHB

**2. RESILIENCE BUILDING AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO RECRUITING, RETAINING, AND SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS** | INNOVATION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

KATIE HUNSBERGER

KARI ANN KUNTZELMAN

MORNING ROSE LOUIE, NPAIHB

MODERATOR: DAWN LANDON

**3. REGULATORY INFRASTRUCTURE: THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES, BYLAWS AND COMMITTEES** | ALLIANCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

TANYA FIREMOON

LISA GRIGGS

KELLE LITTLE

IHS HEADQUARTERS TEAM (DR. RONYAK, DR. SIXKILLER, AND DION REID)

MODERATOR: CHRISTINA FRIEDT

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 1 END

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

4:30 PM | HALL OF THE PEOPLE 1ST FLOOR

REGISTER FOR PROVIDER RAFFLE

REGISTRATION FOR SOCIAL NIGHT

5 PM

SOCIAL NETWORKING NIGHT

MUSEUM TOUR BEGIN

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

7 PM

DISMISSED

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 2

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

**8:30 AM**

BREAKFAST

REGISTRATION

(HALL OF THE PEOPLE)

**INVOCATION | 9-9:10 AM**

JASON BUTLER, SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGER

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTION | 9:10-9:15 AM**

TRACY PRATHER, SPTHB TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER DIRECTOR

**CULTURALLY DRIVEN CHAP IMPLEMENTATION: STORIES FROM ACROSS INDIAN COUNTRY | 9:15-10:40 AM**

WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES

CHEROKEE NATION

OSAGE NATION

PAWNEE NATION

TANYA FIREMOON

JASON BUTLER

YAKAIYASTAI GORMAN-ETL

MODERATOR: JULIE SEWARD

**MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS ACTIVITY | 10:40-11 AM**

KATIE HUNSBERGER, NPAIHB BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

JASON BUTLER, SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGER

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 2

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

**FUNDING CHAP: A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH AUDIENCE Q&A**

**| 11:05 AM-12 PM**

SARAH BORGIDA, ARCORA

DR. MARCY RONYAK, IHS HQ

CAROLINE BRUNTON, W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

BRETT WEBER, COMMUNITY CATALYST

MODERATOR: CHRISTINA FRIEDT

**12 – 12:50 PM**

LUNCH | HALL OF THE PEOPLE

POW WOW VIDEOS

**1 – 2:30 PM**

ROUND 1 BREAK OUT SESSIONS (DAY 2)

**1. DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPY AND LEGISLATIVE BARRIERS | INNOVATION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR**

JULIE SEWARD, SPTHB

LAURA BRANNON, COMMUNITY CATALYST

CHRISTINA FRIEDT

MODERATOR: DAWN LANDON, SPTHB

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**2. MORE HANDS ON DECK FOR ORAL HEALTH CARE: DHA EDUCATION PROGRAMS, PRACTICE, AND SUPERVISION | INSPIRATION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR**

PAMELA READY, NPAIHB DENTAL

SAVANNAH BONORDEN DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST

MODERATOR: KARI ANN KUNTZELMAN

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 2 CONT'D

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

**3. SUPPORTING THE PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE: CHR, CHA, BHA, & DHA, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND CLINICAL SUPERVISION** | ALLIANCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

STEPHANIE CHRISTIAN, NPAIHB EDUCATION DIRECTOR

DOLORES JIMERSON

DR. MIRANDA DAVIS, CHAP CONSULTANT

MODERATOR: VALENE BARTMESS, SPTHB

**2:30 – 2:45 PM**

BREAK

**2:45 – 4:15 PM**

ROUND 2 BREAK OUT SESSIONS (DAY 2)

**1. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT + TRIBAL/STATE COLLABORATION** | ALLIANCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

KATE DENNY, NPAIHB

DANA MILLER

ASHLEY JOHNSON, OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

MODERATOR: JULIE SEWARD

**2. FUNDING CHAP: INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR DIVERSIFYING FUNDING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES** | INSPIRATION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

SARAH BORGIDA

CAROLINE BRUNTON

LAURA BRANNON

DR. MARCY RONYAK

MODERATOR: CHRISTINA FRIEDT

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 2 CONT'D

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

### 3. CHAP OUTSIDE THE BOX: UNIQUE WAYS TO IMPLEMENT CHAP IN YOUR COMMUNITY

| INNOVATION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

SASHA JONES, NPAIHB

MORNING ROSE LOUIE

MARK ROGERS, OSAGE NATION, CEO WAHZHAZHE HEALTH CENTER

MODERATOR: CARRIE SAMPSON-SAMUELS

4:30 PM | HALL OF THE PEOPLE 1ST FLOOR

### FOOD CULTURE: CREATING HOLISTIC WELLNESS

NICO ALBERT WILLIAMS

(CHEROKEE) FOUNDER &

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF

BURNING CEDAR SOVEREIGN

WELLNESS

5 PM

DINNER (HALL OF THE PEOPLE)

6 PM

CULTURAL NIGHT

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DAY 3**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14**

**8:30 AM**

BREAKFAST

REGISTRATION

(HALL OF THE PEOPLE)

**WELCOME/INVOCATION | 9-9:15 AM**

CAROL NUTTLE, LEADER LLC

**IHS UPDATES ON CHAP IMPLEMENTATION + AUDIENCE Q&A | 9:15-10:15 AM**

DR. MARCY RONYAK

DR. CHERYL SIXKILLER

DION REID

MODERATOR: JULIE SEWARD

**STORIES FROM THE FIELD: REAL LIFE CHAP PROVIDERS SHARE THEIR  
EXPERIENCES AND REFLECTIONS | 10:30-11:30 AM**

KARI ANN KUNTZELMAN, DHAT/NPAIHB

INGA WEDDLE, DHAT/ TULALIP TRIBE

MELISSA SUMMERS BHA STUDENT, FORT PECK

AVANNAH BONORDEN, DHAT

MODERATOR: DAWN LANDON

**12 PM (HALL OF THE PEOPLE)**

LUNCH (BOX LUNCH)

DISMISSAL/FINAL REMARKS-CAROL NUTTLE

# MEET OUR SPEAKERS



NICK BARTON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD



SAVANNAH BONORDEN, DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST, PRACTITIONER, WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SE ALASKA. GRADUATING FROM THE ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (ANTHC), DENTEX, DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN 2013. SHE'S BEEN WORKING WITH SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (SEARHC) FOR 12 YEARS AS A MIDLEVEL DENTAL PROVIDER. WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN ORAL HEALTH PREVENTATIVE CARE AND EDUCATION, SHE WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE TLINGIT AND HAIDA PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AND THE MT. EDGE CUMBE HIGH BOARDING SCHOOL (9TH- 12TH GRADE). SAVANNAH'S MAIN CLINICAL FOCUS CONSISTS OF COMPLETING ORAL EXAMS, RESTORATIVE SERVICES, PEDIATRIC ORAL CARE, AND NON-SURGICAL EXTRACTIONS HAS SERVED HER HOME COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES ADMIRABLY. SHE TAKES PRIDE IN HER LEADERSHIP ROLE SERVING AS THE SUPERVISOR FOR THE SATELLITE CLINIC, KAKE, INSTRUCTOR/DIRECTOR FOR THE SEARHC DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM, AND CO-CHAIR IN THE ALASKA'S DENTAL ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (DARC). HER DEDICATION TO WORK AND HER COMMUNITY HAS EARNED HER RECOGNITION FOR THE 2019 ALASKA STATE, "SHINING STAR AWARD" AND IN 2022 THE "OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" THROUGH DARC. OUTSIDE OF WORK, SAVANNAH ENJOYS A MULTITUDE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN WILD ALASKA WITH HER FAMILY.



SARAH BORGIDA SERVES AS THE FOUNDATION'S DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS. SHE IS THRILLED TO WORK TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH—AN ISSUE SHE'S PASSIONATE ABOUT BECAUSE ORAL DISEASE IS SO COMMON, YET ALMOST 100 PERCENT PREVENTABLE. SARAH HAS EXPERIENCE IN STRATEGIC AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, PHILANTHROPY, K-12 EDUCATION, EARLY LEARNING, PARTNERING WITH NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND WORKING WITH IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE POPULATIONS. PRIOR TO JOINING THE FOUNDATION, SARAH WAS A PROGRAM OFFICER AT THE FOUNDATION FOR EARLY LEARNING AND CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER AT THE CENTER FOR NATIVE EDUCATION.



LAURA HALE BRANNON IS THE SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE DENTAL THERAPY PROJECT, A PART OF THE DENTAL ACCESS PROJECT AT COMMUNITY CATALYST. IN THIS ROLE, LAURA OVERSEES EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DENTAL THERAPISTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. PREVIOUSLY, LAURA WORKED FOR THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS SUPPORTING STATE-BASED CAMPAIGNS TO AUTHORIZE DENTAL THERAPISTS. SHE ALSO WORKED AS A FEDERAL LOBBYIST FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, COVERING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY. LAURA RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME.



CAROLINE BRUNTON, JD, MPH, IS A PROGRAM OFFICER FOR THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION IN BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, WHERE SHE LEADS THE NATIONAL HEALTH EQUITY PORTFOLIO WHICH FOCUSES ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COVERAGE AND PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE. PRIOR TO JOINING THE FOUNDATION, MS. BRUNTON WAS WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA FOR 13 YEARS IN A VARIETY OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS ROLES. SHE LED BUDGET FORMULATION, PROGRAM EVALUATION, STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS FOR MANY OF CDC'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CHRONIC DISEASE, COMMUNITY, AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAMS, AND SUPPORTED AGENCY-WIDE RESPONSES TO 2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA AND HURRICANE KATRINA. MS. BRUNTON HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MICROBIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND, AS WELL AS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND A JURIS DOCTORATE FROM GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF GEORGIA.



JASON ARION BUTLER IS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE UTE TRIBE OF FORT DUCHESNE, UTAH AND IS ALSO PART MOJAVE AND CHEROKEE. HE RESIDES IN GIBSON, IDAHO WITH HIS WIFE OF 22 YEARS, CHILDREN, AND GRANDCHILD WHO ARE ALL ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES. HE GRADUATED FROM IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND EARNED HIS MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FROM ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY. HE HAS SPENT THE PAST 6+ YEARS EMPLOYED BY THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES, TRIBAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE SPENT TIME SERVING AS THE RECOVERY SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR THE FOUR DIRECTIONS TREATMENT CENTER, THE MANAGER FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM, AND IS CURRENTLY THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGER FOR THE WAAPI KANI, MENTAL WELLNESS AND RECOVERY SERVICES PROGRAM. HE STRIVES TO INCORPORATE NATIVE CULTURE, TRADITIONS, MORALS, AND VALUES INTO THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO NATIVE COMMUNITIES, IMPLEMENTING THESE PRACTICES INTO HIS WORK WITH THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES AND ADVOCATING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HEALTHCARE PRACTICES NATIONALLY.



STEPHANIE CHRISTIAN PA-C TCHPP EDUCATION DIRECTOR: STEPHANNIE CURRENTLY RESIDES IN SOUTHERN OREGON, WHERE SHE LIVES WITH HER HUSBAND AND TWO DAUGHTERS. SHE ENJOYS SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY, GOING FISHING, AND WORKING ON HER SMALL FARM. SHE GRADUATED FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN 2006 AS A PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE. SHE WORKED FOR TWO YEARS IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY IN CALIFORNIA, BEFORE MOVING TO ALASKA. SHE HAS WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM SINCE 2009 WITH TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE IN FAIRBANKS, AK. SHE SPENT MANY YEARS WORKING IN THE FIELD AS A PA-C WITH THE HEALTH AIDES AND TEACHING AT THE HEALTH AIDE TRAINING CENTER. SHE HAS SAT ON THE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL COMMITTEE FOR ALASKA'S HEALTH PROGRAM. IN 2023, SHE BECAME THE TCHPP EDUCATION DIRECTOR AT NPaiHB. SHE CURRENTLY WORKS WITH BOTH THE CHR PROGRAM AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM.



ROBERT COFFEY  
CLINIC DIRECTOR  
PERKINS FAMILY CLINIC  
IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA



ANGELA DAUGHERTY, MHR, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

ANGELA DAUGHERTY, A CITIZEN OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION AND A DESCENDANT OF THE EUCHEE TRIBE, POLECAT CEREMONIAL GROUND. ANGELA HAS OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN NURSING, WITH A CAREER DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF CARE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. SHE HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT FROM OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY, A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN HUMAN RELATIONS WITH AN EMPHASIS IN ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR. ANGELA ALSO EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING FROM GRACELAND UNIVERSITY, AND IS A BOARD-CERTIFIED FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER.

CURRENTLY, ANGELA SERVES AS THE HEALTH DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR THE IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, A POSITION SHE HAS HELD FOR THE PAST 9 YEARS. PRIOR TO THIS ROLE, SHE WAS THE CHIEF HOSPITAL OPERATIONS OFFICER AND CHIEF LONG-TERM CARE OFFICER FOR THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. ANGELA ALSO SERVED AS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT BOTH THE COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION AND OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR 10 YEARS. SHE PREVIOUSLY HELD THE POSITION OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE SERVICES, CONTRIBUTING HER LEADERSHIP AND EXPERTISE TO ENHANCE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CHEROKEE COMMUNITY.

BEFORE WORKING IN INDIAN COUNTRY, ANGELA SERVED AS AN ADMINISTRATOR FOR A LOCAL HOSPICE, WHERE SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING A PEDIATRIC HOSPICE PROGRAM.

WITH MORE THAN 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING IN TRIBAL HEALTH, ANGELA HAS CONTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS TRIBAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES AIMED AT IMPROVING HEALTHCARE DELIVERY AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. IN HER PERSONAL TIME, SHE ENJOYS HER FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HER GRANDCHILDREN, WREN, AND RAVEN. SHE LOVES TO GOLF WITH HER NEPHEW, MEKKO, SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS, AND

BEING OUTDOORS FISHING, GARDENING, WORKING IN HER FLOWER BEDS, AND PICKING WILD ONIONS.





DR. MIRANDA DAVIS HAS FOCUSED HER CAREER ON IMPROVING ORAL HEALTHCARE FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. SHE CURRENTLY PROVIDES CLINICAL CARE WITH COMMUNITY CLINICS IN CENTRAL OREGON AND SERVES AS A DENTAL CONSULTANT FOR THE NATIVE ORAL HEALTH NETWORK AND THE CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD. DR. DAVIS SPENT NEARLY TWO DECADES WORKING WITH TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND IDAHO IN MULTIPLE ROLES: AS A CLINICAL DENTIST, AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DENTAL HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM AT THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, AND AS THE PREVENTION CONSULTANT FOR THE NORTHWEST TRIBAL DENTAL SUPPORT CENTER, AND AS FACULTY FOR THE INDIAN COUNTRY ECHO ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM. TO BROADEN HER CLINICAL EXPERIENCES, DR. DAVIS WORKED IN PRIVATE PRACTICE FOR FIVE YEARS AND HAS PROVIDED VOLUNTEER DENTAL CARE IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES. ORIGINALLY FROM CALIFORNIA, SHE HOLDS A DDS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY IN SAN FRANCISCO AND A MASTERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH.



KATE DENNY, TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER PROGRAM (TCHPP) MANAGER, NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD (NPAIHB). I HAVE 17 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITHIN HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS AS A MEDICAL CODER AND BILLER, AND BILLING MANAGER. I SPENT FIVE YEARS WORKING WITHIN A TRIBAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION AS THE PURCHASED / REFERRED CARE MANAGER AND REVENUE CYCLE SPECIALIST. MY EXPERTISE INCLUDES REVENUE GENERATION FROM HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THO'S, PROVIDER CREDENTIALING, HEALTH CLAIMS DATA, COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (COB) AND MEDICAID CONSULTATION. I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES AND FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS TO PROMOTE HEALTH EQUITY AND WELLNESS AS A MEMBER OF THE TCHPP TEAM! MY GOAL IS TO ADDRESS THE CHRONIC UNDERFUNDING OF THO'S BY ASSISTING THEM TURNING PROVIDER SERVICES INTO REVENUE FOR THEIR TRIBE. SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE SOVEREIGNTY OF TRIBES IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR ME IN MY ROLE AS TCHPP MANAGER. MY HUSBAND AND FOUR CHILDREN ARE ALL ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES. I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FT. HALL COMMUNITY SINCE 2002, AND I ENJOY SPENDING MY TIME WITH MY FAMILY AS THEY TRADITIONALLY HUNT BIG GAME AND SALMON, AS WELL AS HIKING, SKIING, CAMPING, AND RAFTING THE BEAUTIFUL RIVERS OF IDAHO. MY GOAL AS A MEMBER OF THE NORWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD TCHPP TEAM IS TO "ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES BY SUPPORTING NORTHWEST TRIBES IN THEIR DELIVERY OF CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE, HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES."





KATIE FERGUSON IS THE CHAP PROJECT DIRECTOR AND A HEALTHCARE OFFICE MANAGER WITH CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES (CNHS). SINCE JOINING CNHS IN 2013, SHE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS ROLES, INCLUDING CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT AND REGISTERED ORTHOPEDIC TECHNICIAN, GAINING BOTH INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT EXPERIENCE. SHE PLAYED A KEY ROLE AS A SUPER USER DURING CNHS'S TRANSITION TO CERNER AND THE OPENING OF ITS NEW OUTPATIENT CENTER. DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, KATIE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CRITICAL EFFORTS OF THE CNHS COVID-19 HOTLINE. A CITIZEN OF THE CHEROKEE NATION AND A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA, KATIE IS COMMITTED TO ADVANCING HEALTHCARE WITHIN HER COMMUNITY. SHE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM CONNORS STATE COLLEGE IN 2020 AND A BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WITH A FOCUS ON HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS ADMINISTRATION FROM NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023.



#### TANYA FIREMOON (NAKODA)

NPAIHB – TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER PROGRAM & FORT PECK TRIBE CHAP CONTRACTOR

TANYA BEGAN HER COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM (CHAP) JOURNEY WITH THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER PROGRAM (TCHPP) IN 2016 AND TRANSITIONED TO AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR IN 2022. SHE MANAGED THE CHAP LEARNING COLLABORATIVE AS WELL AS THE ELDER MENTOR EXTENSIVE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTCOMES (ECHO), AN INTERACTIVE ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM THAT PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT. SUPPORTED COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES THROUGH VARIOUS ADVISORY WORKGROUPS AND SITE VISITS, ASSISTED STUDENTS WITH THEIR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, AND LAUNCHED THE NW ELDERS, KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS, AND CULTURE KEEPERS VIRTUAL GATHERINGS. SHE IS CURRENTLY FOCUSED ON DELIVERING AN OPERATION MANUAL FOR THE PORTLAND AREA CHAP CERTIFICATION BOARD (PACCB). SHE FACILITATES ALIGNMENT AMONG THE ARCS, MANAGES BOARD FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDES TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO ADVISORY WORKGROUPS. HER ROLE AS A STEWARD IS TO ENSURE COMMUNITY VOICES AND TRIBAL IMPRINTS ARE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE CHAP INFRASTRUCTURE. SHE SUPPORTS THIS BY CREATING SPACE FOR CONVERSATION. SHE IS ALSO COLLABORATING WITH HER OWN COMMUNITY, THE FORT PECK TRIBES OF NORTHEASTERN MONTANA, TO PILOT THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDE (BHA) COMPONENT OF CHAP. SHE SUPPORTS AND MENTORS THE CHAP TEAM, FACILITATING A SMOOTH TRANSITION AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE TRIBE'S OVERALL GOAL OF DEVELOPING THEIR OWN PROVIDERS, ENHANCING THE TRAINING OF STAFF, AND RETAIN OR RE-ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY AND SEEK TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT



CHRISTINA FRIEDT PETERS IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CKF CONSULTING AND A CONTRACTOR/PARTNER FOR THE RAVEN COLLECTIVE. FROM 2015 TO 2025 SHE WAS THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER (TCHP) SENIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD (NPAIHB). THE TCHP PROGRAM OVERSEES AND INTEGRATES THE DENTAL HEALTH AIDE, COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDE PROGRAMS. AS THE SENIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SHE AND HER TEAM SUPPORTED TRIBES IN OREGON, WASHINGTON, AND IDAHO AS THEY EXPLORED OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, STRENGTHEN TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION, AND SUPPORT TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM.



YAKAIYASTAI NANABAH GORMAN-ETL, AN ALUMNA OF NORTHWEST INDIAN COLLEGE AND A CURRENT STUDENT AT ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY. SHE GREW UP IN STEAMBOAT, ARIZONA, AND IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO AND CHEYENNE TRIBES. AS THE ELDEST OF EIGHT CHILDREN OF BEVERLY AND EMERSON GORMAN, YAKAIYASTAI IS AN INDIGENOUS SCHOLAR, MOTHER, AND WIFE DEDICATED TO PRESERVING INHERENT RIGHTS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION. SHE IS DEEPLY VERSED IN NAVAJO TEACHINGS AND SELF-TAUGHT IN TRADITIONAL HERBAL MEDICINE, HOLISTIC HEALING, AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY. RAISED IN A TRADITIONAL NAVAJO HOGAN, SHE GREW UP SPEAKING NAVAJO, EMPHASIZING TRADITIONAL VALUES, HOLISTIC HEALTH, AND A PROFOUND CONNECTION TO PLACE. PROFESSIONALLY, YAKAIYASTAI HAS SERVED AS A WELLNESS COORDINATOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR AT NORTHWEST INDIAN COLLEGE AND NOW LEVERAGES HER KNOWLEDGE FROM BOTH TRADITIONAL AND WESTERN MEDICINE AS A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND INTERIM COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR, CHAMPIONING EQUITABLE HEALTH INITIATIVES FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES.



**LISA GRIGGS** - I AM A GRADUATE OF MARYLHURST COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND HAVE OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN INDIAN PUBLIC HEALTH. THROUGHOUT MY CAREER, I HAVE DEVELOPED A STRONG BACKGROUND IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, PROJECT COORDINATION, AND HEALTH PROMOTION WHILE SUPPORTING THE NORTHWEST TRIBES AND STAKEHOLDERS. I HAVE DEMONSTRATED LONGEVITY AND COMMITMENT IN MY WORK AT THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, GROWING MY CAREER THROUGH VARIOUS ROLES THAT EMPHASIZE LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, AND PROGRAM COORDINATION. IN MY FORMER ROLE AS EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR, I WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CONSULTANTS, AND PARTNERS, PLANNING AND COORDINATING MEETINGS, WORKGROUPS, AND HEALTH POLICY INITIATIVES. I EXCEL IN BOTH LEADERSHIP AND TEAM ROLES, PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT LENS TO BOARD STAFF, MANAGEMENT TEAMS, TRIBAL LEADERS (HEALTH DIRECTORS, CHAIRS, AND DELEGATES), AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS. EARLIER IN MY CAREER, AS AN ASSISTANT TO PROJECT RED TALON, I SERVED AS THE KEY CONTACT FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TRIBAL SITES AND PARTNERS AT LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, AND NATIONAL LEVELS. I ALSO COORDINATED OUTREACH, EDUCATION EFFORTS, AND SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, WHILE BUILDING CAPACITY AROUND STI/HIV TESTING WITHIN THE NORTHWEST TRIBES. MY PASSION FOR WORKING WITH TRIBAL PROGRAMS CONTINUES AS THE PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER PROGRAM, WHERE I FOCUS ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH PROMOTION, AND EDUCATION TO ADVANCE TRIBAL HEALTH IN NORTHWEST AND BEYOND.

OUTSIDE OF WORK, I AM A DEDICATED FAN OF THE "OAKLAND" RAIDERS AND ATHLETICS AND HAVE FREQUENTLY TRAVELED TO THE BAY AREA FOR GAMES. I ALSO LOVE TO TRAVEL, EAT MEXICAN, AND ENJOY GOOD TEQUILA. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I AM A PROUD MOM OF TWO GROWN SONS AND A GRANDMOTHER TO TWO WONDERFUL GRANDCHILDREN. I ENJOY HANGING OUT AND WALKING MY SIDEKICK RAIDER HE'S REZ DOG FROM KLAMATH.



IN NOVEMBER 2024, GEORGIA ADELINE "USHTA" HARJO WON THE PRESTIGIOUS TITLE OF 2024-2025 MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA. GEORGIA NOW REPRESENTS THE 39 TRIBES AND STATE OF OKLAHOMA. SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST CONTESTANT TO ACHIEVE THIS HONOR AND IS THE FIRST EVER MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA TO BE A CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHILE HOLDING THE TITLE.

GEORGIA HARJO IS THE EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF UNA BROWN, AND GRANDDAUGHTER OF SALLY SCOTT AND BOBBY BROWN. SHE IS A CITIZEN OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND HER CLAN IS WIND CLAN. HER TRIBAL TOWN IS ALABAMA-QUASSARTE AND HER CEREMONIAL GROUND IS SAND CREEK. SHE IS ALSO A GRANDDAUGHTER OF ALABAMA CEREMONIAL GROUND. GEORGIA TAKES PRIDE IN ALL OF HER TRIBAL IDENTITIES, AS SHE IS ALSO A DESCENDANT FROM THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA, SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA, AND CHEYENNE TRIBE.

OUR CURRENT MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA STAYS ACTIVELY INVOLVED AT SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY, BEING A SENIOR AT SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN THE OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE GRADUATES THIS MAY 2025 AND WILL ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA. GEORGIA HAS HELD A RECORD OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH HER RIGOROUS COURSES IN HONORS AND AP FOR THE DURATION OF HER HIGH SCHOOL CAREER, EVEN OPTING TO TAKE CONCURRENT COURSES IN THE MVSOKKE LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AT THE COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION ONLINE. GEORGIA HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO SERVICE AND CULTURE THROUGH HER YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, OKLAHOMA INDIAN STUDENT HONOR SOCIETY, OKCPS INDIGENOUS VOICES YOUTH COUNCIL, OKCPS RESONATIVE YOUTH DANCE TROUPE, SEHS NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB, UNITY 25 UNDER 25 PROGRAM AND THE UNITY NEWS BROADCAST.

GEORGIA IS VERY PROUD TO SHARE HER PASSION FOR EDUCATION, LANGUAGE, SERVICE, CULTURE AND ARTS WITH THE WORLD. SHE WOULD LIKE TO TELL EVERYONE THAT "OUR CULTURE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES (NATIVE PROUD)" AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO TAKE PRIDE IN WHO THEY ARE, TAKING THE STEPS TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE LIVING HAPPIER, HEALTHIER LIVES TOGETHER. LET'S REVIVE OUR TRADITIONS.





KATIE HUNSBERGER EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH A MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT ELMHURST UNIVERSITY FOLLOWED BY A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC POLICY AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, WHERE HER RESEARCH WAS DEDICATED TO TRIBAL POLICY IN THE UNITED STATES. KATIE HAS TAKEN MANY COURSES ABROAD TO FURTHER GAIN EXPERIENCE IN CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS. HER INTERNSHIP ROLES WORKING FOR REFUGEE AND INDIGENOUS NON-PROFITS HAS GIVEN HER THE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE AN ADVOCATE FOR NATIVE CULTURE AND PEOPLES. SHE HAS SPOKEN AT SEVERAL UNITED NATIONS EVENTS SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY HEARINGS AND NGO CSW WOMEN'S FORUMS, WHERE SHE SPOKE ON TOPICS RELATING TO INDIGENOUS NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. SHE IS THE CO-DEPUTY CHAIR FOR CARING & LIVING AS NEIGHBOURS (CLAN) BASED IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, WHERE SHE CONTINUES TO PUSH FOR INDIGENOUS HEALTH CARE RIGHTS FROM PAKISTAN TO NEW ZEALAND. KATIE HAS WORKED WITH NATIVE YOUTH FOR SEVERAL YEARS -BOTH IN THE PORTLAND AREA AND ON HER OWN RESERVATION. SHE HAS WORKED IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR INDIGENOUS ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND HAS BUILT SUMMER CAMP CURRICULUM BASED AROUND NATIVE TEACHINGS, TRADITIONAL FOODS, AND MINDFUL MEDITATION. AT HER TRIBE, SHE CREATED A 35 PAGE FOSTER CAREGIVER HANDBOOK THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED THROUGH FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL. KATIE JOINED THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD IN SEPTEMBER 2020 AS THE BHA STUDENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR AND IS NOW THE BHA PROGRAM MANAGER. SHE HAS INCORPORATED HER KNOWLEDGE IN WORKING IN DIRECT SERVICES AND SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES AND INSIGHT TO THE BUILDING OF THE BHA EDUCATION PROGRAM. SHE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS, RETENTION OF BHAS THROUGHOUT THEIR 2-YEAR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY, AND WORKS WITH THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS TO FOSTER PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY. KATIE IS ALSO IN PURSUIT OF HER DOCTORAL DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. THIS DEGREE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO HER KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING SUCCESSFUL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS ON TURTLE ISLAND. WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, RELATIONALITY, AND CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS, SHE HOPES TO WORK ALONGSIDE OTHER NATIVE LEADERS IN TRANSFORMING EDUCATIONAL SPACES THROUGH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE.



### DOLORES JIMERSON, LCSW (SENECA)

DOLORES JIMERSON IS A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER WHO RESIDES ON THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA IN WA. SHE IS AN ADVOCATE OF "NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US" AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GROWING OUR OWN TO BRING HEALING

TO TRIBAL COMMUNITIES. HER PASSION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMES FROM WITNESSING THE IMPACT OF ADOPTION, BOARDING SCHOOLS, AND CHRONIC GRIEF ON HER FAMILY. HER 35-YEAR CAREER INCLUDES HER LIVED EXPERIENCE, PRIVATE CONSULTING, CLINICAL PRACTICE INCLUDING CRISIS INTERVENTION/POSTVENTION, NATIONAL SERVICE AT NICWA, WORKING DIRECTLY WITH TRIBES (QUILEUTE, NORTHERN ARAPAHO, EASTERN SHOSHONE, AND CTUIR), AND NOW DIRECTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR THE 43 TRIBES SERVED BY THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD (NPAIHB.) HER CLINICAL SERVICES ALWAYS MAKE ROOM FOR SPIRIT AND USE OF INDIGENOUS HEALING WAYS.



ASHLEY JOHNSON IS A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT WITH 12 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA. AS THE TRIBAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR AT THE OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY, SHE FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND TRIBAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. ASHLEY, WHO IS AFRO-INDIGENOUS, IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHILE CONSIDERING CULTURAL SENSITIVITY. SHE IS COMMITTED TO HELPING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS COMMUNICATE AND DEMONSTRATE INCLUSIVE PRACTICES.

IN HER SPARE TIME, SHE TEACHES LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES. MS. JOHNSON FOUNDED LIBERATING LEADERSHIP, LLC, WHICH HELPS LEADERS MAXIMIZE THEIR PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGY AND DEVELOP AN EXEMPLARY CULTURE. SHE SELF-PROCLAIMS AS AN ORGANIZATIONAL DOCTOR; SHE IS EQUIPPED TO DIAGNOSE CHALLENGES AND PROPOSE RESOLUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS, LEADERSHIP, AND TEAMS. ASHLEY HOLDS A BA IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY IN BETHANY. SHE IS A MASTER IN 5 VOICES, A CERTIFIED GIANT LEADERSHIP COACH, CONSULTANT, AND A LIBERATING LEADER WHO UNLOCKS THE POTENTIAL IN OTHERS.



SASHA JONES (SHE/HER) IS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES OF THE DUCK VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION. SASHA MAINTAINS TRIBAL AND CULTURAL TIES BY ROOTING HERSELF IN HER COMMUNITY, WORKING REMOTELY, TENDING HER GARDEN, AND RAISING HER FAMILY. SHE HAS A BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH BOTH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO. SASHA HAS SERVED FOR OVER 10 YEARS WORKING IN THE TRIBAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS AND CURRENTLY WORKS WITH THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD AS THE CHAP PROGRAM MANAGER. SASHA HAS SPENT HER YEARS IN THE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM WORKING IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES, AND CURRENTLY WORKS TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE/PRACTITIONER PROGRAMS. SASHA AND HER HUSBAND HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND TWO FOSTER CHILDREN, IN HER SPARE TIME SHE ENJOYS LONG WALKS, PLAYING IN THE DIRT, DOING TRADITIONAL CRAFTS, ATTENDING CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES, AND SUPPORTING HER FAMILY IN THEIR ENDEAVORS AND ACTIVITIES.



KARI ANN KUNTZELMAN IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE CHICKASAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA AND A 2019 GRADUATE OF THE ALASKA DENTAL THERAPY EDUCATION PROGRAM (ADTEP). SHE SERVES AS THE NW DENTAL HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM SPECIALIST WITHIN THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER PROGRAM AT THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD AND IS A LICENSED DENTAL THERAPIST IN OREGON, WHERE SHE RESIDES.

AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, KARI ANN IS A DEDICATED ADVOCATE FOR DENTAL THERAPY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. SHE IS COMMITTED TO INCREASING REPRESENTATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE (AI/AN) PEOPLES IN THE DENTAL WORKFORCE AND INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AI/AN ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. PASSIONATE ABOUT THE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF CARIES AND MINIMALLY INVASIVE DENTISTRY, SHE EMPHASIZES EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES TO DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY, PATIENT-CENTERED CARE.



#### KELLE ADAMEK-LITTLE, RDN

KELLE IS THE COQUILLE TRIBE'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS DIVISION'S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND PROVIDES LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT FOR PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE, PHARMACY, DENTAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE, EMPLOYEES OF THE COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE AND THE PUBLIC. KELLE SERVES AS AN ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE, NASOMAH HEALTH GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRPERSON FOR THE CIT HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE OREGON PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE PORTLAND AREA COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION BOARD.



HAN MITAKUYEPI,

HELLO MY RELATIVES, MY NAME IS MORNINGROSE LOUIE AND I AM AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE ASSINIBOINE (NAKODA) AND SIOUX (DAKOTA) TRIBES OF FORT PECK, MONTANA. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE BEEN SERVING AS THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER EDUCATION DATA COORDINATOR WITH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM AT THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD. IN 2019 I EARNED MY BS IN COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES PUBLIC HEALTH WHILE PLAYING DIVISION 1 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA-RENO. THIS PATH HAS LED ME TO GIVE BACK AND FUTURE GENERATIONS IN THE TRIBAL HEALTH FIELD THROUGH CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND SPORT. I'M GRATEFUL AND PASSIONATE ABOUT GIVING BACK TO INDIGENOUS YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES, LEADING DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS WORKSHOPS, CAMPS, AND EDUCATION TRAINING.

PIDAMAYA (THANK YOU)



A PASSION FOR ADVOCACY AND SERVING HER COMMUNITY, DANA HAS DEDICATED BOTH HER PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIFE TO PUBLIC SERVICE. DANA MILLER SERVES AS THE WARD 1 COUNCILPERSON FOR THE CITY OF SEMINOLE. IN HER PROFESSIONAL CAREER, DANA HAS PROPOSED AND IMPLEMENTED INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES THAT HAVE LED TO EFFECTIVE POLICY AND BEST PRACTICES. HIGHLIGHTS OF HER CAREER IN MEDICAID INCLUDE CO-CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING THE FIRST STATE AGENCY TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, AS WELL AS DRAFTING AND IMPLEMENTING A POLICY THAT ALLOWED FOR COVERAGE OF NATIVE CHILDREN RESIDING IN BOARDING SCHOOLS THAT SERVED AS A NATIONAL MODEL. DANA HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES. AFTER A LONG TENURE WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT, SHE NOW OWNS DANA MILLER CONSULTING (DMC) WHERE SHE PROVIDES EXPERT GUIDANCE AND ADVOCACY FOR TRIBAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS. AS A TRIBAL CITIZEN, DANA IS COMMITTED TO HER SEMINOLE AND OJIBWE CULTURE INCLUDING HISTORY AND EDUCATION. AS A FORMER BOARD MEMBER OF THE AUTISM FOUNDATION OF OKLAHOMA AND THE CURRENT BOARD CHAIR FOR THE SEMINOLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SHE FIRMLY BELIEVES IN THEIR GOALS OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OKLAHOMANS. DANA IS ALSO A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE INDIGENOUS VOTER'S CAUCUS, WHICH FOCUSES EFFORTS ON VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES. IN ADDITION, SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY GROWTH AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENS TO THRIVE AND ACHIEVE SUCCESS. DANA'S FOCUS ON COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE AND DELIBERATIVE PROGRESSIVE EFFORTS ARE STRATEGIES THAT SHE USES DAILY TO ACHIEVE THE MANY GOALS SHE HAS PLANNED.





MISTY M. NUTTLE IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF THE PAWNEE NATION AND A MEMBER OF THE KITKEHAKI BAND. SHE HAS OBTAINED AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE WITH EMPHASIS IN TRIBAL MANAGEMENT AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS/MANAGEMENT. MISTY HAS WORKED FOR THE PAWNEE NATION FOR OVER 15 YEARS AND HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION, GRANT WRITING, TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS OFFICE ADMINISTRATION AND WORKING WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES ON DEVELOPING AND EXECUTING 638 CONTRACTS AND COMPACTS TO ADVANCE AND PROMOTE SELF-GOVERNANCE AND TRIBALLY-DRIVEN INITIATIVES WITHIN THE NATION. MADAME PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATION IS FOCUSED ON HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS, FINANCIAL STABILITY, CULTURE AND LANGUAGE PRESERVATION AS WELL AS INFRASTRUCTURE. HER LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN A STABILIZING FORCE FOR THE PAWNEE NATION, BRINGING INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO THE PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL.

MISTY HAS THREE CHILDREN AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND ENJOYS SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AT SPORTING EVENTS ATTENDING CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE CLASSES, CULTURAL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND IS A PROONENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING AND EDUCATION.



CAROL NUTTLE  
LEADER LLC



TRACY PRATHER IS THE DIRECTOR FOR THE OKLAHOMA AREA TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER, WITH THE SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD. TRACY PROVIDES OVERSIGHT, DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP WITH THE SEVEN CORE FUNCTIONS DEFINED WITHIN THE TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER'S CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR TRIBES, COMMUNITIES AND STAFF IN THE OKC AREA. TRACY'S BACKGROUND INCLUDES OVER TWENTY-NINE YEARS IN HOSPITAL AND CLINICAL SETTINGS IN CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICE LINE AND PHYSICIAN RELATIONS IN THE OKLAHOMA CITY METRO AREA. TRACY HOLDS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY, IS A NATIONALLY REGISTERED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST (RT) AND CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGIST (CVT) AND ALSO HOLDS A MASTERS IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION.

TRACY WORKS CLOSELY WITH MANY TRIBES IN OKLAHOMA, KANSAS, AND TEXAS WITH MULTIPLE GRANT PROJECTS, AND IS HONORED TO SERVE THEM.



NOWAH... MY NAME IS BRUCE PRATT, AND I AM THE POLICY ANALYST, NEWLY HIRED BY THE SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD. PRIOR TO COMING TO SPTHB I HAVE SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PAWNEE NATION, WHILE SERVING AS PRESIDENT I WAS ASKED TO SERVE ON THE HHS SECRETARY'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DIRECT SERVICE TRIBES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET FORMULATION FOR INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PAWNEE SERVICE UNIT BOARD, SPTHB BOARD MEMBER AS WELL AS OTHER OKLAHOMA TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS. I BRING KNOWLEDGE OF HIGHER-LEVEL POLICY, STATE POLICIES AND TRIBAL POLICIES AND HOW THEY WORK OR SHOULD WORK TOGETHER. I HAVE BEEN A MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER AND COACH AND WORKED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. I AM MARRIED AND HAVE 5 CHILDREN AND 7 GRANDCHILDREN WITH ONE IN THE OVEN. I AM A FULL-BLOOD PAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBER AND I STILL CURRENTLY PASTOR A CHURCH IN PAWNEE.



PAMELA READY, MSDH, RDH

PAM IS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS AND A REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST. SHE HAS OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING IN CLINIC HAS TAUGHT AS A PROFESSOR OF DENTAL HYGIENE. SHE CURRENTLY WORKS AS THE DENTAL HEALTH AIDE (DHA) MANAGER AT THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD (NPAIHB). SHE COMPLETED HER BSDH AND MSDH AT EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE DISCOVERED HER FOCUS AND PASSION OF UNDERSTANDING THE ORIGINS OF ORAL HEALTH DISPARITIES FOR THE AI/AN POPULATION AND PROVIDING PATHWAYS AND INTERVENTIONS TO TREAT, PREVENT, OVERCOME AND HEAL. PAM WORKS WITHIN THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER PROGRAM (TCHPP) IMPLEMENTING THE DENTAL HEALTH AIDE (DHA) DISCIPLINE OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM (CHAP) IN THE PORTLAND AREA (WA, OR, ID).



MARK ROGERS WAS HIRED AS CEO OF THE OSAGE NATION HEALTH SYSTEM IN JULY OF 2022. PRIOR TO HIS HIRING, HE SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HEALTH SYSTEM FOR 9 YEARS. DURING HIS TENURE, THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HEALTH SYSTEM INCREASED REVENUE AND ASSETS FROM UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP AND REDUCED WORKFORCE TURNOVER. HE IS A TRIPLE BOARD CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL AND A FELLOW WITH BOTH THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES (FACHE), AND AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL PRACTICE EXECUTIVES (FACMPE).

PRIOR TO SERVING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE, MARK WAS A CEO AT MULTIPLE OKLAHOMA HOSPITALS, INCLUDING A REHABILITATION HOSPITAL, THREE LONG-TERM ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS (LTACHS), AND TWO SHORT-TERM ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS (STACHS), AN AMBULANCE AUTHORITY, AND TWO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES. HE HAS EXPERIENCE IN FOR-PROFIT, NON-PROFIT, AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT TYPE HEALTHCARE ENTITIES IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS. A LIFE-LONG PATIENT WITHIN THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (I.H.S.) AS A CHEROKEE CITIZEN, HIS WORK WITHIN INDIAN COUNTRY SPANS MANY TRIBES AND AREAS, WORKING FOR THE ASSINIBOINE, SIOUX, AND CHOCTAW NATIONS, AS WELL AS WITH ALASKAN NATIVES ON KODIAK ISLAND, WITH HEALTHCARE RELATED EFFORTS DURING HIS CAREER FOCUSED ON IMPROVING HEALTH FOR ALL NATIVE AMERICANS AND ALASKAN NATIVES.

MARK HOLDS A MASTER'S IN LEADERSHIP AND HAS A MASTER'S LEVEL CERTIFICATE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE, WHERE HE HAS SERVED FOR 39 YEARS. A PROUD DISABLED VETERAN, HE IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD WHERE HE SERVES AS THE SENIOR HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR AND ADMINISTRATION CORPS CHIEF WITH THE 137TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING, SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICAL GROUP, WILL ROGERS ANG BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

MARCY RONYAK, PH.D.

TITLE: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

ABOUT: DR. MARCY RONYAK IS A MEMBER OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION IN NESPELEM, WASHINGTON. DR. RONYAK, IS THE DIRECTOR FOR THE DIVISION OF CLINICAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS), HEADQUARTERS. SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION TO PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 2.8 MILLION AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE (AI/AN) PEOPLE THROUGH A SYSTEM OF IHS, TRIBAL, AND URBAN (I/T/U) OPERATED FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS. PREVIOUSLY, SHE SERVED AT IHS AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. PRIOR TO RE-JOINING IHS, SHE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INDIAN ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AT THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (SAMHSA) AND SERVED AS THE IHS ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE LEAD. PRECEDING HER FEDERAL CAREER, SHE WORKED FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION AS THE TRIBAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR PROVIDING CLINICAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.





CARRIE SAMPSON IS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION (CTUIR), OF THE WALLA WALLA, CAYUSE AND UMATILLA TRIBES, LOCATED IN NORTHEASTERN OREGON. CARRIE HAS AN EARLY BACKGROUND IN NURSING SPENDING MUCH OF THIS TIME PROVIDING PATIENT CARE IN LONG TERM AND CLINICAL CARE SETTINGS . CARRIE CONTINUED HER EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HEALTH STUDIES AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY EARNING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE. WHILE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AT YELLOWHAWK TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER (CTUIR) AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND QUALITY DIRECTOR, CARRIE ADVANCED HER EDUCATION AT OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCES UNIVERSITY IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT. CARRIE HAS SERVED TRIBES FROM OREGON TO MONTANA AND THE TREATY 7 BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA IN DIFFERENT CAPACITIES.

AS THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM (CHAP) DIRECTOR AT THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, CARRIE HAS PROVIDED LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR EXPANSION FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM UNDER THE UMBRELLA AND DIRECTION OF THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER PROGRAM. THIS WORK HAS LED TO THE EXPANSION OF TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDERS IN WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND IDAHO. CARRIE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING PARTNERSHIPS WITH EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, KEY TRIBAL PARTNER SITES, CONTRACT EXPERTS AND ADVISORY WORKGROUPS. THIS CAPACITY INCLUDES DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE, EDUCATION CURRICULUM, RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES, TOOLS FOR HEALTH AIDE INTEGRATION WITHIN TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND WORKING WITH STATE PARTNERS TO DEVELOP POLICY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT. CARRIE MANAGES AND WRITES MULTIPLE GRANTS THAT SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF THIS WORK AND PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT TO THE PORTLAND AREA CHAP CERTIFICATION BOARD AND OTHER IHS AREAS SEEKING CHAP DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. CARRIE IS THE PROUD MOTHER OF 4 DAUGHTERS AND RESIDES ON A SMALL RANCH WITHIN HER TRIBAL HOMELANDS OF CAYUSE, OREGON. SHE SPENDS HER FREE TIME SUPPORTING HER CHILDREN IN RODEO, POW-WOW, BASKETBALL, AND SOFTBALL THROUGHOUT THE NORTHWEST.





JULIE SEWARD, RDH, MED  
PROGRAM MANAGER AT SPTHB

JULIE IS A REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST FROM CHECOTAH, OK AND A CITIZEN OF THE CHEROKEE NATION. JULIE IS A PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD (SPTHB). THE SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD (SPTHB) IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN OKLAHOMA CITY THAT PROVIDES A UNIFIED VOICE ON TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS AND POLICY FOR THE 44 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES LOCATED IN THE STATES OF KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, AND TEXAS. JULIE PRACTICED CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE IN GENERAL AND PERIODONTAL PRACTICE SETTINGS FOR OVER 10 YEARS. SHE SERVED AS DENTAL HYGIENE FACULTY FOR 3 YEARS AT HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. AT THE SPTHB, JULIE SERVES AS THE PROGRAM LEAD FOR MULTIPLE PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM (CHAP), OKLAHOMA SHARED CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESOURCES, AND THE NATIVE ORAL HEALTH NETWORK (NOHN). JULIE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE GRASSROOTS REPRESENTATIVE FOR OKLAHOMA AND ON THE NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH CONNECTION TEAM (NOHCT) THROUGH THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRESS AND EQUITY NETWORK (OPEN), THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE OKLAHOMA ORAL HEALTH COALITION AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH CHAIR OF THE OKLAHOMA DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION. JULIE CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF DENTISTRY. IN 2020, SHE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE OKLAHOMA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION'S EXCEPTIONAL MERIT AWARD AND IN 2023 WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE DELTA DENTAL OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.



CHERYL SIXKILLER, DDS

POSITION: NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH AIDE (DHA) SPECIALIST, NATIONAL CHAP

ABOUT: DR. CHERYL SIXKILLER, DDS, IS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE AND THE SENECA-CAYUGA NATIONS OF OKLAHOMA. AS THE NATIONAL DHA SPECIALIST, DR. SIXKILLER IS PART OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM TASKED TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED IN THE 2010 AMENDMENT TO THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT (IHCA). SHE RECEIVED HER UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY IN TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA, PRIOR TO EARNING HER DOCTORATE IN DENTAL SURGERY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY AS AN IHS SCHOLAR.

DR. SIXKILLER SERVED AS THE PORTLAND AREA DENTAL AND PRIVACY OFFICER FROM 2015-2020 TO PROMOTE MODERATELY INVASIVE DENTISTRY, TRAUMA INFORMED CARE, EXPANSION OF DENTAL WORK FORCE MODELS, AND PRIVACY COMPLIANCE. DR. SIXKILLER JOINED THE DIVISION OF ORAL HEALTH HEADQUARTERS STAFF IN JANUARY 2020 WHERE SHE HAS SUCCESSFULLY REVISED THE INDIAN HEALTH MANUAL AND NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH COUNCIL CHARTER, SERVES AS PROGRAM OFFICER FOR THE DENTAL CLINICAL AND PREVENTIVE CLINICAL SUPPORT CENTER PROGRAMS, SERVES AS THE IHS NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH COUNCIL'S LIAISON TO THE FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SINCE JOINING THE CHAP TEAM IN 2022, SHE HAS USHERED THE CHAP SYSTEM OF RECORD NOTICE TO THE FEDERAL REGISTER, GRADUATED FROM THE FIRST COHORT OF THE IHS EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND MOST RECENTLY BECAME THE CHAIR OF THE IHS NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH COUNCIL.

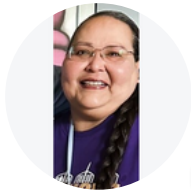


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M. ANGELA THOMPSON, M.A., TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE – LEADER, LLC CEO AND AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE PAWNEE NATION OF THE SKIDI AND CHAUI BANDS.

MS. THOMPSON IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR LEADER, LLC PROVIDING TECHNICAL SERVICES SUCH AS THOSE LISTED BELOW INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AID PROGRAM (CHAP) PLANNING, DETAILED SELF-GOVERNANCE PLANNING AND GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS UTILIZING THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT, (ISDEAA), AS AMENDED, TO SERVE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL US. SHE SERVED HER TRIBE, THE PAWNEE NATION AS TREASURER AND HAS SERVED AS BUDGET AND SELF-GOVERNANCE OFFICER FOR THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA. MS. THOMPSON ALSO SERVED AS THE SELF-GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE SAC AND FOX NATION IN OKLAHOMA AND AS THE INTERIM TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE TRANSITIONING TO CHEROKEE NATION WHERE SHE SERVED AS THE SELF-GOVERNANCE ANALYST. LEADER, LLC IS A NATIVE AMERICAN OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESS SERVING TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN PROMOTING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND OTHER MEANS. LEADER OFFICIALS, CAROL L. NUTTLE, PRESIDENT AND M. ANGELA THOMPSON, CEO BRING YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE (SG), STRATEGIC AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT SPECIFIC PLANNING, AND SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT ASSESSMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE PROJECTS, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL COMPLIANCE SYSTEMS AND MANAGEMENT OF PROJECTS ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT GRANT AND CONTRACT CRITERIA. THE HEART OF LEADER, LLC IS LIFELONG SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES. THESE PRINCIPALS BRING HEART AND PASSION TO EACH PROJECT WITH A GOAL OF SEEING PROJECTS THROUGH THAT SUPPORT A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE.



BRETT WEBER IS THE SENIOR STATE ADVOCACY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY CATALYST, WHERE HE PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY BASED GROUPS ON ORAL HEALTH POLICY ISSUES, INCLUDING DENTAL THERAPY. PRIOR TO JOINING CC, BRETT WORKED AT THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, WHERE HE LED THE TRIBAL ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE FOR EIGHT YEARS. DURING HIS TIME AT NIHB, BRETT ALSO WORKED ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, DIABETES, TOBACCO ADDICTION, OPIOIDS, AND RELATED ISSUES. BRETT HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING ON CAPITOL HILL, COMPLETING A FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS UNDER THEN VICE CHAIRMAN JON TESTER (D-MT). BRETT HAS AN MPA AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (GO DAWGS!) AND LIVES IN WASHINGTON, DC.



INGA WEDDLE, A TULALIP TRIBAL MEMBER, WAS BORN AND RAISED IN AND AROUND TULALIP, WASHINGTON. SHE WORKED FOR THE TULALIP CASINO FOR 13 YEARS, BUT WAS INTERESTED IN FINDING A CAREER WITH A DAY-SHIFT LIFESTYLE. HER TRIBE OFFERED TO TRAIN HER AS A DENTAL STERILIZATION TECH, AND IT WAS THERE THAT SHE WAS INSPIRED TO BECOME A DENTAL PROVIDER. INGA WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE ALASKA DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPY EDUCATION PROGRAM TWO YEARS LATER. SHE GRADUATED FROM THE FIRST CODA ACCREDITED CLASS AT ILISAGVIK COLLEGE IN 2020. SINCE THEN, INGA HAS WORKED SERVING HER COMMUNITY AS A DENTAL PROVIDER AT THE TULALIP HEALTH CLINIC. SHE TREATS PATIENTS OF ALL AGES, PROVIDES THE FULL RANGE OF SERVICES WITHIN HER SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND PRIMARILY CARES FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN. SHE FEELS THAT IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND REALIZATION OF HER DREAM TO SHARE ORAL HEALTH WITH HER PEOPLE WHILE PROVIDING POSITIVE EXPERIENCES. INGA HOPES TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF DENTAL PROVIDERS FROM WITHIN HER OWN COMMUNITY.



RADM GREGGORY WOITTE MD, FACOG  
ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL, USPHS CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER  
OKLAHOMA CITY AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

REAR ADMIRAL (RADM) WOITTE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE NAVY AS AN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST. AFTER SERVING FOR 3 YEARS, HE WENT ONTO EARN A MS IN CHEMISTRY FROM OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY IN 1995, JOINED THE USPHS AND BEGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY. AFTER GRADUATING IN 1999, HE COMPLETED AN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY RESIDENCY AND IN 2003, HE BEGAN PROVIDING WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES AND DELIVERING BABIES FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION. AFTER SERVING AS THE DEPARTMENT CHIEF FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HE BECAME THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA IN 2017. AS THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, RADM WOITTE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE AREA DIRECTOR ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS, DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING QUALITY PLANS, IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, EXPANDING OR CONTRACTING PATIENT CARE SERVICES IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT POPULATION AND THE MISSION OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE. RADM WOITTE DIRECTS THE OPERATIONS OF THE FEDERAL IHS HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS IN OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS AND OVERSEAS THE AGENCY'S NATIONAL SUPPLY SERVICE CENTER WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AND PPE. RDML WOITTE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO SUSAN SINCE 1991 AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS JESSICA AND ALLISON.



DR. WINONA WYNN, AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE ASSINIBOINE/SIOUX TRIBE, IS A PROFESSOR OF HUMANITIES AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES AT HERITAGE UNIVERSITY, LOCATED ON THE YAKAMA INDIAN RESERVATION IN EASTERN WASHINGTON. SHE SPECIALIZES IN NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL IDENTITY AND EDUCATION, WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES. DR. WYNN EARNED HER PH.D. IN AMERICAN STUDIES FROM WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2009.

THROUGH THE INDIAN EDUCATION OUTREACH PROJECT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, SHE COLLABORATED WITH TRIBAL SCHOOLS ACROSS THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS-CENTERED TEACHER TRAINING MATERIALS. HER COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXTENDS TO HER ONGOING WORK WITH YAKAMA NATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE TRIBAL COURTS, FOSTER CARE SERVICES, AND THE CULTURAL MUSEUM. SHE HAS SERVED AS PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR MULTIPLE GRANT-FUNDED INITIATIVES, INCLUDING:

- "SOMOS INDIOS (WE ARE INDIAN)" – A TWO-YEAR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES.
- "INDIGENOUS IDENTITY EMPOWERMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH" – A FIVE-YEAR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANT.
- THREE CONSECUTIVE GATES FOUNDATION GRANTS, COVERING TOPICS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TRADITIONAL ECOSYSTEM KNOWLEDGE TO THE YAKAMA NATION CULTURAL MUSEUM AND INTERGENERATIONAL STORYTELLING. CURRENTLY, DR. WYNN IS LEADING THE EXPANSION OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AT HERITAGE UNIVERSITY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND INDIAN HEALTH BOARD. SHE ALSO SUPPORTS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS AS THE INSTITUTIONAL AND SUMMER COORDINATOR FOR THE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (BROWN UNIVERSITY), FOSTERING ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS NATIONWIDE. HER INTERNATIONAL WORK INCLUDES COLLABORATIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN AND THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE SHE DIRECTS COMMUNITY-RESEARCH METHODOLOGY TRAINING. A FORTHCOMING PROJECT WILL FACILITATE AN EXPERIENTIAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN INDIGENOUS KINSHIP CAREGIVERS ON THE YAKAMA INDIAN RESERVATION AND THOSE IN KHAYELITSHA, SOUTH AFRICA, EXPLORING INTERGENERATIONAL IDENTITY CONSTRUCTS AND SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED GENDER ROLES. DR. WYNN'S DEDICATION TO INDIGENOUS EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION CONTINUES TO SHAPE BOTH ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES.

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