











Suquamish Clearwater Resort Suquamish, WA May 14 - 18, 2018









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#### Welcome!

Thank you for joining us – we hope that you'll enjoy the agenda that our planning committee has put together for this week. Many thanks to all of our speakers for sharing their expertise, and to our attendees for the fine work that you do throughout the year to keep tribal communities safe.

#### **2018 Planning Committee**

Luella Azule, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

Kristen Baird Romero, Washington State Department of Health

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Lou Schmitz, American Indian Health Commission for Washington State

John Wheaton, Nez Perce Tribe

Mahlet Zeru, Washington State Department of Health

## **Pre-Conference Training**

Monday, May 14, 2018

| 7:30 <sub>AM</sub> - 8:00 <sub>AM</sub> | Pre-Conference Training Registration, Coffee & Tea                                      |  |  |
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| Canoe Event Center                      |   |  |  |
| 8:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 5:00 <sub>PM</sub> | MGT 449: Community Based Response to All-Hazards Threats in Tribal Communities – Part 1 |  |  |
| Deer A/B                                | Instructor: Greg Gould, Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium                          |  |  |

#### **Pre-Conference Training**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018** 

| 8:00 <sub>AM</sub> – 12:00 <sub>PM</sub> Deer A/B           | MGT 449: Community Based Response to All-Hazards Threats in Tribal Communities – Part 2  Instructor: Greg Gould, Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium |  |  |
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| 12:00 <sub>PM</sub> – 1:00 <sub>PM</sub> Canoe Event Center | Pre-Conference Training Registration  |  |  |
| 1:00 <sub>PM</sub> – 5:00 <sub>PM</sub> Deer A/B            | Sheltering During Disasters: Protecting People on Tribal Lands  Instructors: John Fulton, FEMA Region X, Cathe Guptill, American Red Cross              |  |  |
| 4:00 <sub>PM</sub> – 5:30 <sub>PM</sub> Canoe Event Center  | Conference Registration   |  |  |







## 2018 Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference

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## **Conference Speakers**

Victoria Warren-Mears is the Director of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. Victoria has served the tribes of the Northwest since 2006. Prior to coming to the NWTEC, Victoria was an Assistant Professor at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). Victoria was a clinical dietitian at Harborview Medical Center prior to moving to Oregon. She also worked for 10 years at a local health jurisdiction in Washington State. Professionally trained as a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, Victoria holds a PhD from the University of Washington and Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Washington State University.

**Sam White** is an enrolled member of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. He has worked for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe for the past 4 years as the Chief of Police and has an extensive background in emergency management and incident command.

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#### In collaboration with

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Northwest Center for Public Health Practice







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## **Conference Speakers**

Celia Toles is a Health Communication
Specialist at Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC) Office of Public Health
Preparedness and Response in the Division of State
and Local Readiness (DSLR). In this role, Celia
provides communications support to the DSLR
Office of the Director and other branches within
the division, including the Tribal Liaison within
Program Services.

Celia began her public health career in 2003 as a contractor at CDC in the Office of Smoking and Health where she managed the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (FCLAA) mandate housed on the secured Cigarette Additives and Smokeless Nicotine databases, determining compliance for all tobacco companies intending to sell products within the U.S. From there, she organized project activities for the National Program of Cancer Registries—Advancing E-cancer Reporting and Registry Operations Project (NPCR-AERRO) Technical Team within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC), and served as a writer/editor for the Electronic Health Record-Immunization Information Systems (EHR-IIS) Interoperability **Enhancement and Clinical Decision Support** projects of the Immunization Information Systems Support Branch for the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Disease focusing on technical interoperability, semantic interoperability, and client deduplication.

Celia has been deployed for various public health emergencies including the 2014 Ebola Response, the 2015 DOD Sampling Investigation, the 2016 Zika Virus Response, and the 2017 Hurricane Maria Response.

Dan Tolliver, Project Director, is the Upper Skagit Tribe's full time engineer with over 25 years of construction project management and civil engineering experience. Mr. Tolliver is a licensed professional Civil Engineer in the State of Washington and he has worked for the Tribe since January 2009. He is managing the design and construction of the FEMA funded improvements including oversight of engineering consultants, review of plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) and managing the bidding process.

Prior to joining the planning staff of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Mr. Tolliver spent 8 years designing and supervising the design of various site development projects in South Africa. This work involved working with a multidisciplinary team of engineers and architects, estimating staff, and construction personnel. He led a civil engineering design team, assisting with project planning, preparing detailed design briefs, establishing design standards, conducting and supervising field surveys and inspections, commissioning a treatment plant, responding to construction site queries, and assisting and reviewing the work of estimating staff in the preparation of detailed bills of quantities. He also worked as a project engineer in the Skagit County Public Works department where his work included the supervision of three engineering technicians. Work included preparing plans and specifications, serving as a right-of-way agent, and supervising inspection personnel and engineering consultants.







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## Conference – Day 1

## Wednesday, May 16, 2018

| 8:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 9:00 <sub>AM</sub>   | Conference Registration & Continental Breakfast  |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 9:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 9:15 <sub>AM</sub>   | Conference Opening & Welcome   |   |  |  |  |
|   | <b>Leonard Forsman,</b> Chairman, Suquamish Tribe  |   |  |  |  |
| 9:15 <sub>AM</sub> - 10:00 <sub>AM</sub>  | Tribal Community Preparedness: One Tribe's Experiences on the Continuous Cycle of Preparedness   |   |  |  |  |
| Whale                                     | Lou Schmitz, American Indian Health Commission for Washington State; Kelly Sullivan, Kerstin Powell, and Sam White, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  |   |  |  |  |
| 10:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 10:45 <sub>AM</sub> | Tribal Youth Radio Training Programs for Preparedness  |   |  |  |  |
| Whale                                     | Lee Shipman, Shoalwater Bay Tribe; Dan Martinez, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs   |   |  |  |  |
| 10:45 <sub>PM</sub> - 11:00 <sub>AM</sub> | Break – 15 Minutes   |   |  |  |  |
| 11:00 <sub>PM</sub> - 12:30 <sub>PM</sub> | Preparing for a Public Health Emergency: The Tribal Legal Preparedness Project   |   |  |  |  |
| Whale                                     | Tina Hershey, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health  |   |  |  |  |
| $12:30_{PM} - 1:30_{PM}$                  | Lunch — Canoe Event Center, Whale  |   |  |  |  |
|   | Optional Lunch Session — Canoe Event Center, Deer A/B  |   |  |  |  |
|   | Medical Countermeasures Meet & Greet with Co   | ry Portner, Washington State Department of Health             |  |  |  |
|   | This hour-long meet and greet serves as a way for all of those working in or int countermeasures (MCM) planning and operations to connect with each other environment. During the hour, we will have a networking activity to get to kno opportunity to discuss upcoming meetings and events happening across Wash to MCM. |   |  |  |  |
|   | Deer A/B   | Whale   |  |  |  |
| 1:30 <sub>PM</sub> - 2:10 <sub>PM</sub>   | Disaster Behavioral Health: Post-Disaster  | Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication                       |  |  |  |
| Breakout Session 1                        | Resources for Emotional Support and Recovery   | Principles  |  |  |  |
| 40 Minutes                                | Rebecca Bolante, Bolante.NET   | Celia Toles, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) |  |  |  |
| 2:10 <sub>PM</sub> - 2:20 <sub>PM</sub>   | Break – :  | 10 Minutes  |  |  |  |
| 2:20 <sub>PM</sub> - 3:00 <sub>PM</sub>   | Community and Healthcare Preparedness Tools  | A Look at Access and Functional Needs                         |  |  |  |
| Breakout Session 2                        | Jean Randolph, Centers for Disease Control and   | Jim House, Washington State Independent Living                |  |  |  |
| 40 Minutes                                | Prevention (CDC)   | Council   |  |  |  |
| 3:00 <sub>PM</sub> - 3:30 <sub>PM</sub>   | Break & Exhibitor Tables Open  |   |  |  |  |
| 3:30 <sub>PM</sub> – 5:00 <sub>PM</sub>   | Community Resiliency: Establishing the Tribal  | Safer Communities Through Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams  |  |  |  |
| Breakout Session 3                        | Mitigation Framework for Planning and Projects   | Rebecca Bolante, Bolante.NET                                  |  |  |  |
| 90 Minutes                                | Brett Holt, Jonathan Olds, and Brenna<br>Humphrey, FEMA Region X; Dan Tolliver, Upper<br>Skagit Indian Tribe   | Resected Dollante, Dollante.INET                              |  |  |  |







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## **Conference – Day 2**

## **Thursday, May 17, 2018**

| 8:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 9:00 <sub>AM</sub>  | Conference Registration & Continental Breakfast  |                    |  |                          |  |
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|  | Deer A/B   |                    | Whale  |                          |  |
| 9:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 10:30 <sub>AM</sub>   | Outbreak Investigations in Indian Country: What an   |                    | Assuring Effective Delivery of Medical   |                          |  |
| Breakout Session 4   | Emergency Manager Needs to Know  |                    | Countermeasures to Tribes Through Collaboration  |                          |  |
| 90 Minutes   | <b>Fauna Larkin,</b> Coquille Tribe <b>Richard Leman,</b> Oregon Health Auth                     | nority Public      | <b>Lou Schmitz</b> and <b>Heather Erb</b> , American Indian Health Commission for Washington State |                          |  |
|  | Health Division  |                    | T-Rex 2019: Med  | ical Countermeasures     |  |
|  |  |                    | Distribution Full Scale Exercise   |                          |  |
|  |  |                    | Cory Portner, Ted Fischer, and Collette Byrd,  |                          |  |
|  |  |                    | Washington State Department of Health  |                          |  |
| 10:30 <sub>AM</sub> - 10:45 <sub>AM</sub>  |  | Break - 15         |  |                          |  |
| 10:45 <sub>AM</sub> - 12:15 <sub>PM</sub>  | Lessons from the Field: 2017-2018 Disaster Response Deployments                                  |                    |  |                          |  |
| Whale  | Kristen Baird Romero, Washington State Department of Health                                      |                    |  |                          |  |
|  | Jennifer Cockrill, US Department of Health and Human Services ASPR Region X                      |                    |  |                          |  |
|  | Carina Elsenboss, Public Health - Seattle & King County  |                    |  |                          |  |
|  | John Fulton, FEMA Region X  Greg McKnight, Washington State D                                    | Denartment of Hea  | ulth   |                          |  |
| 12:15 <sub>PM</sub> - 1:30 <sub>PM</sub>   | Greg Wickinght, Washington State L   | Lunc               |  |                          |  |
| 1:30 <sub>PM</sub> – 3:15 <sub>PM</sub>  |  |                    |  |                          |  |
| 1.30 <sub>PM</sub> – 3.13 <sub>PM</sub>  |  | ribal/State Breako |  |                          |  |
|  | Deer A   | Dee                | er B   | Whale                    |  |
| 1:30 <sub>PM</sub> - 2:15 <sub>PM</sub>  | Idaho Tribal Caucus  | Oregon Tribal Ca   | ucus   | Washington Tribal Caucus |  |
| Breakout Session 5a  |  |                    |  |                          |  |
| 45 Minutes   |  |                    |  |                          |  |
| 2:15 <sub>PM</sub> - 3:15 <sub>PM</sub>  | Idaho Tribal/State   | Oregon Tribal/St   | ate Breakout   | Washington Tribal/State  |  |
| Breakout Session 5b  | Breakout Session   | Session            |  | Breakout Session         |  |
| 60 Minutes   |  |                    |  |                          |  |
| $3:15_{PM} - 3:30_{PM}$  | Break/Reception Refreshments and light snacks provided   |                    |  |                          |  |
| 3:30 <sub>PM</sub> - 5:00 <sub>PM</sub>  | Fireside Chat with Tribal & State Le   | adership           |  |                          |  |
| Salmon   | John Wiesman, Secretary of Health,   | , Washington State | e Department of H  | ealth                    |  |
| Danna Drum, Manager, Public Health Systems Innovation and Partnerships, Oregon Health Auth |  |                    |  |                          |  |
|  | The Fireside Chat is an opportunity for tribal leadership, representatives, and staff to discuss |                    |  |                          |  |
|  | eadership and staff.   |                    |  |                          |  |
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## **Conference Speakers**

**Lee Shipman** is a Shoalwater Bay Tribal Elder, and was born at home on the Reservation 72 years ago. She has been the Emergency Management Director for Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe since 2004, and is passionate about Emergency Management. The best part of the job for Lee is working and partnering with so many great people in Emergency Management. She always says, "It's the job I should have had my entire life!"

Lee continues to serve on many state and national committees to promote Tribal Emergency
Management, but she is the first to say that she does not speak for other nations or tribes. She also states that no one has the right to do that without the express consent of the other tribes.

She believes in and is committed to promoting the idea that tribes, states, regions and counties must work together on this path to keeping all of our peoples safe. She believes strongly that our Creator has blessed our Nations and given them the skills and knowledge that are needed to keep walking this path. She looks in awe at the work our Tribal Emergency Managers have accomplished and have contributed to not only their people but to their surrounding communities.

Lou Schmitz has over 28 years of service in Indian healthcare and tribal public health. Her areas of experience in Indian Country include public health emergency preparedness and response, health department management, electronic health record implementation, health programs planning and design, community based participatory research, healthcare reform, intergovernmental collaboration, quality assurance, data management,

and grant development. She has designed and successfully implemented programs and quality assurance measures for various clinical, prevention, and community health services.

Ms. Schmitz is an alumnus of the University of Washington School of Public Health and the Northwest Public Health Leadership Institute. She is an Affiliate Instructor for the University of Washington School of Nursing Department of Psychosocial and Community Health

Lou is the lead consultant for the American Indian Health Commission's Public Health Emergency Preparedness projects. In this capacity, Ms. Schmitz provides technical assistance and support to tribes, contributes to regional efforts that strengthen tribal communities' response capabilities and promotes effective partnerships and mutual aid.

**Kelly Sullivan** is an enrolled member and lifelong resident of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. Kelly has a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education and a Master of Public Administration in Tribal Government.

Since 2006, she served three consecutive two-year terms on Tribal Council. For 15 years, her work was centered around health promotion and disease prevention working to improve the quality of life in the community. For the past 5 years she has worked directly for the Tribal Council as the Executive Director of the Tribe.







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**Jean Randolph** has served in her current role at the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC) for ten years, working with communities and healthcare systems to develop tools to enhance their preparedness efforts for an influenza pandemic. During the H1N1, MERS CoV, Ebola, ZIKA and 2017 Hurricanes responses (deployed for 30 days to medical clinic to assist with physical exams for departing personnel), she served at CDC's Emergency Operations Center, supporting the healthcare systems response desk. She participated in over 60 hospital visits during the Ebola response to work directly with them on their becoming Ebola treatment centers or assessment hospitals. She is currently working in the Division of State and Local Readiness and one of her projects is developing the guidelines for a planner to get approval to have a closed POD in their healthcare system.

Prior to CDC, Jean worked at a large children's healthcare system as manager of occupational health and emergency preparedness for 15 years. Previous experience in occupational health and emergency management includes 12 years split between the chemical and high tech industries in Rochester, NY. Also during that time, she was part of a team of volunteers from several industries, who among other things they accomplished, developed and provided the initial training for Monroe County and Rochester City Fire Departments' HAZ-MAT teams.

**Colin Rhodes** is a member of the Public Health partners whose mission is to encourage

consideration and integration of health impacts into climate resilience planning. Their first publication, "Blueprint for Addressing Climate Change and Health," will be released in mid-2018.

**Lauren Rich** is the Environmental Planning and Community Development Program Manager for the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe. Lauren has 25 years of experience developing environmental programming within Indian Country, 17 with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe. Lauren is in charge of programmatic oversights, grant administration, and projects for the protection and restoration of aguatic and terrestrial ecosystems, community lands and service infrastructure. The program primarily coordinates with the Tribe's Legal, Law Enforcement, Natural Resources, Public Works, Facilities, Health Clinic and Housing departments. The Tribe is a participant in the Skagit County Natural Hazards Mitigation Program and maintains its own Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Lauren has managed the completion of the 140 acre Hansen Creek freshwater floodplain restoration project, various bridge, culvert and in-stream wood projects, community conversion from large on-site septic systems (LOSS's) to community wastewater plant, other community wastewater and water improvements projects as well as transportation planning and other program developments.

- Seattle & King County's Climate Health Action Team (CHAT). CHAT is an interdepartmental workgroup consisting of staff from Public Health, Natural Resources and Parks and community





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## Conference – Day 3

Friday, May 18, 2018

| 8:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 9:00 <sub>AM</sub>                                  | Conference Registration & Continental Breakfast  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Deer A/B   | Whale  |  |  |  |
| 9:00 <sub>AM</sub> – 9:40 <sub>AM</sub> Breakout Session 6  40 Minutes   | Preserving What Works Well: Tribal-State-NPAIHB-IHS MOUs in Oregon  Richard Leman, Oregon Health Authority  Public Health Division; Victoria Warren-Mears,  NPAIHB; Matthew Ellis, Indian Health Service  Portland Area Office                                 | The Mutual Aid Agreement for Tribes and Local Health Jurisdictions in Washington State Lou Schmitz and Heather Erb, American Indian Health Commission for Washington State |  |  |  |
| 9:40 <sub>AM</sub> - 9:50 <sub>AM</sub>                                  | Break -  | - 10 Minutes   |  |  |  |
| 9:50 <sub>AM</sub> – 10:30 <sub>AM</sub> Breakout Session 7  40 Minutes  | Climate Change and Public Health – Seattle & King County: Building Community Departmental Capacity  Robin Pfohman and Colin Rhodes, Public Health - Seattle & King County  | Government to Government: What Works and What Doesn't  Dan Martinez, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs   |  |  |  |
| 10:30 <sub>AM</sub> - 10:40 <sub>AM</sub>                                | Break – 10   | Minutes  |  |  |  |
| 10:40 <sub>AM</sub> – 11:20 <sub>AM</sub> Breakout Session 8  40 Minutes | The Washington State Indian Healthcare Improvement Act: Adding Tribal Representation to Washington State's Emergency Management Council Heather Erb and Lou Schmitz, American Indian Health Commission for Washington State; Lee Shipman, Shoalwater Bay Tribe | Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication: Tools You Can Use Jamie Bash, Oregon Health Authority   |  |  |  |
| 11:20 <sub>AM</sub> - 11:30 <sub>AM</sub>                                | Break – 10 Minutes   |  |  |  |  |
| 11:30 <sub>AM</sub> – 11:50 <sub>AM</sub><br>Whale                       | Climate and Health: Voices of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  Dan Martinez, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs   |  |  |  |  |
| 11:50 <sub>AM</sub> – 12:30 <sub>PM</sub><br>Whale                       | Conference Closing   |  |  |  |  |
| 12:30 <sub>PM</sub> – 1:30 <sub>PM</sub><br>Whale                        | Lunch  Available to go   |  |  |  |  |







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## **Conference Speakers**

**Kristen Baird Romero** is with the Washington State Department of Health, Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response. In her role, she works to advance community resilience for public health including community preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities. Daily her efforts focus on strengthening public health emergency preparedness through strategies for resilience, inclusion, partnerships, and health equity working with tribal partners, non-governmental organizations, volunteer organizations, as well as, other state-level partners. While she has been deployed and provided aid in response and recovery missions to include Haiti, Louisiana, and the 2015 wildfires working with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, at this conference Kristen will share experiences of deploying to the US Virgin Islands under an EMAC request to support the US Virgin Islands Department of Health. She holds a BA in Spanish-Communications, a Master of Public Health, and Master of Sciences from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA.

Jamie Bash is a Risk Communications Analyst for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). In her two years with OHA, she has served as an emergency Public Information Officer on responses to disease outbreaks, natural and manmade events. She supports partners as a technical consultant and trainer in crisis and emergency risk communications. Prior to joining the OHA, Jamie worked for five years in international public health as a program coordinator. Her portfolio focused on disaster preparedness and response, infectious diseases, health systems strengthening, maternal and child health, and water sanitation and hygiene. Her crosscultural work used participatory methods to meet the needs of communities in Haiti, Central America and Africa. Jamie holds a Master's in Public Health

from Portland State University and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Grand Valley State University. She lives with her family in Portland, Oregon.

**Rebecca Bolante** is the owner of Bolante.NET, a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and a Certified Threat Manager.

After serving 15 years at Chemeketa Community College as the Director of the Threat and Disaster Resource Center, Bolante had the vision to start Bolante.Net, a network of experts providing training in the areas of threat assessment and disaster response.

A convening authority and leader in the areas of threat management, Bolante is on the Education Research Steering Committee for the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals and serves as the secretary for ASIS International School Safety & Security Council. Well-renowned and respected, Bolante has been published in peer-reviewed journals of the American Psychological Association and the American Counseling Association. Bolante's doctoral research was in threat assessment practices in institutions of higher education. Her work has included the development of standardized processes for providing support and disaster behavioral health responses following a disaster.

An active Psychological First Aid Trainer, Bolante and her team of experts are passionate about providing the training and consulting for organizations and businesses to have a threat management plan in place on how to prevent, react and respond to a crisis – whether natural or instigated.

Bolante.NET's team of experts provide extensive experience and professionalism to every case and customize their support to your individual needs and concerns.



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Jonathan Olds is a Hazard Mitigation Grants Specialist for FEMA Region X, and serves as the Idaho Program Lead for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs: Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP), Pre-disaster Mitigation (PDMC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). Hazard mitigation grants are intended to reduce damages resulting from natural hazards through planning, reinforcement of existing buildings and infrastructure, restoring green infrastructure or through removal of structures from highly vulnerable areas.

Mr. Olds previously worked at the University of Washington, where he conducted research focusing on improving the public outreach within, and integrating best climate science into, hazard mitigation planning. He also has over 10 years of environmental management experience: as an environmental manager with Washington State Ferries, as an environmental consultant with ENTRANCO, and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ecuador and Palau. Mr. Olds holds a Masters of Public Administration, a Masters of Urban Planning, and a Professional Certificate in Decision-Making for Climate Change from the University of Washington.

Robin Pfohman is a member of the Public Health - Seattle & King County's Climate Health Action Team (CHAT). CHAT is an interdepartmental workgroup consisting of staff from Public Health, Natural Resources and Parks and community partners whose mission is to encourage consideration and integration of health impacts into climate resilience planning. Their first publication, "Blueprint for Addressing Climate Change and Health," will be released in mid-2018.

Cory Portner is an Emergency Preparedness
Specialist for the Office of Emergency Preparedness
& Response, Washington State Department of
Health (DOH). Cory coordinates medical
countermeasures for the state. Born and raised in
Washington, Cory comes to DOH after time with the
U.S. Forest Service and Centers for Disease Control
& Prevention.

**Kerstin Powell** is Health Services Manager for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and has 28+ years of professional experience in the health administration field. She earned her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Stockholm, Sweden, a UW Public Health Management Certificate from the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, and is a NextGen Certified Professional. She serves on the Tribe's Health Advisory Committee, a key health policymaker for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. Kerstin is the lead for the Tribal Health NextGen Consortium Purchased and Referred Care Sub-Committee. She has implemented many new avenues for access to health coverage for the Tribe, including a tribal sponsor group for the State's former Basic Health program, now the Washington Health Benefit Exchange, and the Medicaid Eligibility Determination Pilot project. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe was the first Tribe in the nation to be able to determine eligibility for Medicaid programs. Kerstin participates in the design and implementation of quality assurance measures for various clinical, prevention, and community health programs, staff development, and program management. During Kerstin Powell's participation in the Tribe's NextGen software implementation, it was nominated for a National Best Practice Award.













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Brenna Humphrey is a Hazard Mitigation Assistance Specialist for FEMA's Region X. In this position, Brenna manages the programmatic side of FEMA's non-disaster Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants, Pre-disaster Mitigation (PDMC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). In this role, Brenna assists Tribal and State applicants with various grants for projects and plans. Prior to FEMA, Brenna worked two Department of Justice components in various subject matters including intelligence and public affairs. Brenna holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science with an emphasis on Russia and International Security and a Master of Arts in International Relations.

**Fauna Larkin** is the head of the newly created Operations Department for the Coquille Tribe and is responsible for a broad range of planning and support functions for tribal government. Her duties will include strategic planning, land use planning, emergency management, policing, infrastructure and maintenance.

Fauna was the Assistant Health and Human Services Administrator from January 2015 through March 2018. She previously worked as a Senior Associate for BERK Consulting and Education Director for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe. She holds a bachelor's degree in communication from Lewis & Clark College and two master's degrees in public policy and public health from the University of California, Berkeley. She has served on the Coquille tribe's Health Advisory Board and currently serves on the Culture and Education Committee.

**Richard Leman** is Chief Medical Officer for Health Security, Preparedness, and Response at Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, and also serves as Medical Epidemiologist and Tribal Epidemiology Liaison in the Public Health Division's Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Section.

Richard has been with the Public Health Division since 2002. Before that, he completed an Epidemic Intelligence Service Fellowship in applied epidemiology with CDC and worked with the Indian Health Service National Epidemiology Program throughout the two years of the fellowship.

He is board certified in Family Practice and worked as a family physician for a number of years with the Multnomah County Health Department and with the Siletz Community Health Clinic.

**Dan Martinez** worked as a Fire Medic for the Warm Springs Fire and Safety Department from 1981-2014, with 18 of those years dedicated to serving as the Fire Chief. Dan holds an Associate of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts undergraduate degree from the University of Oregon in Fire Administration. In 2014, he was appointed as the Emergency Manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Dan is also a Tribal Member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in Oregon and a Veteran of the US Marine Corps, having served in Vietnam from 1971-1975. In recent years, he has become a voice in advocating for the recognition of Tribal Nations as stand-alone entities under the Stafford Act and requested that FEMA appoint Tribal Liaisons in their regional offices. Dan has also worked with the Emergency Management Institute to update their framework for Tribal Nations to include consultations with FEMA Headquarters in addition to sections on cultural awareness and sensitivity issues. As a result of this work, Dan was appointed Chairman for Homeland Security on Communication for Tribal Nations in 2018.

## Washington State Department of Health





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## **Conference Speakers**

Collette Byrd is a Hospital and Patient Data
Analyst for the Division of Disease Control &
Health Statistics at the Washington State
Department of Health and is pursuing a career in
Healthcare Administration. Collette continuously
supports the planning and logistics of the T-Rex
2019 exercise as a volunteer, after interning on
the project with the Office of Emergency
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**Jennifer Cockrill** is a Lieutenant Commander in the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. In her current position, she is a Regional **Emergency Coordinator for HHS's Assistant** Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) in Region X, where she works closely on public health preparedness and responses efforts with States and Tribal Nations in Region X. Her previous assignments include positions with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, the Department of Defense's Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch, and the National Institutes of Health's National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Her USPHS field deployments include: Independence Day in Washington, DC (2013); Unaccompanied Children in Nogales, AZ (2014); Ebola Response in Liberia (2016); Zika Response in Puerto Rico (2016); Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria Responses in Texas, Georgia and Puerto Rico (2017). She is a trained epidemiologist, a NEHA Registered Environmental Health Specialist, and holds graduate degrees from UC Berkeley and Georgetown University.

#### **Matthew Ellis** is the Institutional

Environmental Health Officer and Public Health Emergency Management Coordinator for the Indian Health Service (IHS), Portland Area, where he leads a regional institutional environmental health program that provides healthcare accreditation and regulatory support services to six Federal Service Units and twenty-seven Tribes located in Oregon, Washington, and Western Idaho. LCDR Ellis serves as Co-Lead of the IHS Portland Area Healthcare Accreditation Readiness Team, with specific focus on infection control, risk management, quality assurance, and the environment of patient care.

LCDR Ellis received a BS In Environmental Health, a Master of Public Health degree, and is a graduate of the University of Washington's Northwest Public Health Leadership Institute.

LCDR Ellis earned Board Certification in Infection Control (CIC) credential though the Certification Board of Infection Control & Epidemiology Inc., is a NEHA Registered Environmental Health Specialist, and an Authorized OSHA General Industry Trainer. LCDR Ellis has completed tenures with U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division, industrial hygiene consulting firms, University of Kentucky Environmental Health & Safety Division, and the Veteran's Health Administration (VHA).

Most recently, LCDR Ellis was recipient of the 2016 Gary J. Gefroh Safety and Health Award; an Indian Health Service National Director's award recognizing significant contributions by an individual or group resulting in improved healthcare safety and/or infection control conditions at an IHS and/or Tribal healthcare program.







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**Carina Elsenboss** is the Preparedness Director for Public Health - Seattle & King County (Public Health). In this role, she oversees King County's health, medical and mortuary response for emergencies and disasters. She provides strategic direction and coordinates the development and sustainment of emergency response plans and training programs to build public health response and recovery capabilities. In this session, Carina will share experiences of deploying to the US Virgin Islands under an EMAC request to support VI DOH with their recovery efforts. She holds Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a Master's degree in Communication from University of Utah and has completed course work through the Naval Postgraduate School and the Harvard National Preparedness Leadership Initiative.

**Heather Erb** owns a law practice in Bellingham, Washington and has been practicing law for the last fourteen years. She represents Tribes and Tribal organizations in Tribal governance, public health, health care, contract negotiation, code/ordinance development and nonprofit corporate governance. Currently, in her representation of the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State, Heather provides legal expertise to AIHC as they assist state entities in the implementation of the American Indian and Alaska Native provisions of Affordable Care Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. She has also provided training and outreach to tribal members, leaders, and Indian health program staff and administration across the State of Washington on American Indian and Alaska Native income tax exemptions, Medicaid expansion, cost sharing, premium sponsorship, contracting with qualified health plans, in-person assister training, and community outreach.

**Ted Fischer** is an Emergency Preparedness Specialist for the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Washington State Department of Health. Ted is an exercise planner and Operations Section Chief for the T-Rex 2019 Exercise Planning Team at DOH. Ted was raised in the Pacific Northwest, graduated from Excelsior College Albany New York with an M.S. in Criminal Justice in 2013. Ted has over 28 years working in the Public Safety sector.

Tina Batra Hershey is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she teaches courses on health care compliance, health law and ethics, and health care fraud. Ms. Hershey is also the Assistant Director for Law and Policy at the Center for Public Health Practice at Pitt Public Health. At Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College, she is an Adjunct Instructor of Health Law.

Ms. Hershey is actively involved in state and national programs involving legal preparedness, as well as efforts to enhance Tribal legal preparedness for public health emergencies. She is a frequent national speaker on legal preparedness issues and has co-authored two public health emergency law manuals and bench books. Her research interests also include law and policy issues related to the delivery and quality of health care services, as well as health equity.

Before coming to Pitt Public Health, Ms. Hershey was a health care attorney in Washington, DC, and Pittsburgh. She is a cum laude graduate of Villanova University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with minors in Biology and History.



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At The George Washington University, Ms. Hershey participated in a dual degree program where she earned her Juris Doctorate (with honors) and a Master of Public Health in Health Policy. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and District of Columbia Bars.

**Brett Holt** is Mitigation Planning Program Manager for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region X. Mr. Holt's primary responsibilities are managing the technical assistance, training, and outreach FEMA Region X provides to tribes, states, and local communities in the development of proactive mitigation planning programs. He served on teams in developing FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook, Integrating the Local Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan into a Community's Comprehensive Plan Guidebook, and *Tribal Mitigation Planning Guidance*. Mr. Holt's additional responsibilities include representing FEMA on the Washington Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network Steering Committee.

He previously worked as a federal wildland firefighter, in the private sector as a community planner, and as Peace Corps volunteer in Armenia. He holds a Masters of Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. FEMA hired Mr. Holt in 2009.

Jim House is the Disability Integration Manager for the Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Preparedness (CIEP) at the Washington State Independent Living Council, focusing on effective communications, programmatic access, physical access, and other functional access needs and issues

impacting people with disabilities to preserve or improve the quality of life. As a subject matter expert, Jim participates in several consumer/civic/industry forums and coalitions covering access issues with emergency communications, captioning, and mobile, text and video telecommunications.

In 2015, as a result of Jim's ongoing leadership and community involvement, Portland, Oregon passed a captioning activation ordinance requiring all television sets in public places to display captions during business hours.

Some of Jim's far-reaching achievements during his tenure at Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. include implementing the Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, numerous presentations on consumer advocacy, television and Internet captioning issues. He wrote successful grant proposals, some resulting in more than \$3M in federal funding to develop emergency preparedness training programs and other projects. He has been involved in planning for publications, conferences and workshops. With a layman's understanding of "how things work," Jim has given sophistication to various publications highlighting best practices and leadership in access to telecommunications, media, and information technology resources for professionals and consumers alike.

Prior to TDI, Jim has been an advocate of various disability rights issues for more than 25 years on local and state levels. In 1987, he was a key player in the establishment of the first real-time local news captioning service in Washington, DC on its ABC affiliate, WJLA TV-7.











