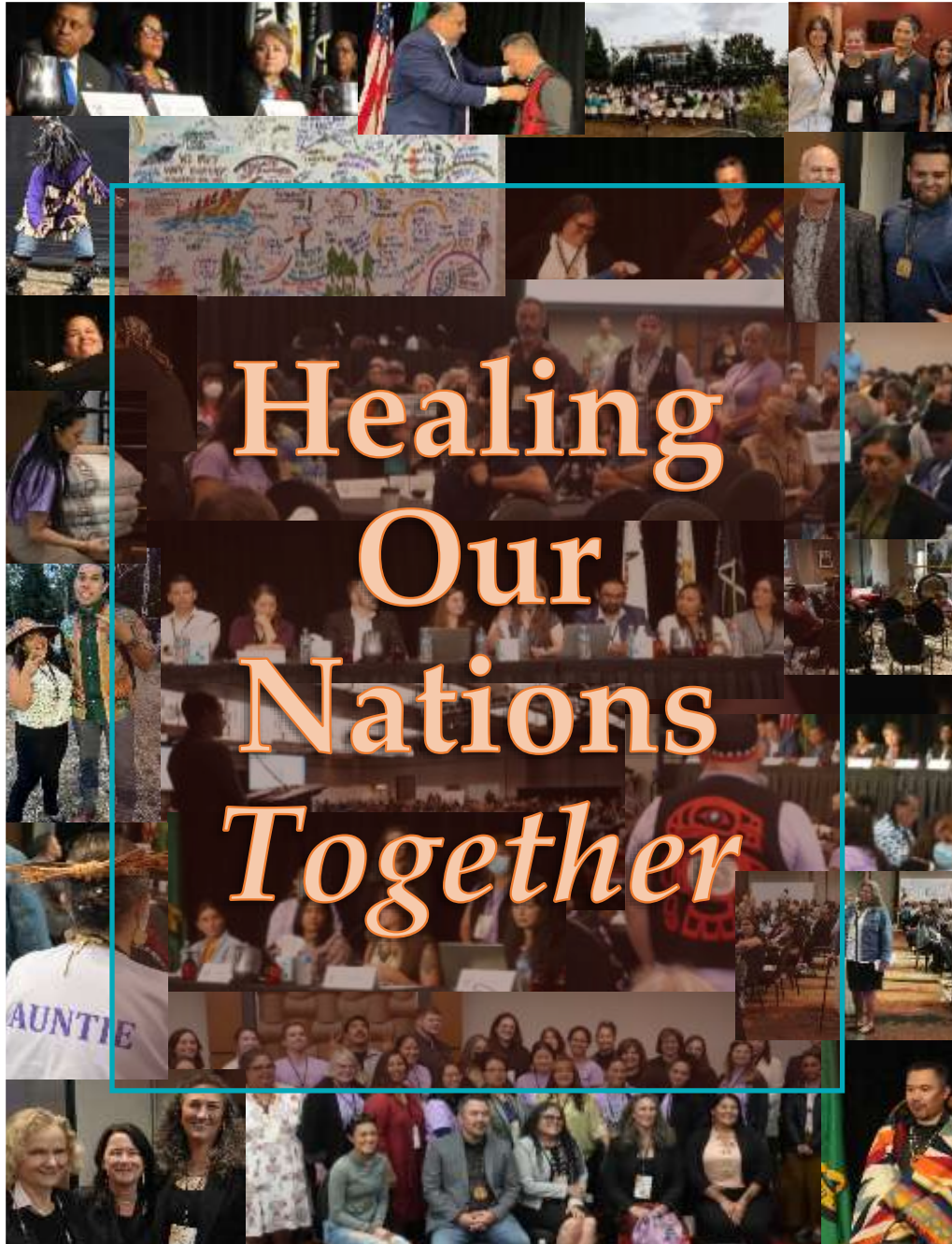


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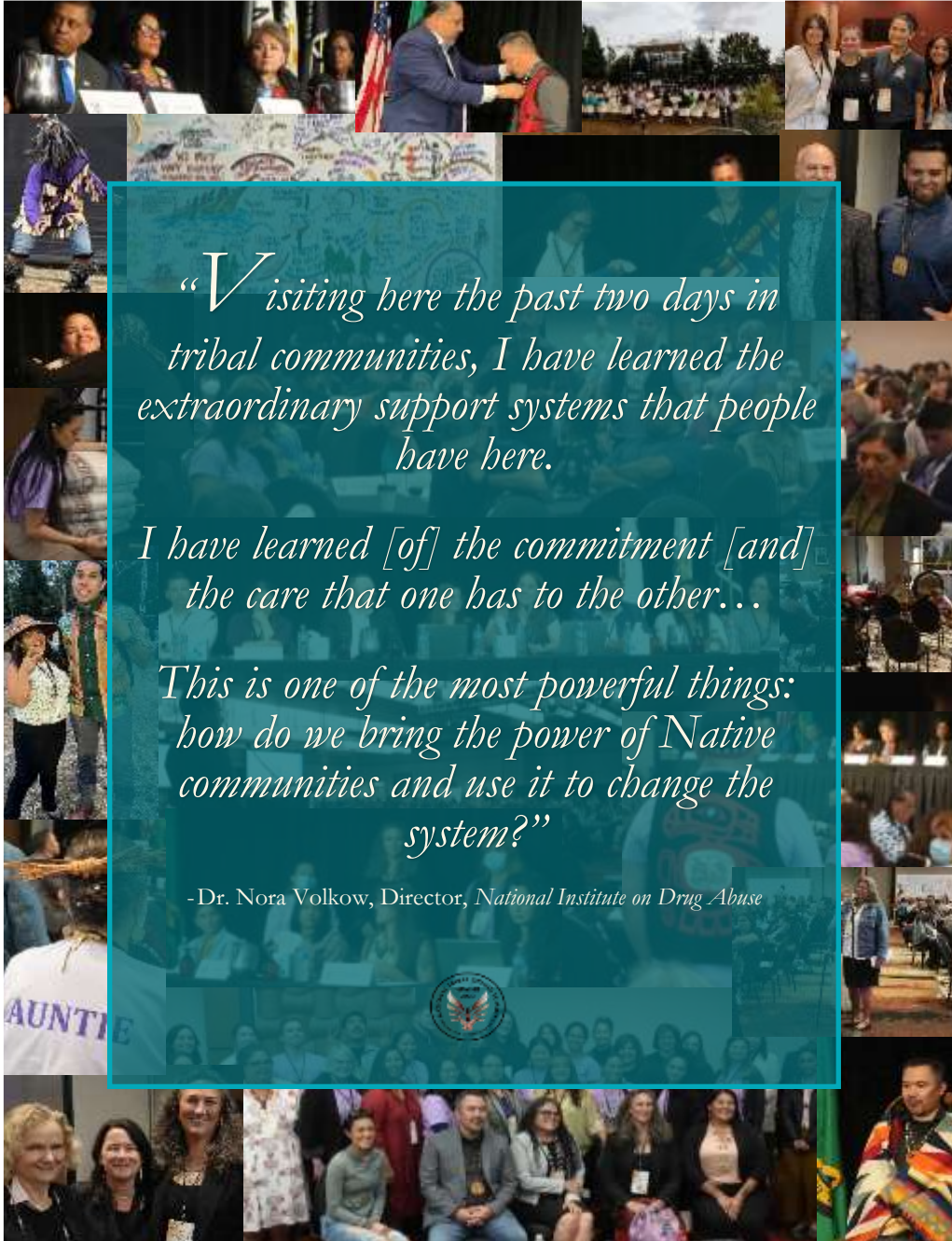


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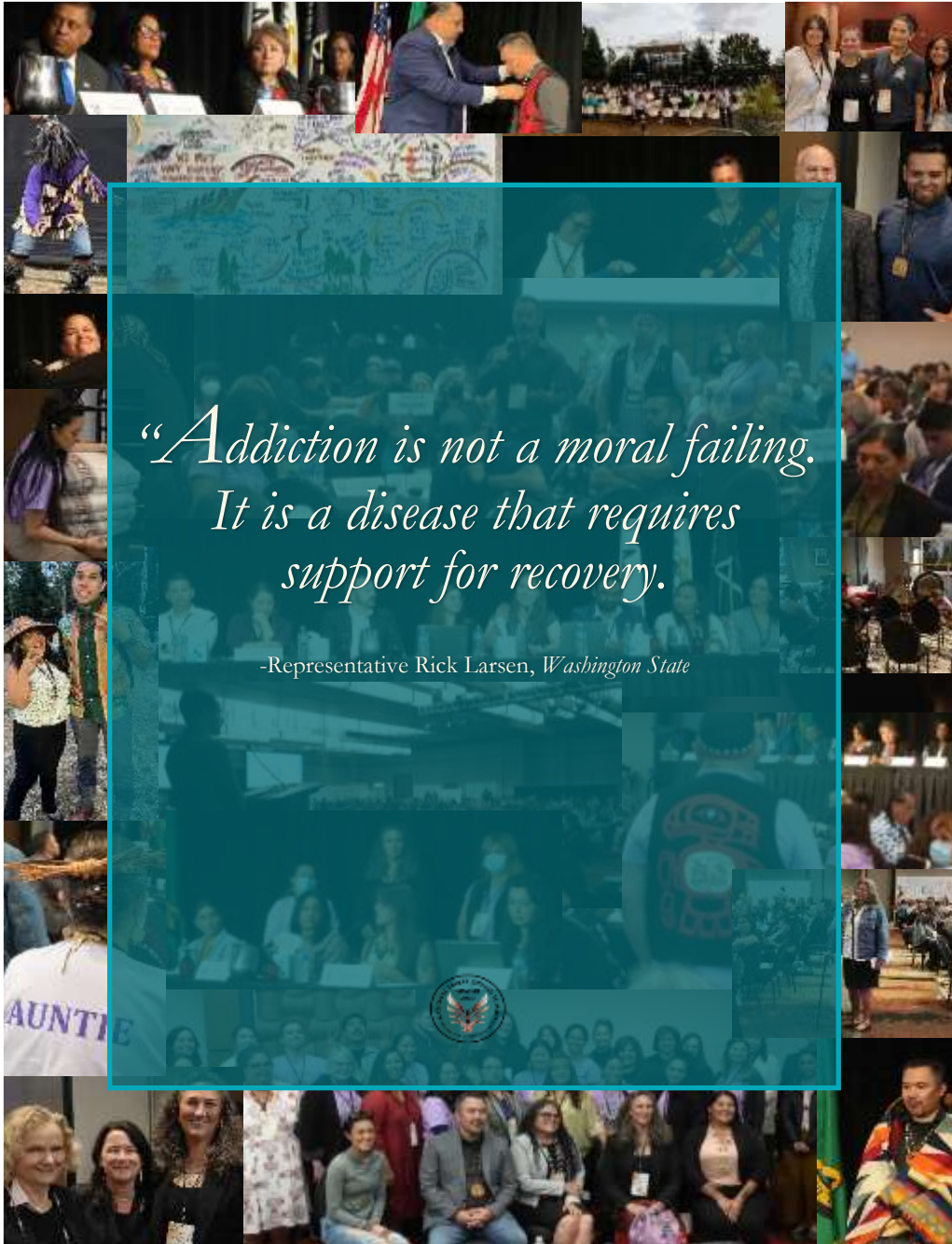
“Visiting here the past two days in tribal communities, I have learned the extraordinary support systems that people have here.

I have learned [of] the commitment [and] the care that one has to the other...

This is one of the most powerful things: how do we bring the power of Native communities and use it to change the system?”

-Dr. Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse

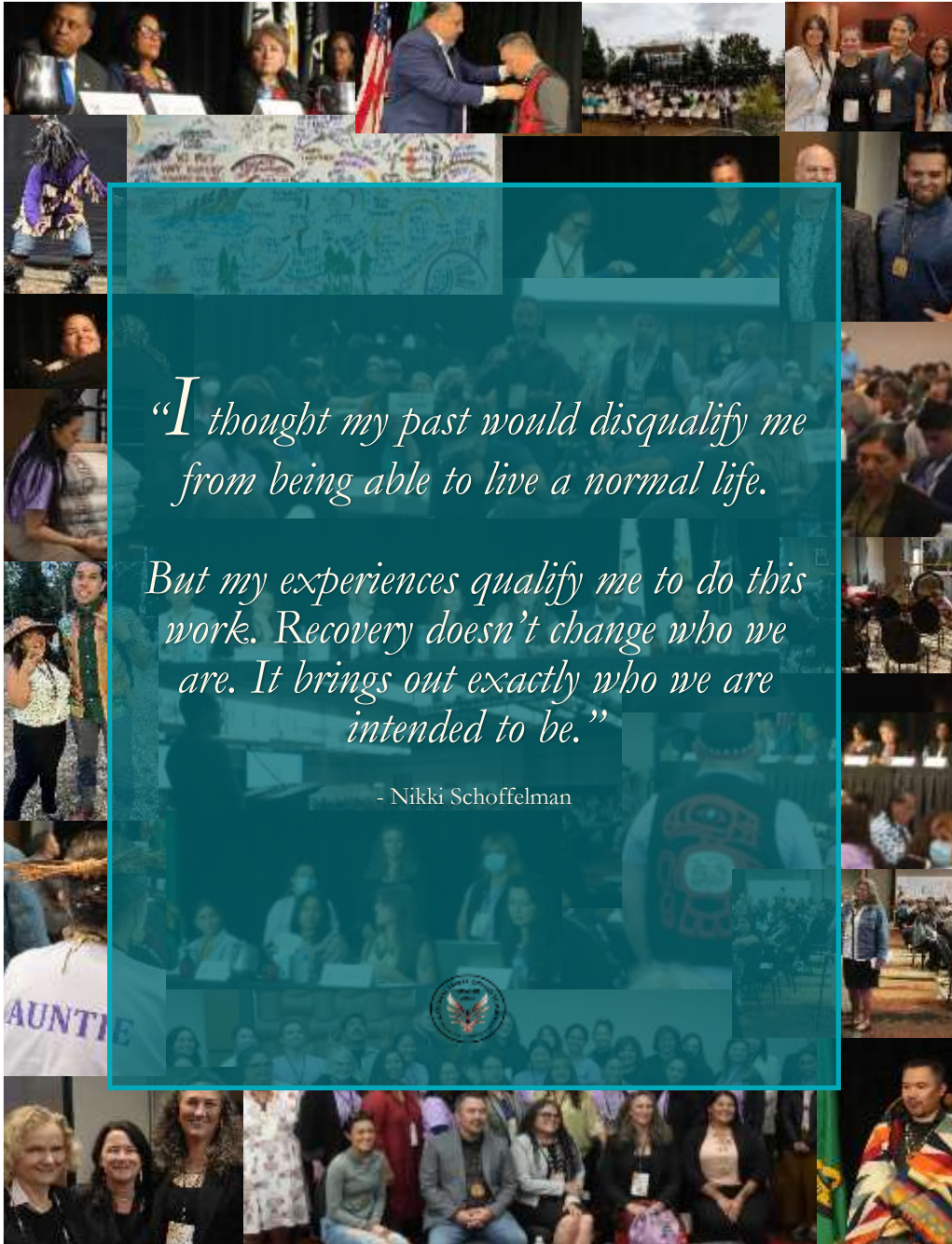




*"Addiction is not a moral failing.
It is a disease that requires
support for recovery.*

-Representative Rick Larsen, *Washington State*





“I thought my past would disqualify me from being able to live a normal life.

But my experiences qualify me to do this work. Recovery doesn't change who we are. It brings out exactly who we are intended to be.”

- Nikki Schoffelman



National Tribal Opioid Summit (NTOS)

Speaker Bios

We are grateful to all the Speakers for their leadership, scholarship, and commitment to the health and wellbeing of Tribal Communities.

Speaker Roles



Tribal Leader



Elected Official



Topic Expert



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A



Clinton Alexander (White Earth Nation) | Health Director, *White Earth Public Health Department*

NTOS Sessions

- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Care & Support III)* 🦋
- *Tribal-Based Practices (Prevention III)* 🦋

Clinton Alexander, MPH works on opioid overdose response for White Earth’s public health department. Alexander was raised by his grandparents and was a first-generation college graduate and the first-generation Master-level student in his family. Previously, Mr. Alexander worked as a Program Manager for the White Earth Reservation Harm Reduction Integration. Mr. Alexander received his Master of Public Health from North Dakota State University.



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B



Michelle Baker (Yup'ik) | Executive Vice President of Behavioral Health Services, *Southcentral Foundation*

NTOS Sessions

- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Care & Support II)* ✨

Michelle Baker, MBA was born and raised in Koliganek, Alaska and is of Yup'ik and Caucasian descent and a Bristol Bay Native Corporation shareholder. Baker was recently named executive vice president of Behavioral Health Services at Southcentral Foundation. A University of Alaska Fairbanks graduate with a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration, she has worked in Behavioral Health Services since 2000.



Councilwoman Dr. Alison Ball | *Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation*

NTOS Sessions

- *Culture of Primary Prevention (Prevention II)* ✨

Alison Ball, PhD is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. She is the Nespelem District Representative, where she also serves as Tribal Government Chair and Health and Human Services Chair. Additionally, Councilwoman Dr. Ball is on the Board of Directors for the Grant County Health District, the advisory committee for The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Office of Minority Health's (OMH) Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity (CIIHE).



Taylor Barrett | Congressional Relations Coordinator, *National Indian Health Board (NIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid Users and Tribal Response (Law & Justice I)*
- *Tribal Opioid Litigation Settlement (Law & Justice II)*
- *Pregnant People and Drugs: Welcoming in the Womb (Law & Justice III)*
- *Pre-Arrest Interventions for Opioid Users (Law & Justice III)*

Taylor Barret, JD is the Congressional Relations Coordinator for the National Indian Health Board (NIHB).



Cynthia Begay (Hopi/Navajo/Mexican) | Senior Epidemiologist, *Kauffman and Associates, Inc. (KAI)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Tribal Data Sovereignty in Federal and State Data – Are You Able to Access Opioid and Mental Health Data? (Data I)*
- *Barriers and Solutions to Tribal and Community Data Collection (Data II)*
- *Best Practices to Access, Own, and Protect Tribal and AI/AN Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Data (Data III)*
- *Using Data for a Community Response (Data IV)*

Cynthia Begay is a PhD Candidate at USC Keck School of Medicine. She is an experienced researcher with a demonstrated history of working in the academic research & health care industry. She is also skilled in data analysis (SAS, SPSS, R, ArcGIS), mixed-methods research, institutional review board (IRB) preparation/submission, and community outreach.



Nathan Billy (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) | Director of Behavioral Health Programs, *National Indian Health Board (NIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Addressing Barriers to Opioid Overdose Prevention Efforts (Prevention I)*
- *Culture of Primary Prevention (Prevention II)*
- *Tribal-Based Practices (Prevention III)*
- *What is Evidence in Prevention? (Prevention IV)*

Nathan Billy serves as Director of Behavioral Health Programs for the National Indian Health Board. He is a tribal member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and has served his nation as a Licensed Professional Counselor and Deputy Director of Behavioral Health. Mr. Billy is currently completing his PhD dissertation, which focuses on Choctaw cultural identity as a source of strength and resilience in recovery from substance use disorders.



Sue Birch | Director, *Washington State Health Care Authority (WA HCA)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Overview of the 2023 Washington State Tribal Opioid Summit (Day 1)* 🇺🇸

Gov. Jay Inslee (WA) appointed **Sue Birch** to serve as Health Care Authority (HCA) director in January 2018. As HCA director, she is focused on transforming the health care delivery system to better serve those for whom we purchase care, while keeping health care costs in check. A nurse by training, Birch is passionate about improving population health and reducing overmedicalization by focusing on the social determinants of health. Under Birch's leadership, Washington implemented Cascade Care, the first-in-nation public option aimed at improving access to high-quality, affordable health care.

Before joining HCA, Sue spent nearly seven years as the executive director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, where she led the state's successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Sue also served as chief executive officer of the Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association.



Hannah Brennan | Senior Policy Analyst, *National Indian Health Board (NIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Trauma and Addictions: Intersections of Trauma, COVID-19, and Fentanyl (Care & Support I)* 🇺🇸
- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Care & Support II)* 🇺🇸
- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Care & Support III)* 🇺🇸
- *Workforce Development and Certification (Care & Support IV)* 🇺🇸

Hannah Brennan, JD is the Senior Policy Analyst at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB).



Dr. Danica Love Brown (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) | Director of Behavioral Health, *Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Trauma and Addictions: Intersections of Trauma, COVID-19, and Fentanyl (Care & Support I)* ♡
- *Culture as Primary Prevention (Care & Support II)* ♡

Dr. Danica Love Brown, MSW, CACIII, PhD is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma born and raised in Northern New Mexico. Danica is the Behavioral Health Director at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and has worked as a mental health and substance use counselor, social worker, and youth advocate for over 20 years. Danica is an Indigenous Wellness Research Institute ISMART fellow alumni, Council of Social Work Education, Minority Fellowship Program fellow alumni, and Northwest Native American Research Center for Health fellow alumni. Her research has focused on Indigenous Ways of Knowing and decolonizing methodologies to address historical trauma and health disparities in Tribal communities.



Dr. Joni Buffalohead (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate) | Senior Consultant, *Kauffman and Associates, Inc. (KAI)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid User and Tribal Response (Law & Justice I)* ✨
- *Tribal Opioid Litigation Settlement (Law & Justice II)* ✨
- *Pregnant People and Drugs: Welcoming in the Womb (Law & Justice III)* ✨
- *Pre-Arrest Interventions for Opioid Users (Law & Justice IV)* ✨

Dr. Joni Buffalohead, MS, PHD has over two decades of experience in urban and tribal health care across Indian Country, including work in policy development, traditional practices, food and nutrition, and strengthening the boundaries of Native sovereignty on issues of health care, data collection, and public policy. She has worked extensively with all eleven Minnesota tribes (Anishinaabe and Ojibwe in the north, Dakota in the south), rebuilding traditionally fraught relationships and spearheading equitable access to statewide resources. She recently served as a senior consultant on public health for Guidehouse, and previously worked to spearhead a Native-owned and -operated pharmacy project in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She also served as a sponsor for a Muckleshoot-owned clinic focusing on medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. Dr. Buffalohead attended the University of Minnesota, where she earned a doctorate in pharmaceutical care and health systems, a master's in social and administrative pharmacy, and a bachelor's in American Indian studies.



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Moderator

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Senator Maria Cantwell | Washington State, US Senate

NTOS Sessions

- Summit Opening (Day 2) 


Maria Cantwell currently serves as a United States Senator for the State of Washington. As a respected leader – both in public service and in the private sector – Maria has always embraced the values she first learned growing up in a strong working-class family. With the help of Pell Grants, Maria was the first member of her family to graduate college. Later, a successful businesswoman in Washington's hi-tech industry, she helped build a company that created hundreds of high-paying jobs from the ground up.

Maria was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2000, 2006, 2012, and again in 2018, pledging to honor the hard work, aspirations and faith of the people of Washington state. She is working to create affordable opportunities for consumers, businesses and families, to make our nation more secure today, to foster innovation for tomorrow, and to stand with parents as they educate and care for their children.



Former Chief Judge Chantel Cloud | Southern Ute Indian Tribe

NTOS Sessions

- Pre-Arrest Interventions for Opioid Users (Law & Justice IV) 

Chantel Cloud, MA, Southern Ute, is a Tribal Court Collaboration Specialist and an experienced criminal justice professional. Chantel served over five years as a probation officer for juveniles and adults and coordinated a county juvenile detention alternative initiative. Chantel has served the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a tribal judge, including serving as Chief Judge from 2013-2018, and as the tribe's Wellness Court Case Manager. Her skills range from administrative grant management and caseload management to working directly with offenders. Chantel holds a BA in Sociology and English Literature, a certificate in Judicial Development, and a MA in Criminal Justice.



O'Nesha Cochran-Dumas (Afro-Indigenous, Member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe) | Senior Director of Outreach and Program Development, *The Miracles Club* and Expert Consultant, *Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *We Must Work Together to Address this Crisis (Day 1)* 🦋
- *What Worked for Us and Our Family in Recovery (Day 2)* 🦋
- *Pre-Arrest Interventions for Opioid Users (Law & Justice IV)* 🦋

O'Nesha Cochran Dumas is an Afro-Indigenous member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe with an Associate of Applied Science and Bachelor of Social Work that she obtained after spending 15 years in prison. O'Nesha helped launch the first Queer Resource Center at Portland Community College, was the first Certified Recovery Mentor at Oregon Health and Sciences University on the IMPACT Medical Team, became a Peer Trainer for the Mental Health Addiction and Certification Board of Oregon, and Managed the Diane Wade House, a 38-bed re-entry program for Afrocentric women.

Cochran Dumas is faculty with the Indian Country ECHO, a professional community that enhances providers' ability to offer American Indian and Alaska Native patients high-quality, specialized care. Her areas of expertise include *Advancing Pharmacist Roles in Substance Use Disorder Treatment*, *Recovery Teams ECHO Program* and the *Behavioral Health ECHO Program*.



Hon. Chief Judge Leona Colegrove | *Quinault Indian Nation*

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid User and Tribal Response (Law & Justice I)* 🦋

Leona Colegrove, JD is a graduate of the UW School of Law and has a Concentration in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Judge Colegrove is an enrolled member of the Hoopa Tribe and a descendent of the Quinault Tribe. She has been practicing law since 2000 and began her judicial work in both Tribal and State Courts in 2006. She led the development of the Quinault Adult, Family, & Juvenile Wellness Courts. She also led the creation of the joint jurisdiction Hoopa Valley-Humboldt County Wellness Court. She was the first Indian Judge to sit on the Washington State Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care. She Current sist on the Washington State Tribal Court Judges Association Government Board as well as the National American Indian Court Judges Associations Executive Board. Chief Judge Colegrove was recently named one the National Judicial College's "60 Courageous Judges Honorees."



Tim Collins (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) | Senior Epidemiologist, *Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Best Practices to Access, Own, and Protect Tribal and AI/AN Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Data (Data III)* 🦋
- *Using Data for a Community Response (Data IV)* ✨

Tim Collins, MPH, MS joined the Alaska Native Epidemiology Center at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) in 2018 as an epidemiologist supporting substance use-related initiatives. He holds an MPH in biostatistics and epidemiology from the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, and an MS in psychology. He is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Clark Conover | Supervisor, Division of Regional Operations, Bureau of Health Workforce, *US HHS Health Resources and Services Administration*

NTOS Sessions

- *Workforce Development and Certification (Care & Support IV)* 🦋

Clark Conover, MHA has worked with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for twenty-three years. He is currently serving as the Supervisor of the Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), Division of Regional Operations (DRO), Kansas City Office. Prior to working for the federal government, Mr. Conover was employed for four years with State Public Policy Group in Des Moines, Iowa working with non-profit state associations. Mr. Conover completed a degree in Agricultural Journalism from Iowa State University and obtained an MHA degree from A.T. Still University.



Chief Beverly Kiohawiton Cook | *St. Regis Mohawk Tribe*

NTOS Sessions

- *Summit Opening & Welcome (Day 1)* 🐦
- *Tribal Data Sovereignty in Federal and State Data – Are You Able to Access Opioid and Mental Health Data? (Day 1)* 🐦 ✨

Beverly Kiohawiton Cook is currently serving her third term as an elected Chief on the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council. Beverly is a Family Nurse Practitioner, is a prominent voice in the mind-body medicine approach to restoring wellness, reproductive health and environmental justice for Mohawk people. She has presented her signature lecture, “Resilience from our Roots: You are Creation,” to hundreds of community members as well as national and international audiences. The lecture weaves together Haudenosaunee traditions and beliefs with basic reproductive physiology, encouraging understanding of the responsibilities of men and women and an appreciation for the transmission of historical trauma through the generations.

In her previous role as Clinic Coordinator, Chief Cook led the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Health Services systems redesign. Her innovative approach, including patient-centered care, aligned with a national trend to address trauma as a root cause of adult illness. Her efforts resulted in the successful implementation of symptom reduction services and the introduction of Adverse Childhood Experiences (or “ACE”) Predictive Consequences, the foundation of how health care workers encounter personal interactions when Trauma Informed Approaches is effectively applied.

At home, she is a member of the Three Sister’s Advisory Board and championed the Akwesasne Child Advocacy Center that provides victim-centered care for abused children. Chief Cook has been a valuable supporter of the Tribe’s Summit committee (formerly the Child Safe Summit Committee) focusing on establishing tools and resources that support trauma-informed and resilience building practices within tribal programs and in the workplace.



Caroline Cruz (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) | Health and Human Services General Manager, *Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs*

NTOS Sessions

- *Tribal-Based Practices (Day 2)* 🦋

As General Manager for Health and Human Services, **Caroline Cruz** has management responsibility for all Health and Behavioral Services and Human Services. In this role, she leads, evaluates, develops and implements plans to enhance the health and welfare of community members. The Health and Human Services General Manager reports to the Chief Operations Manager.

Throughout her career, Ms. Cruz has served in numerous professional positions. She worked for the Department of Human Services Addictions and Mental Health for 21.5 years serving in numerous roles including: Lead Prevention Trainer, Tribal Liaison, Prevention Specialist, Project Officer for Grants, Director of Resource Center and development of statewide Diversity training. Ms. Cruz is a former Deputy Sheriff for Santa Clara County California and worked in a Housing Project with underserved youth. She has experience in Community Prevention, Community Mobilization, Treatment, Training, Curriculum Development, Grant Writing, and Administration. Prior to returning home, Ms. Cruz served as the main author for Oregon Tribal Best Practices and developed curriculum and trainings for certifying prevention specialists. In 2010 Ms. Cruz received the Indian Health Services Directors Award and in 2007 the Department of Human Services Director Excellence Award.

Ms. Cruz is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. She received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Oregon State College and a Certificate of Public Management from Willamette University-George Atkinson Graduate School of Management. She is a Certified Reality Therapist: Alcohol and Substance Abuse and Mental Health from La Verne College and certified Basic Police Officer for the State of California. She is involved in a variety of community-based and non-profit activities focusing on community and youth.



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Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Assistant Secretary, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

NTOS Sessions

- *We Must Work Together To Address this Crisis (Day 1)* 

Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, MS, PhD is currently Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). She previously served as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and served in this role for six years. Prior positions held at DMHAS include Deputy Commissioner, Senior Policy Advisor and Director of the department’s Office of Multicultural Healthcare Equity. In her role as Commissioner, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon was committed to promoting recovery oriented, integrated, and culturally responsive services and systems that foster dignity, respect, and meaningful community inclusion.

Through her 23-year career in the behavioral health field, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon has extensive experience in the design, evaluation, and administration of mental health, substance use, and prevention services and systems and has received several awards for advancing policy in these areas. Most recently, she received the 2023 Human Values Award from the Art of Living Foundation, the 2023 American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Children’s Mental Health Champion Award, the 2022 Distinguished Public Service in Psychology Award, from the National Register of Health Service Psychology and The Trust, Washington, DC, and the 2019 State Service Award from the National Association of State Drug and Alcohol Directors.

Dr. Delphin-Rittmon received her B.A. in Social Science from Hofstra University in 1989, her M.S. and PhD in Clinical Psychology from Purdue University 1992 and 2001, respectively, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical community psychology at Yale University in 2002.



Ron Deist, Jr. | Resident Agent in Charge of the Sioux Falls Drug, *Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid User and Tribal Response (Day 1)* 🦋

Ron Deist, Jr. is the Resident Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for Sioux Falls.



Karol Dixon (Deg Hit'an Athabascan) | Director of Government Affairs/Health Policy, *Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Tribal Data Sovereignty in Federal and State Data – Are You Able to Access Opioid and Mental Health Data? (Data I)* 🦋
- *Barriers and Solutions to Tribal And Community Data Collection (Data II)* 🦋
- *Best Practices to Access, Own, and Protect Tribal and AI/AN Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Data (III)* 🦋

Karol Dixon, MPH, JD is Deg Hit'an Athabascan and an enrolled Tribal member. She has a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law. Karol brings significant experience working with Medicaid and Medicaid waiver programs and tribal health organizations throughout the country. Karol has managed health programs from planning and design through implementation and evaluation, including ensuring compliance with federal, state, and nonprofit requirements.

Karol has experience with state Medicaid contracting, and also has experience negotiating and managing contracts for rural hospitals with a special focus on innovative health technologies to support critical access hospitals. She has a personal commitment to health and well-being.



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Abigail Echo-Hawk (Citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma) |
Director, *Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI)* and Vice President, *Seattle
Indian Health Board (SIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Tribal Data Sovereignty in Federal and State Data – Are You Able to Access Opioid and Mental Health Data? (Day 1)* 
- *What is Evidence in Prevention?* 

Abigail Echo-Hawk, MA is an enrolled citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. She is currently the Executive Vice President at Seattle Indian Health Board and the Director of Urban Indian Health Institute.

In the past, Abigail spent eight years as the Tribal Liaison with Partnerships for Native Health at the School of Public Health at The University of Washington. In 2016, she became the Co-director of Partnerships of Native Health at the Washington State University Institute for Research and Education to Advance Community Health. Abigail was also the Tribal Relationship Facilitator at the Institute of Translational Health Sciences at the University of Washington from 2010 to 2015. In 2015, she became a Board Member for the Center for Indigenous Law and Justice.

Abigail has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master of Arts degree in Policy Studies, both from the University of Washington. She is an expert in American Indian and Alaska Native health, including strengths and resiliencies as well as deficits and disparities.



Buck Ellingson | Health Policy Analyst, *California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)*

NTOS Sessions:

- *Tribal Data Sovereignty in Federal and State Data – Are You Able to Access Opioid and Mental Health Data? (Day 1)* 🦋
- *Barriers and Solutions to Tribal and Community Data Collection (Day 1)* 🦋
- *Best Practices to Access, Own, and Protect Tribal and AI/AN Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Data (Day 2)* 🦋
- *Session IV: Tribal Data: Using Data for a Community Response (Day 2)* 🦋

Buck Ellingson is currently a Health Policy Analyst at the California Rural Indian Health Board. Prior to this position, Ellingson was an Intern for the Sacramento Semester at the California State Assembly. In 2019, he was a Health Policy Analyst at the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health. From 2018 to 2017, Ellingson was a Legislative Aide for Assembly Member Kevin McCarty and Assemblymember Marc Levine, respectively. In 2015, he was a Senate Fellow at the California State Senate.

Buck Ellingson attended California State University-Sacramento where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government.



Dr. Kevin English | Director of the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, *Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board (AAIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Barriers and Solutions to Tribal and Community Data Collection (Day 1)* 🦋

Kevin English, PhD is the Director of the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC), which serves 27 Native American communities in the Southwest. Current AASTEC services are organized around four priority areas: epidemiology, health research, training, and public health practice. Since 1995, Dr. English has been working with tribal communities across the country as a researcher, public health practitioner, and clinical pharmacist.

Dr. English received his doctorate in public health from Columbia University in 2013. He is currently the Co-Investigator of a National Cancer Institute-funded study, "Enhancing Prevention Pathways Toward Tribal Colorectal Health," which aims to test the efficacy of serially implemented, graded-intensity interventions in Native American communities to enhance annual colorectal cancer screening by using the fecal immunochemical test (FIT).



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Jerin Falcon (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe) | Deputy Associate Director, *Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)*

NTOS Sessions

- **Topic Expert**, *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid User and Tribal Response (Day 1)* 🦋

Jerin Falcon is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe and has over 20 years of experience in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He is a graduate of Minot State University with a degree in Criminal Justice.



Dr. Gary Franklin | Research Professor, *University of Washington*

NTOS Sessions

Topic Expert, Using Data for a Community Response (Day 2) 🦋

Dr. Gary Franklin, MD, MPH is a Research Professor in the UW Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences and in the Department of Medicine (Neurology), as well as an Adjunct Research Professor in the UW Department of Health Systems and Population Health. Dr. Franklin has served as the Medical Director of the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) from 1988 to the present, developing and administering workers' compensation health care policy and conducting outcomes research. He has served as Director or Co-Director of the NIOSH-funded ERC Occupational Health Services Research training program since its inception.

Dr. Franklin is also Director of the Occupational Epidemiology and Health Outcomes Program at the UW. This program houses and facilitates primary research as well as the secondary use of workers' compensation data in order to improve medical care and reduce disability related to occupational injuries and illnesses. Because of his dual directorship roles, he is in a unique position to conduct policy-relevant health services research and provide leadership in this area.

Dr. Franklin's research has focused on (1) evaluating a major quality improvement program within L&I to reduce worker disability and improve outcomes; (2) identifying predictors of long-term disability among workers with back sprain and carpal tunnel syndrome; (3) assessing the risks associated with opiate use for chronic pain; and (4) evaluating outcomes of lumbar fusion. In addition, since the epidemic of opioid deaths became apparent earlier in the decade, Dr. Franklin has conducted several studies related to opioid prescribing practices, has translated this research directly back into state health care policy, and is leading a statewide effort to educate physicians about best practice use of opioids for chronic non-cancer pain.



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Dallas Goldtooth (Mdewakanton Dakota/Diné) | Organizer,
Writer, Actor

NTOS Sessions

- *Keynote, Being a Good Relative (Day 2)* 🦋

Dallas Goldtooth is an activist, Dakota language-instructor, writer, artist, and actor. He is a co-founding member of the 1491s, a Native American sketch comedy group and a member of the cast of the television series *Reservation Dogs*. He is an enrolled member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community and a descendant of the Navajo people. Goldtooth was the *Keep It In the Ground* campaign organizer for the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), an environmental justice organization led by his father Tom Goldtooth. With IEN, Goldtooth led campaigns against the Keystone XL pipeline and the Dakota Access Pipeline. He was a water protector during the Dakota Access Pipeline protests at Standing Rock Indian Reservation.



Vice Chair Loni Greninger | *Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*

NTOS Sessions

- *Culture of Primary Prevention (Day 1)* 🦋
- *Considerations for Setting Policy Priorities (Day 3)* 🦋 ✨

Loni Grinnell-Greninger (“yúčci?ə”), MPA was appointed to Tribal Vice Chair in January 2020, and elected in November 2020. She graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Pacific Lutheran University in 2012, and her Masters of Public Administration with an emphasis in Tribal Governance from The Evergreen State College in 2016. Her professional experience includes four years of working with the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) as an Office of Indian Policy Regional Manager, and then as a Statewide Tribal Liaison. Both positions led to help create systems and policy that increases access to state services for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Additionally, another role was to educate state workers in the government-to-government relationship that the State has with its Federally Recognized Tribes.

In 2017, her Tribe called her home to serve her people within the Social & Community Services Department. She currently serves as the Department’s Director. Loni continues to partner with the State and local governments in the overall work to benefit Washington’s Tribal Nations. She currently sits on the Governor’s Oversight Board for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, is Chair to the Washington State DSHS Indian Policy Advisory Committee and participates in local workgroups to further education and resources between the State and Tribe. Loni also received her Klallam Language Certification, in June 2019, to bring the Klallam language back to Jamestown.



Chairwoman Teri Gobin | *Tulalip Tribes*

NTOS Sessions

- *Summit Opening & Welcome (Day 1)* 🦋
- *Facilitator, Legal Framework Impacting Opioid Users and Tribal Response* 🦋🦋

Teri Gobin leads the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors with a focus on building community, improving health outcomes, supporting economic prosperity, and strengthening Tribal sovereignty.

Teri is proud to carry on the legacy of her late father, Stan Jones Sr., who served on the Board for 44 years, with 26 of those years as Chairman. He was instrumental in shaping who she is as a leader. Teri states that he taught her to, “Always lead with my heart and treat all people with respect and compassion”.

Teri has spent the past four decades influencing economic development, employment, and treaty rights for Indian Country. For most of her career, Teri passionately led as the Director of the Tulalip’s Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) department and contributed greatly to the development of a nationally recognized trade school.



Zackary Grimes, Cherokee Nation

NTOS Sessions


- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Day 1)* 🦋

No bio available.



Dr. Rahul Gupta | Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

NTOS Sessions

- *We Must Work Together to Address this Crisis (Day 1)* 

Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP is the first medical doctor to serve as the Director of National Drug Control Policy and lead the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), a component of the Executive Office of the President. ONDCP coordinates the nation's \$43 billion drug budget and federal policies, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery support, and supply reduction.

Through his work as a physician, a state and local leader, an educator, and a senior leader of a national nonprofit organization, Dr. Gupta has dedicated his career to improving public health and public safety.

Dr. Gupta is a national and global thought leader and a driver of innovative public policies who practices what he preaches. He is a buprenorphine-waivered practitioner, providing medication-assisted treatment for people with opioid use disorder. He has been recognized for his career of public service by the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, and by *Governing Magazine*, which named him their Public Health Official of the Year in 2018. Additionally, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Charleston Gazette-Mail* named him as one of its West Virginians of the Year in 2017 for his service to the state.



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Summer Hammons (Tulalip Tribes) | Legislative Policy Analyst for Treaty Rights and Government Affairs Office, *Tulalip Tribes*

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid Users and Tribal Response (Day 1)* 🦋

Summer Hammons, MA has spent her career in service to her Tulalip community. She has served in variety of positions focusing on tribal health, education, policy, social services, and economic development. She is currently the Tribe’s Legislative Policy Analyst for Treaty Rights and Government Affairs Office. Ms. Hammons has a Masters in Psychology from Ashford University.



Virginia Hendricks (Yurok) | Executive Director, *California Consortium for Urban Indian Health (CCUIH)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Topic Expert, Best Practices to Access, Own, and Protect Tribal and AI/AN Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Data (Day 2)* 🦋

Virgina Hendricks, MPH is an enrolled member of the Yurok Tribe of California and of Karuk descent. She is the Executive Director of the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and statewide alliance of Urban Indian Health Programs and substance abuse treatment facilities. Ms. Hendricks also serves as a Board Member for the California Wellness Foundation.



Dr. Margo Hill (Spokane Tribe) | Professor, *Eastern Washington University*

NTOS Sessions

Pre-Arrest Interventions for Opioid Users (Day 2) 🦋

Margo Hill, JD, MURP is a Spokane Tribal member and grew up on the Spokane Indian reservation. She serves as the Associate Director of Small, Urban, Rural, and Tribal Center on Mobility (SURTCOM). Dr. Hill served as the Spokane Tribal Attorney for 10+ years and as a Coeur d’Alene Tribal Court Judge.

Ms. Hill worked for Spokane Urban Indian Health clinic and testified before Congress. Ms. Hill earned her Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga School of Law and her Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Washington University. Her Bachelor’s degree is in Political Science from University of Washington. Margo Hill is faculty at Eastern Washington University where she teaches American Indian Health and Community, Understanding Addiction in Tribal Communities, Administrative Law, Community Development, Tribal Planning classes, and American Indian Law. Ms. Hill is a Collaborating partner with the WSU Native American Health Science Center. She is also working with Eastern Washington federal court to help with cases involving missing, murdered indigenous people (MMIP).



Chairman Anthony Hillaire | *Lummi Nation*

NTOS Sessions

- *Tribal-Based Practices (Day 2)* 🦋

Anthony “Tony” Hillaire is a proud member of the Lummi Nation and serves as Chairman of the Nation and the Lummi Indian Business Council and as a commercial crabber. Chairman Hillaire was born and raised in Bellingham, WA and on the Lummi Nation.



Lesley Sherman-Hunt (Hoopa Tribe) | Chair, *California Area Indian Health Board (CRIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Addressing Barriers to Opioid Overdose Prevention Efforts (Day 1)* 🦋

Lesley Sherman-Hunt is the Chair of the California Area Indian Health Board (CRIBH) and member of Board of National Indian Health Board.



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Will Janisch | Drug Intelligence Officer, Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid User and Tribal Response (Day 1)* 

Will Janisch is the Drug Intelligence Officer for Montana since September of 2021. He is originally from South Dakota. He served as an HUMINT Collector in the U.S. Army Reserves until 2014. Will worked as a Counter-Intelligence Screener in Iraq in 2011 and at Fort Meade, MD from 2011 to 2013. Will began his law enforcement career in North Dakota and worked in Colorado. He worked for several agencies as a Correctional Officer, Emergency Medical Dispatcher, Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff, & Patrol Sergeant.



Candice Jimenez (Tribal Citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) | Health Policy Analyst, *Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Trauma and Addictions: Intersections of Trauma, COVID-19, and Fentanyl (Day 1)* 🦋
- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Day 1)* 🦋
- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Day 2)* 🦋
- *Workforce Development and Certification (Day 2)* 🦋

Candice Jimenez, MPH is a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Concordia University and a Master's in Public Health from OHSU. In her work as a public health professional, she supports tribal community-driven efforts that amplify community health. She has experience in qualitative data analysis, tribal community data collection, qualitative data coding and reporting, and coordinating communications between tribes and project investigators. Mrs. Jimenez has also been active in policy development for the Oregon Health Authority, an advisory council member for FamilyCare and OSU College of Public and Human Sciences, as well as a volunteer/internship at several health care, public health, and natural resources organizations.

Ms. Jimenez has a passion for serving the surrounding tribal communities present in the Portland metro area, as well as advocating for culturally appropriate healthcare for all populations. Candice and her husband live in Portland with their son and daughter. They enjoy hiking, mountain biking, camping, traveling, and exploring the food culture throughout the city.



Dolores Jimerson (Seneca, Bear Clan) | Manager, Behavioral Health Training Center, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)

NTOS Sessions

- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Day 2)* 🦋

Dolores Jimerson, MSW, LCSW, ADS is originally from the east coast, where she grew up as an urban Indian. She was reared traditionally Seneca (bear clan) in Little Italy, which also resonated with her Italian/Irish mother. She now lives on the Olympic Peninsula, where it seems “it’s always Twilight.” Dolores is excited to lead NPAIHB in the development of culturally resonant behavioral health programming to support tribes in meeting their needs. Her lived experience pairs nicely with her three plus decade career of working in behavioral health in Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Oregon, and Washington. Some of her past tribal employment was with the Eastern Shoshone, Northern Arapaho, CTUIR, and Quileute. Her previous national level work included serving as Director of Community Development for NICWA. She is a caregiver and community organizer at heart, who is passionate about creating services that resonate with re-membering us into our greatness. She is clinically licensed in both Wyoming and Oregon, along with being a certified Acudetox Specialist (ear acupuncture) and Registered Trainer. You can find her gardening, beach combing, traveling, writing, or serving as comedic muse when she is not working.



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Philomena Kebec (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) |
Instructor, *University of Minnesota Duluth*

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid User and Tribal Response (Day 1)*



Philomena Kebec, JD belongs to the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, where she is working on building systems and supports for harm reduction and overdose prevention, tribal healthcare optimization, small business growth and financing and improving community access to local & traditional foods. Philomena is an attorney and judge licensed to practice law in tribal and state courts and has over a decade of experience providing legal and policy services to tribal nations. Kebec is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and is a Bloomberg Fellow through the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She currently serves as the Co-Coordinator of Gwayakobimaadiziwin Bad River Needle Exchange along with Aurora Conley.



Lisa King (Navajo), Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor,
Canoncito Band of Navajos Health Center, Inc.

NTOS Sessions

- *Using Data for a Community Response (Day 2)*



Lisa King, MA is a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor with To'Hajiilee Behavioral Health System for the past decade. Previously, she worked for the Navajo Nation Department of Behavioral Health in youth, adolescent and adult substance abuse intervention and treatment. Her interest in service began at the Ft. Defiance IHS hospital as a family planning counselor.

Ms. King graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ with a BA in Sociology with a minor in Psychology. She earned her Master of Arts in Counseling from Western New Mexico University, Gallup. Ms. King has been a licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor with the State of New Mexico Counseling Therapy Practice Board since 2010.



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Dr. James Laidler | Medical Director, *Great Circle Recovery*

NTOS Sessions


- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Day 1)* 

Dr. James Laidler, MD, PhD is a specialist in Addiction Medicine after a long career in pain management. He serves as Medical Director of Great Circle Recovery, the first tribally owned Opioid Treatment program, run by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Dr. Laidler received his MD from Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California and University of Illinois at Chicago (Residency in Anesthesiology) and his Doctor of Philosophy from Portland State University.



Representative Rick Larsen (Washington-02), U.S. House of Representatives

NTOS Sessions

- *We Must Work Together to Address this Crisis (Day 1)* 

U.S. Representative **Rick Larsen** is in his twelfth term serving Washington's Second Congressional District, which includes portions of Snohomish County and all of Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan counties.

The opioid epidemic is taking a devastating toll on Northwest Washington communities. Rick is working with local governments, law enforcement, health care providers and community groups to ensure they have the tools needed to combat the opioid epidemic and save lives. He supports increasing federal funding for successful local strategies and updating regulations that address prevention, interdiction, treatment and recovery initiatives.

Rick is a champion for global economic, diplomatic and security engagement. He is a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA), co-chair of the U.S.-China Working Group and a member of the New Democrat Coalition Trade Task Force – all actions that support U.S. leadership in the world.



Councilman Nickolaus Lewis | *Lummi Nation and Chair, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Summit Opening & Welcome (Day 1)* 🐦
- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Day 2)* 🐦 ✨
- *Considerations for Setting Policy Priorities (Day 3)* 🐦

Councilman **Nickolaus Lewis** “Juts Kadim” is a member of the Lummi Nation Tribe of Washington State. Mr. Lewis holds several prominent positions, including serving as Chairman of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), Co-Chair of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), and Secretary of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Nick is also a proud veteran, having served for eight honorable years in the U.S. Navy (2000-2008). Additionally, Councilman Lewis sits on several Tribal Advisory Committees.

As an elected leader, Mr. Lewis strongly believes in serving his community; this mindset has been a driving force behind his work, locally and nationally. He believes strongly in accountability for his work and that solutions and outcomes should always be driven by the needs of the people he serves. Councilman Lewis is passionate about improving public health for American Indian/Alaska Native peoples, as well as combatting opioid misuse and homelessness.



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis | *Gila River Indian Community*

NTOS Sessions

- *We Must Work Together To Address this Crisis (Day 1)* 🐦
- *Our Priorities: A Focus on Policy Priorities (Day 3)* 🐦

Stephen Roe Lewis was raised in Sacaton, “Gu-u-Ki”, on the Gila River Indian Community. His father is the late Rodney Lewis and his mother is Willardene Lewis. Mr. Lewis has a son, Daniel currently attending Arizona State University. Mr. Lewis is in his third term serving as Governor of the Community, having previously served as Lt. Governor. Prior to serving in elected leadership, Governor Lewis served the Community as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gila River Healthcare Corporation, as a Gaming Commissioner for the Gila River Gaming Commission, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.

Stephen Roe Lewis graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science and pursued graduate studies at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Governor Lewis proudly serves as the Secretary of the National Congress of American Indians, President of the Arizona State University’s American Indian Policy Institute Board of Directors, on the Executive Board for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), and on the Board of Trustees for the Heard Museum of Phoenix.



Jessica Leston (Tsimshian) | Director, National Clinical Programs, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)

NTOS Sessions

- *Summit Opening (Day 1)* 🦋
- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Day 2)* 🦋

Jessica Leston, MPH is the Clinical Programs Director at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) where she focuses on systems and policy change. She began her public health career working at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in 2004 and has worked in tribal health since then. She believes strongly in learning from traditional indigenous ways of knowing to help guide, direct and strengthen our public health systems. Her mother's side of her family are settlers to Turtle Island, originally from Germany, Sweden and Ireland. Her Father's side of the family is originally from Austria, Finland and Tsimshian from British Columbia/Southeast Alaska. She grew up in Chicago but spent many summers in Southeast Alaska with her Grandmother's family – climbing Deer Mountain, picking huckleberries around Ward Lake and watching the salmon make their way to the Ketchikan Creek Falls. In her life and work, she honors the Alutiiq cultural value, “we are responsible for each other and ourselves.”



Tam Lutz (Lummi) | Research Project Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)

NTOS Sessions

- *Pregnant People and Drugs: Welcoming in the Womb (Day 2)* 🦋

Tam Lutz, MPH, MHA, CPST is a Lummi Tribal member with ancestral ties to the Quinault, Nooksack, Skagit, Chinook, Cowlitz, Snoqualmie, Suquamish and Duwamish Tribes. She has spent over 25 years working in public health in Indian Country, including over 20 years at the NPAIHB. Lutz serves as the NW Tribal EpiCenter's Project Director for WEAVE-NW, funded through the CDC's Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC) initiative and Native Boost: Addressing Barriers to Childhood Immunization through Communication and Education", a CDC funded Tribal public health capacity project. Additionally, Ms. Lutz is currently the Co-Principal Investigator for two of the NW Tribal EpiCenter's NIH funded studies including "NW Tribal Collaboration to Improve the Use Motor Vehicle Data," grant, and "Investigating Maternal Opioid Use, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Response in NW Communities." Lutz is an experienced field researcher, a developing epidemiologist, with broad experience in maternal child health at the NPAIHB. She has directed other projects at the NPAIHB including the very successful Native CARS Study, Toddler Obesity and Tooth Decay Prevention Study and the Indian Community Health Profile Project.



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Council Member Sammy Mabe | *Suquamish Tribe*

NTOS Sessions

- *What is Evidence in Prevention? (Day 2)* 🦋

Sammy Mabe serves a Council Member for the Suquamish Tribe.



Dr. Maya Magarati (Magar) | Research Scientist, *Seven Directions: A Center for Indigenous Public Health, University of Washington*

NTOS Sessions

- *Addressing Barriers to Opioid Overdose Prevention Efforts (Day 1)* 🦋

Maya Magarati, PhD is an Acting Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Magarati is a core faculty in Seven Directions, A Center for Indigenous Public Health, a part of the Center for the Study of Health and Risk Behaviors in the Department. She incorporates Indigenous, landscape-based, culture-centered epistemologies in substance use, mental health, STI/HIV and environmental health research and evaluation. In addition, she investigates the science of community-engagement in health research. Dr. Magarati spent the past 11 years with the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute building partnerships with Tribal Colleges and Universities and research collaboration with multidisciplinary, cross-institutional global teams investigating health disparities in American Indian and Alaska Native populations, immigrant, refugee and rural populations in the U.S., and among Indigenous communities experiencing environmental health issues due to water insecurity in Nepal.

Dr. Magarati is a current Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders fellow. She received her Bachelor's in Nutrition & Dietetics in Australia, an M.A. in Sociology under the Fulbright program, and then a PhD in Sociology from UW. She is indigenous Magar from Nepal's Himalayas.



Travis Martin (Shoshone-Bannock) | Data Analyst, *Shoshone-Bannock Tribes*

NTOS Sessions

- *Barriers and Solutions to Tribal and Community Data Collection (Day 1)* 🦋

Travis Martin, MA is Data Analyst serving the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Tribal Health & Human Services. In 2022, he was recently awarded the Individual Directors Award by the Indian Health Service (IHS) which recognizes exceptional initiative and leadership. Martin earned his BA from Idaho State University and his MA in Business Administration from Western Governors University.



Andrea Medley (Jaad ahl' K_iiganga) | Research Associate, *Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health*

NTOS Sessions

- *Tribal Opioid Litigation Settlement (Day 1)* 🦋

Andrea Medley, MPH (Jaad ahl' Kiigangaa) is from the Dadens Yahgu 'laanas Raven Clan, Haida Nation. She is of Haida and mixed white settler ancestry, and was fortunate to grow up in her home community of Gaw Tlagée, on Haida Gwaii. Since 2011, she has worked in public health and Indigenous health programming, policy and education. Andrea is currently a research associate at the Center for Indigenous Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHBSPH), working on projects related to substance use. She is passionate about harm reduction, community-led health initiatives, Indigenous cultural safety and reproductive justice, and has worked with Indigenous communities across Turtle Island facilitating conversations about harm reduction, substance use and sexual wellbeing. Outside of work, she enjoys live music, book clubs and beading.



Sarah Miller (Tulalip Tribes) | Lushootseed Language Teacher, *Tulalip Tribes*

NTOS Sessions

- *Summit Opening (Day 2)* 🦋

Sarah Miller is a Lushootseed Language Teacher for the Tulalip Tribes. She graduated from the Tulalip Heritage School and then enrolled at the Northwest Indian College to pursue her love of Lushootseed. Sarah enjoys teaching young kids how to speak Lushootseed and hopes to someday reach a wider audience.



Michael Mizer | Drug Intelligence Officer, Northwest High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid User and Tribal Response (Day 1)* ✨

Michael Mizer has over 25 years of experience in many different aspects of law enforcement, mostly with the FBI and recently as a Supervisory Special Agent. Mizer's work has covered Criminal Investigations, Collaborating with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, Operations Planning, and Program Development.



Dr. Carolyn Morris, Clinical Psychologist, Canoncito Band of Navajos Health Center, Inc.

NTOS Sessions

- *Using Data for a Community Response (Day 2)* 🦋

Carolyn Morris, PhD is clinical psychologist at the Canoncito Band of Navajos Health Center and the CEO/Founder CMorris Psychological/Behavioral Health Consulting. Dr. Morris is the past president of the Society of Indian Psychologists, a Board Member of First Nations Behavioral Health Association and a Board of Regent Member for Navajo Technical University. Dr. Morris received her Doctorate in Philosophy from the School Psychology at the University of Utah.



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Vice Chair Misty Napeahi | *Tulalip Tribes*

NTOS Sessions

- *Pregnant People and Drugs: Welcoming in the Womb (Day 2)*  

Vice Chair **Misty Napeahi** has spent her career dedicated to the Tulalip Tribes and has held various positions at both the tribal government and the casino. She brings more than twenty-three years of experience in tribal government processes and systems and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Columbia College. She enjoys serving her community and creating policies that provide equitable distribution of benefits to all tribal citizens. She currently serves as a board member for United Way of Snohomish County. In her spare time, Napeahi enjoys spending time with her family, her husband Jay and their three children. She is an avid reader and loves to spend time with her dogs, Ivy and Tito.



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Christina Oré (Ayacucho-Huancavelica/Irish) | Acting Assistant Professor & Associate Director, *Seven Directions: A Center for Indigenous Public Health, University of Washington*

NTOS Sessions

- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Day 2)* 

Christina E. Oré, MPH, DrPH received her BA from Oberlin College (1991), where she studied Spanish colonial history, sociology, critical theory, and borderlands literature. She received her MPH in community practice (2002) and DrPH in public health policy and management (2018) from the University of Arizona, Zuckerman College of Public Health. Christina's connection to this work is through commitments made to family and Yoeme communities in Sonora and Arizona. Her paternal family are Indigenous descendant from Ayacucho-Huancavelica (Peru) and maternal family are Irish (Arizona). She lives in Tucson, Arizona with her family: Joseph, Munai and Tenzin. Christina loves walks in the desert, dips in ephemeral water holes, hikes above timberline, diving into ocean waves, and spending time with her family who are in Mexico, Peru, and the U.S.



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Dr. Bryce Parent | Chief Medical Officer, *didg'wálic'*

NTOS Sessions

- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Day 1)* 🦋

Dr. Bryce Parent, MD is a graduate of Georgetown School of Medicine and St. Peter Family Medicine Residency. He is a specialist in addiction medicine and family medicine physician. He served the Chehalis Tribe in primary care and served at HarborCrest in inpatient withdrawal and addiction treatment. He is currently the Chief Medical Officer at the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community *didg'wálic'* Wellness Center. He was inspired to practice addiction medicine by patients' own stories of transforming their lives and their relationships with their family and community. Outside of work some of his interests include bicycling, backpacking, kayaking, and mindfulness.



Dr. Myra Parker (Mandan-Hidatsa-Cree) | Director, *Seven Directions: A Center for Indigenous Public Health, University of Washington*

NTOS Sessions

- *Addressing Barriers to Opioid Overdose Prevention Efforts (Day 1)* 🦋
- *What is Evidence in Prevention? (Day 2)* 🦋

Myra Parker, JD, PhD is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and Director of Seven Directions: A Center for Indigenous Public Health, based within the Center for the Study of Health and Risk Behaviors, University of Washington. She received her doctorate in Health Services at UW School of Public Health and has been a member of the faculty since 2014.

Dr. Parker's research and clinical interests include: (1) cultural adaptation of alcohol and drug interventions among American Indians and Alaska Natives (with a particular focus on tribal college drinking harm reduction), (2) development and testing of parenting interventions to support early childhood development in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, (3) co-morbidity of substance use with depression, suicide, trauma, and PTSD, (4) research capacity development, including ethical

aspects of research, for tribal and urban Indian communities; and, (5) dissemination and translation of evidence-based prevention and intervention approaches at the individual, institutional, and community level, including policy development. She has worked with tribal and urban Indian communities across the United States on these topics.



Jacqueline Platero (Navajo) | Board Member, *National Indian Health Board (NIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

Tribal Opioid Litigation Settlement (Day 1) 🦋

Jacqueline (Jackie) Platero is from the community of To'Hajiilee. She served as Tribal Chair and Vice-Chair for the To'Hajiilee Band of Navajos Community. She enjoys her role as an advocate for the Canoncito Band of Navajos Health Center, Inc. and as a Chair on the National Indian Health Board and Vice Chair of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board.



Dr. Charlene Poola (Navajo/Hopi-Tewa), Tribal Behavioral Health Director, *Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center*

NTOS Sessions

- *Using Data for a Community Response (Day 2)* 🦋

Charlene Poola, MSW, PhD, is the Tribal Behavioral Health Director at the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center. As a clinical social worker, she has provided counseling, suicide, and substance abuse prevention services to American Indian communities in the southwest for over ten years. Her dissertation explored how American Indian Behavioral Health organizations adapt evidence-based treatments. This research aims to ensure cultural relevancy is included in treatment services for underserved communities. In addition, Dr. Poole has worked with tribal behavioral health organizations to apply for state and federal funding to enrich their workforce through organizational development and continuing education and training. Dr. Poole received her PhD in social work from Arizona State University.



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Kelly Rowe (Grande Ronde Tribe) | Executive Director of Health Services, *The Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde*

NTOS Sessions

- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Day 1)* 

Kelly Rowe, MBA is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde. She serves as the Executive Director Health Services for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Executive Director of The Great Circle Recovery clinics (Salem and Portland, OR). The Great Circle clinics take a “whole-person” approach to treating addiction, which integrates counseling, individual and group therapy, peer support, medication-assisted treatment and referrals to services assisting with overcoming other barriers to recovery, such as food and housing insecurity. Ms. Rowe has an MBA from Marylhurst University.



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Second Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. | *Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

NTOS Sessions

- *Trauma and Addictions: Intersections of Trauma, COVID-19, and Fentanyl (Day 1)*  

Rob A. Sanderson, Jr. was elected to serve a two-year term as the 2nd Vice President on Tlingit & Haida’s Executive Council in 2022. His Haida name is *Gu’usuwaa* and he is of the Eagle moiety, *Stuts* Clan. Rob has been a Tlingit & Haida Delegate since 2000 and represents the Tribe on the Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition (GOAC3) and serves as alternate to VP Ralph Wolfe on the Indigenous People’s Council for Marine Mammals (IPCoMM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) Sea Otter Steering Committee.

He also serves on the United States Forest Service (USFS) Alaska Tribal Leaders Committee, Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission, Region 10 Tribal Leaders Summit Committee, and Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; is Alaska Area Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); and Chair of the Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SEITC). He also participates on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and is a member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 14.

Rob was born in Ketchikan and raised in Hydaburg. He is the son of Romay D. (Edenshaw) Sanderson and Robert A. Sanderson Sr. His maternal grandparents are the late James and Bertha (Lee) Edenshaw; paternal grandparents are the late Edward and Helen B. Sanderson; and biological paternal grandfather is the late Robert A. Cogo, Sr. He worked as a longshoreman for 17 years, is a lifelong fisherman, and enjoys playing basketball, fishing, and working with children and elders.



Dr. LaKota Scott (Diné) | Naturopath

NTOS Sessions

- *Pregnant People and Drugs: Welcoming in the Womb (Day 2)* 🦋

Dr. **LaKota Scott**, ND is a licensed Naturopathic Doctor with a Certificate in Natural Childbirth. She completed her naturopathic medical training at the National University of Natural Medicine in Portland, Oregon, with particular interests in midwifery, physical medicine, generative health, and community health. She has completed training in Integrative Pelvic Therapy and Abdominal Massage.

LaKota believes that the patient's perspective defines health, and she aims to assist patients in creating a plan to achieve their goals. She focuses on nutrition, sleep, exercise, and stress management before utilizing supplements and medications to help patients attain their health ambitions.



Josh Severns (Little Shell/Gros Ventre/Yankton Dakota) | Consultant, *Kauffman and Associates, Inc. (KAI)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Trauma and Addictions: Intersections of Trauma, COVID-19, and Fentanyl (Day 1)* ✨
- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Day 1)* ✨
- *Addressing Barriers to Opioid Overdose Prevention Efforts (Day 1)* ✨
- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Day 2)* ✨

Josh Severns, MSW, LCSW, ACADC Joshua Severns is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Advanced Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor in Idaho who holds a Master's Degree from Boise State University and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Lewis-Clark State College. Joshua is of the Gros Ventre Tribe (H'aninin – White Clay People) from the Fort Belknap reservation and embraces his Native roots. He currently serves as a Behavioral Health Consultant. His training specialties include work in mental health, substance use disorders, mind-body connection and cultural adaptations to care. Joshua grew up on the Coeur d'Alene reservation and is happy to serve the community that raised him.



Fawn Sharp (Quinault Indian Nation), President, *National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)*

NTOS Sessions

- *What Worked for Us and Our Family in Recovery (Day 2)* 🦋 ✨

Fawn R. Sharp, JD serves as the 23rd President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native tribal government organization in the country. President Sharp was elected on October 24, 2019 at NCAI's 76th Annual Convention & Marketplace. Sharp is the third woman to hold the position of NCAI President.

President Sharp is the current Vice President of the Quinault Indian Nation in Taholah, Washington, after being a five-term past-President. Her past positions included managing attorney and lead counsel; and staff attorney for the Quinault Indian Nation, administrative law judge for the Washington state Department of Revenue – Tax Appeals Division, Quinault Tribal Court Associate Judge, and Counsel for Phillips, Krause & Brown.

Ms. Sharp graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Gonzaga University in Spokane Washington at the age of 19. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Washington in 1995 and has subsequently received certificates from the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, and from the International Human Rights Law at Oxford University.



Juli Skinner (Ponca Tribe) | Senior Director, *Behavioral Health, Cherokee Nation*

NTOS Sessions

- *Tribal-Based Practices (Day 2)* 🦋

Juli Skinner, MSW has worked with Native children and families for the past 21 years with the Cherokee Nation. She is a member of the Ponca Tribe and was raised in her Native culture and has extensive knowledge working within a Native population. Juli designed and developed strategic plans around interventions regarding activities that promote and protect young child wellness for Native American children and families. She served as the project director for two multiyear cooperative agreements with SAMHSA around young child wellness activities and systems of care strategies Project LAUNCH and Systems of Care). In 2012, Juli helped develop and launch a Children's Behavioral Health department for Cherokee Nation. The first of its kind for Cherokee Nation, the HERO Project stands for helping everyone reach out and strives to deliver services on the micro, mezzo and macro levels. The program works with children and parents on an individual level, delivering direct clinical evidenced based interventions that reach two generations. On the mezzo level, Juli developed community strategies using community organizing and mobilizing approaches to integrate parents and

caregivers to bring forth changes to their community to promote young child wellness activities. On the macro level, the HERO project partners with Tribes, Universities, and State and Federal agencies to develop and enhance interventions to meet the needs of Native families. Juli currently directs all activities in Behavioral Health for the Cherokee Nation and has helped create a Cabinet for Children for all child and family serving programs. Juli received her Master's in Social Work from Oklahoma University in 2012. Her emphasis focused on Administrative and Community Practice Social Work. She is a Licensed Master Social Worker and is currently serving as the Senior Director of Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health.



Chief Bill Smith | Valdez Native Tribe and Chair, National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

NTOS Sessions

- Summit Opening and Welcome (Day 1) 🐦 ✨
- Pre-Arrest Interventions for Opioid Users (Day 2) 🐦 ✨
- Considerations for Setting Policy Priorities (Day 3) 🐦 ✨

William F. Smith was born in Cordova Alaska September of 1952, to Chief Marie Smith-Jones, the last full-blooded speaker of the Eyak language. Mr. Smith is an Army veteran of the Vietnam War and he worked for the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for 36 years. He enjoys his retirement by hunting, fishing and spending time with his loving family. He is the vice president of the Valdez Native Tribe and serves on the Alaska Native Health Board and the National Indian Health Board. Bill is one of the local Tribal Veterans Representatives working for his brothers and sisters with their veteran issues.



Aren Sparck (Cup'ik) | Office of Tribal Affairs Administrator, Washington State Health Care Authority (WSHCA)

NTOS Sessions

- Culture of Primary Prevention (Day 1) 🐦

Aren Sparck, MA is an experienced public policy officer and community advocate. Over his career he has advocated to improve the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives of the 29 tribes in Washington State including as a successful advocate for major pieces of legislation for the City of Seattle, the State of Washington, and two federal laws. Mr. Sparck is currently the Office of Tribal Affairs Administrator at Washington State Health Care Authority. He holds a Masters of Urban Planning and Urban Ecology from the University of Washington.



Councilman Lee Spoonhunter | Northern Arapaho Tribe and Member, *National Indian Health Board (NIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Social Determinants of Health as an SUD Intervention (Day 2)* 🦅 ✨

Councilman **Lee Spoonhunter** is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe located on the Wind River Reservation. Councilman Spoonhunter attended college at Casper College and Central Wyoming College in Wyoming. Councilman Spoonhunter has worked for the Northern Arapaho TANF program as an Economic Assistance Specialist from 1999-2003 and was promoted to TANF Director from 2003-2006. Councilman Spoonhunter was also the Northern Arapaho Tribal NEW Director from 2003-2006. In 2006, Councilman Spoonhunter accepted the position of Northern Arapaho Tribal Child Support Director. Councilman Spoonhunter was responsible for building the Tribal Child Support program to meet the needs of the Arapaho People and served as Director from 2006-2013. Councilman Spoonhunter also worked as a tribal consultant to various tribes in the areas of Tribal TANF and Tribal Child Support. Councilman Spoonhunter served as the Northern Arapaho Sky People Higher Education Director before being elected to the Northern Arapaho Business Council in November of 2016. Councilman Spoonhunter served from 2016-2018 as Co-Chairman of the Northern Arapaho Business Council (“NABC”), 2018-2020 as Chairman of the NABC. Councilman Spoonhunter currently serves as a member of HHS Administration for Children and Families TAC, HHS Human Services Resources & Administration TAC, and HHS Secretary’s TAC. Councilman Spoonhunter was recently appointed to the new Department of Housing & Development HUD Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. Councilman Spoonhunter currently serves as a Councilman of the Northern Arapaho Tribe.



Dr. Rebecca St. Germaine (Citizen of the Wisconsin Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe Nation) | Evaluator, *Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Tribal Data Sovereignty in Federal and State Data – Are You Able to Access Opioid and Mental Health Data? (Day 1)* 🦋

Rebecca St. Germaine, PhD is a successful tribal healthcare administrator, experienced in troubleshooting tribal clinics and overhauling billing structures to massively increase public health revenue. With over 35 years of experience in the healthcare industry and just as many years interacting between federal, state, and tribal governments, her ability to see big picture, to intuitively understand the best paths forward, and to train others in healthcare administration have allowed her unique perspectives desired among all tribal health and human services.



Geoffrey Strommer | Partner, *Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker*

NTOS Sessions

Tribal Opioid Litigation Settlement (Day 1) ✨

Geoff Strommer, JD joined Hobbs Straus in 1992 and is the managing partner of the Portland, Oregon office. Geoff works with tribes on a wide range of issues, primarily self-determination and self-governance. He is dedicated to working with tribal clients to help them develop stable and strong tribal governments that are able to deliver a range of high-quality services to tribal members.

Geoff is nationally recognized for his knowledge of and experience working with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA). Geoff has also been very involved in advising tribal clients on a broad range of matters related to the implementation of the provisions of the reauthorized Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) enacted as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Currently, Geoff serves as co-lead counsel for a number of the firm's tribal clients in the national MDL against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioid drugs for their role in causing the opioid crisis. In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, No. 17-md-02804-DAP (N.D. OH). Geoff serves on the Tribal Leadership Committee appointed to represent tribal interests in the opioid litigation. Geoff was also lead counsel and coordinator of an amicus brief joined by 448 tribes across the country, which was requested by Judge Polster in response to the defendants' motion to dismiss tribal claims for opioid-related damages. The amicus brief highlighted the unique standing of tribes in the litigation and the devastating impacts of the opioid crisis on tribal communities and governments.



Sarah Sullivan | Health Policy Director, *didg^wálic*

NTOS Sessions

- *Addressing Barriers to Opioid Overdose Preventions Efforts (Day 1)* ✨
- *Culture of Primary Prevention (Day 1)* ✨
- *Tribal-Based Practices (Day 2)* ✨
- *What is Evidence in Prevention? (Day 2)* ✨

Sarah Sullivan, MJ, MPH has worked in tribal health policy for the past nine years. She is currently the Health Policy Director at the didg^wálic wellness center, which is owned and operated by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. There she conducts regulatory and legislative tracking, policy development, advocacy, outreach, technical assistance, research, ensures full compliance with regulations, and other related projects. Sullivan has a Master's in Public Health (MPH) dual

concentration in Health Policy and Management as well as Environmental Health Science from the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health in Indianapolis. She is currently pursuing a Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) at the University of Washington School of Law with a focus on health law and Indigenous rights law.



Monica Super (Pitt River Tribe/Modoc) | *Kauffman and Associates, Inc.(KAI)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Addressing Barriers to Opioid Overdose Prevention Efforts (Day 1) ✨*
- *Culture of Primary Prevention (Day 1) ✨*
- *What is Evidence in Prevention? (Day 2) ✨*

Monica Super, CADC, CPS, is a member of the Pitt River Tribe and a Modoc descendant. She is a featured presenter in Pathways to Healing (PaTH), part of UCLA's Opioid and Stimulant Implementation Support Training and Technical Assistance Program, which provides quarterly opportunities for Tribal, Urban Indian, and community-based behavioral health providers to learn more about culturally driven treatment modalities and practices.



Chris Sutter | Chief of Police, *Tulalip Tribal Police*

NTOS Sessions

- *Legal Framework Impacting Opioid User and Tribal Response (Day 1) 🦋*

Chief Chris Sutter was administered the oath of office as the Tulalip Tribes Chief of Police on September 24, 2018. Chief Sutter's career in law enforcement began in 1986. He came to the Tulalip Tribes after serving as the Assistant Chief of Police for the City of Vancouver, Washington where he served for over 26 years. Chief Sutter brings extensive experience in leading complex law enforcement operations and programs including patrol, investigations, special operations, administration, professional standards, finance and logistics, and leading multiple regional task forces.

Chief Sutter holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from California State University-Bakersfield. He is also a graduate of the Public Safety Leadership Development Program Command College from the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University, a graduate from the Northwest Law Enforcement Executive Command College, a graduate of the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, a graduate from the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and a graduate from the Senior Management Institute for Police at the Police Executive Research Forum.



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Anli Tang | Behavioral Health Epidemiologist, *Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center (RMTEC)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Best Practices to Access, Own, and Protect Tribal and AI/AN Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Data (Day 2)* 

Anli Tang is the behavioral Health Epidemiologist at the Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center.



Roselyn Tso (Navajo) | Director, *Indian Health Service (IHS)*

NTOS Sessions

- *We Must Work Together to Address this Crisis (Day 1)* 🇺🇸

Roselyn Tso, MA is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is the director of the Indian Health Service, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The IHS is the principal federal health care advocate and provider of health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As director, Ms. Tso administers a nationwide health care delivery program that is responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community health care to approximately 2.7 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in hospitals, clinics, and other settings throughout the United States. She previously served as the director of the IHS Navajo Area since 2019, where she was responsible for providing leadership in the administration of a comprehensive federal, tribal, and urban Indian health care system for over 244,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.

Ms. Tso began her career with the IHS in 1984. She has served in various roles in the IHS Portland Area, both at the service unit level as the administrative officer for the Yakama Service Unit, and at the area level as the planning and statistical officer, equal employment officer and special assistant to the area director. In 2005, she assumed the role of director for the Portland Area's Office of Tribal and Service Unit Operations, where she was responsible for the implementation of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act and working directly with tribes. Prior to joining the Navajo Area in 2019, she served as the director of the Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes at IHS headquarters.

Ms. Tso holds a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies from Marylhurst University in Portland, Oregon, and a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in Portland.



Gene Tyon (Oglala Lakota) | Executive Director, *Oaye Luta Okolakiciye*

NTOS Sessions

- *Addressing Barriers to Opioid Overdose Prevention Efforts (Day 1)* 🇺🇸

Gene Tyon, MA received a Bachelor of Science Degree from our Oglala Lakota College and Master of Science Degree from the University of South Dakota and currently involved in the Tanhansi Rick Two Dogs universal Lakota teachings and way of life. In his past, Gene experienced the dysfunctional environment of alcohol and drug addiction and currently would like to assist those struggling in a substance abuse addiction lifestyle.



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Dr. Nora Volkow | Director, *National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*

NTOS Sessions

- *We Must Work Together to Address this Crisis (Day 1)* 
- *Trauma and Addictions: Intersections of Trauma, COVID-19, and Fentanyl (Day 1)*  

Dr. Nora D. Volkow, M.D., is Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the National Institutes of Health. NIDA is the world's largest funder of scientific research on the health aspects of drug use and addiction.

Dr. Volkow's work has been instrumental in demonstrating that drug addiction is a brain disorder. As a research psychiatrist, Dr. Volkow pioneered the use of brain imaging to investigate how substance use affects brain functions. Her studies have documented how changes in the dopamine system affect the functions of brain regions involved with reward and self-control in addiction. She has also made important contributions to the neurobiology of obesity, ADHD, and aging.

Dr. Volkow was born in Mexico and earned her medical degree from the National University of Mexico in Mexico City, where she received the Robins Award for best medical student of her generation. Her psychiatric residency was at New York University, where she earned a Laughlin Fellowship from The American College of Psychiatrists as one of 10 outstanding psychiatric residents in the United States.



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Dr. Karina Walters (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) | Director,
Tribal Health Research Office, *National Institutes of Health (NIHB)*

NTOS Sessions

- *Trauma and Addictions: Intersections of Trauma, COVID-19, and Fentanyl (Day 1)* 🦋
- *What is Evidence in Prevention? (Day 2)* 🦋

A social epidemiology and health prevention scholar, **Dr. Karina Walters** currently is a tenured full professor and the Katherine Hall Chambers Scholar at the University of Washington (UW) School of Social Work. She also serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Global Health and the School of Public Health and is the founding director of the UW Indigenous Wellness Research Institute. Prior to her current positions, Dr. Walters served from 2012-2019 as Associate Dean for Research at the UW School of Social Work, overseeing and assisting faculty in generating \$20-30 million in grants annually.

Dr. Walters will work to advance initiatives to ensure tribally informed biomedical and behavioral research, enhance NIH's tribal consultation and tribal engagement efforts, and coordinate American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) research and research-related activities across NIH and with other federal entities. She has more than 28 years of AI/AN health research experience, encompassing foundational science, disease prevention, health promotion, and intervention research. She has conducted social epidemiological research on the environmental, historical, social, and cultural determinants of health and health equity in AI/AN communities as well as designed and empirically tested, tribally derived chronic disease prevention interventions. Much of her early social epidemiological research involved LGBT, Two Spirit, and urban AI/AN populations across the United States. Additionally, she has conducted tribal-based intervention research in the areas of substance use disorders, obesity prevention and physical activity promotion, diabetes and depression, and HIV prevention. She has served as an NIH principal investigator or co-investigator on 35 NIH awards from multiple NIH Institutes. She is the first American Indian fellow inducted into the American Academy of Social Welfare and Social Work (AASWSW).

Dr. Walters earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and an M.S.W. and a PhD in social welfare, also from UCLA.



Council Member Jennifer Webster | Oneida Nation

NTOS Sessions

Best Practices to Access, Own, and Protect Tribal and AI/AN Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Data (Day 2) 🦋✨

Jennifer “Jenny” Webster has been engaged in Oneida government for 33 years in various capacities. As an elected official she has served on the Oneida Judiciary for three consecutive terms as an Appellate Court Judicial Officer. The Judiciary serves to enhance and protect the self-government and sovereignty of the Oneida Tribe. As an employee, she has worked in administrative positions, most recently as Travel Coordinator in the Oneida Purchasing Department. Councilwoman Webster is serving her third term as an elected official on the Oneida Business Committee. Jennifer hopes to strengthen Nation efforts to preserve our language, culture and tribal identity, her priorities include protection of our tribal assets and assuring fiscal responsibility and accountability. Jennifer also owns a business with her husband Don, for the past 20 years. Jenny and Don have two sons Marcus and Zach and one daughter, Olivia. They have three grandchildren, Raliaha, Oliver, and Wesson. Councilwoman Webster has a mission to protect, preserve and exercise tribal sovereignty.



Senator J.J. Wilbur, kuts but soot | Swinomish Tribe

NTOS Sessions

- *Overview of Treatment Centers Across Indian Country & Services Provided (Day 1)* 🦋
- *Tribal-Based Practices (Day 2)* 🦋

Jeremy “J.J.” Wilbur is a member of the Swinomish Tribe and a generational fisherman. He serves on the Swinomish Tribal Senate. He also serves on the La Conner School Board and as a Skagit County Fire District 13 Commissioner. Mr. Wilbur also chairs the Swinomish Tribal Community Port Commission. Among Wilbur’s goals for the tribe are increased housing and services for tribal elders and to further economic development on the reservation, prioritizing employment opportunities for tribal members.



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Alyssa Yang | Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit Project
Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)

NTOS Sessions

- *Barriers and Solutions to Tribal and Community Data Collection (Day 1)* 🦋

Alyssa Yang is the Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit Project Director at the NPAIHB. Before her time at NPAIHB, Yang worked at state health departments in Washington, Hawai'i, and Wisconsin on COVID-19, chronic diseases, and maternal child health. She spent four years at the Urban Indian Institute working with urban Indian health organizations on cancer, behavioral health, and demystifying data. Yang received her Master's in Public Health from the University of Michigan.



Courtney Yarholar (Sac & Fox Nation) | Chief Executive Officer,
Evergreen Training & Development

NTOS Sessions

- *Pre-Arrest Interventions for Opioid Users (Day 2)* 🦋

Courtney Yarholar, LMSW is an enrolled member of the Sac & Fox Nation as well as descendant of the Muscogee Creek, Pawnee and Otoe Tribes. He is the founder and CEO of Evergreen Training & Development. Mr. Yarholar has experience in youth development, education, behavioral health, health and human service and juvenile justice systems. He has had the privilege working at multiple levels of service with American Indian Alaska Native (AIAN) communities, as well as state and national initiatives.



Dawn Yazzie (Navajo Nation) | Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant, *Navajo Nation*

NTOS Sessions

- *Pregnant People and Drugs: Welcoming in the Womb (Day 2)* 

Dawn Yazzie, MA works as an Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant on the Navajo reservation in Arizona and as a Technical Assistance Specialist with the Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (CoE for IECMHC). Dawn has experience in providing mental health consultation to early care directors, teachers, and providers on the Navajo reservation. As a part of this work, she also provides mental health consultation to home visitors on the Navajo reservation as well. Dawn has been able to incorporate traditional Navajo cultural perspectives into the early childhood best practices trainings when working on the Navajo Nation. Dawn also provides presentations on her work as an ECMHC on the Navajo Nation, as a part of professional development for technical assistance providers for Arizona’s FTF Quality First program, early childhood professionals and Infant-Toddler Mental Health professionals. Dawn also serves as a health board member for an Indian Health Services contracted Self-Determination (‘638) hospital, and as Chair of the First Things First – Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council. Dawn has earned a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ.



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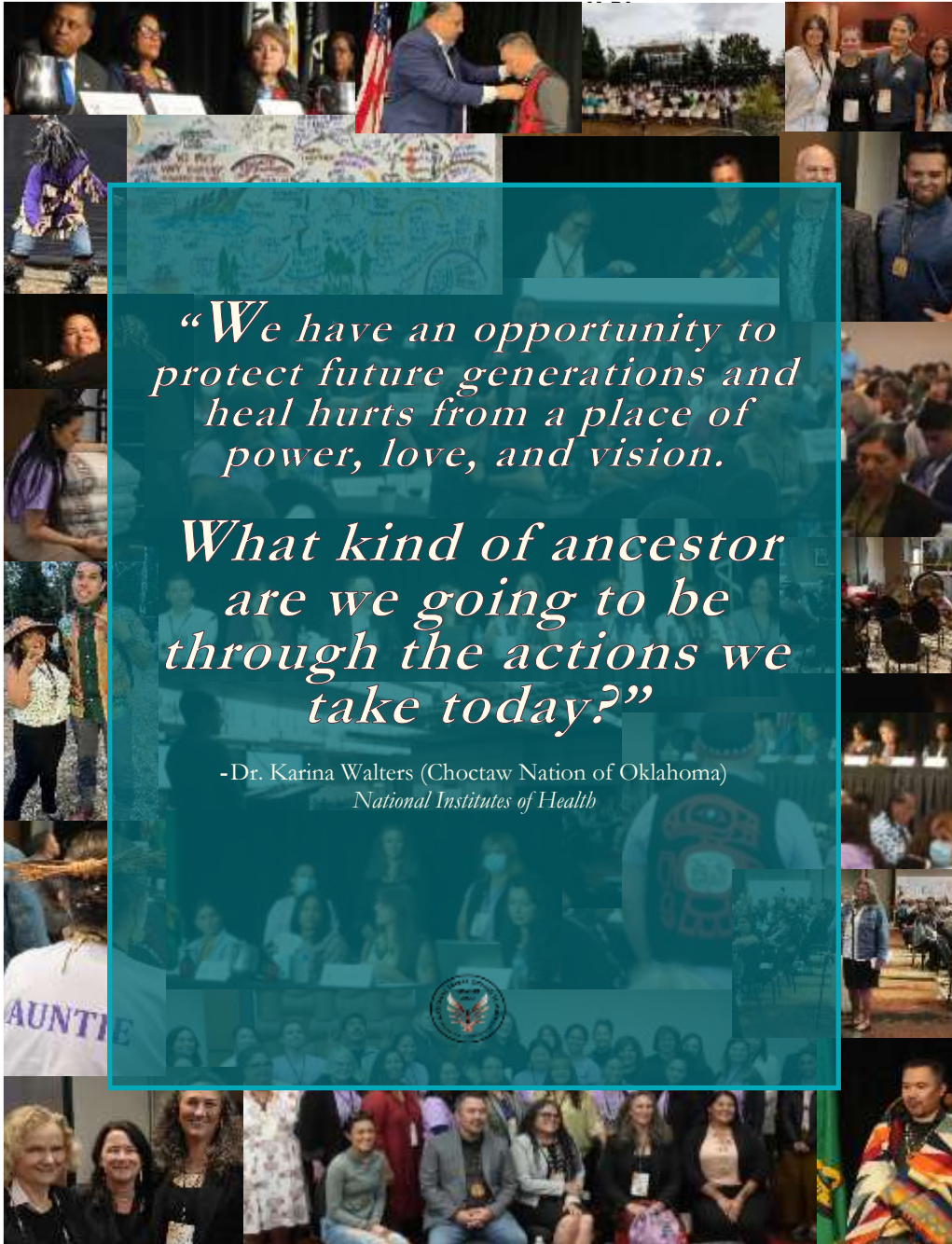
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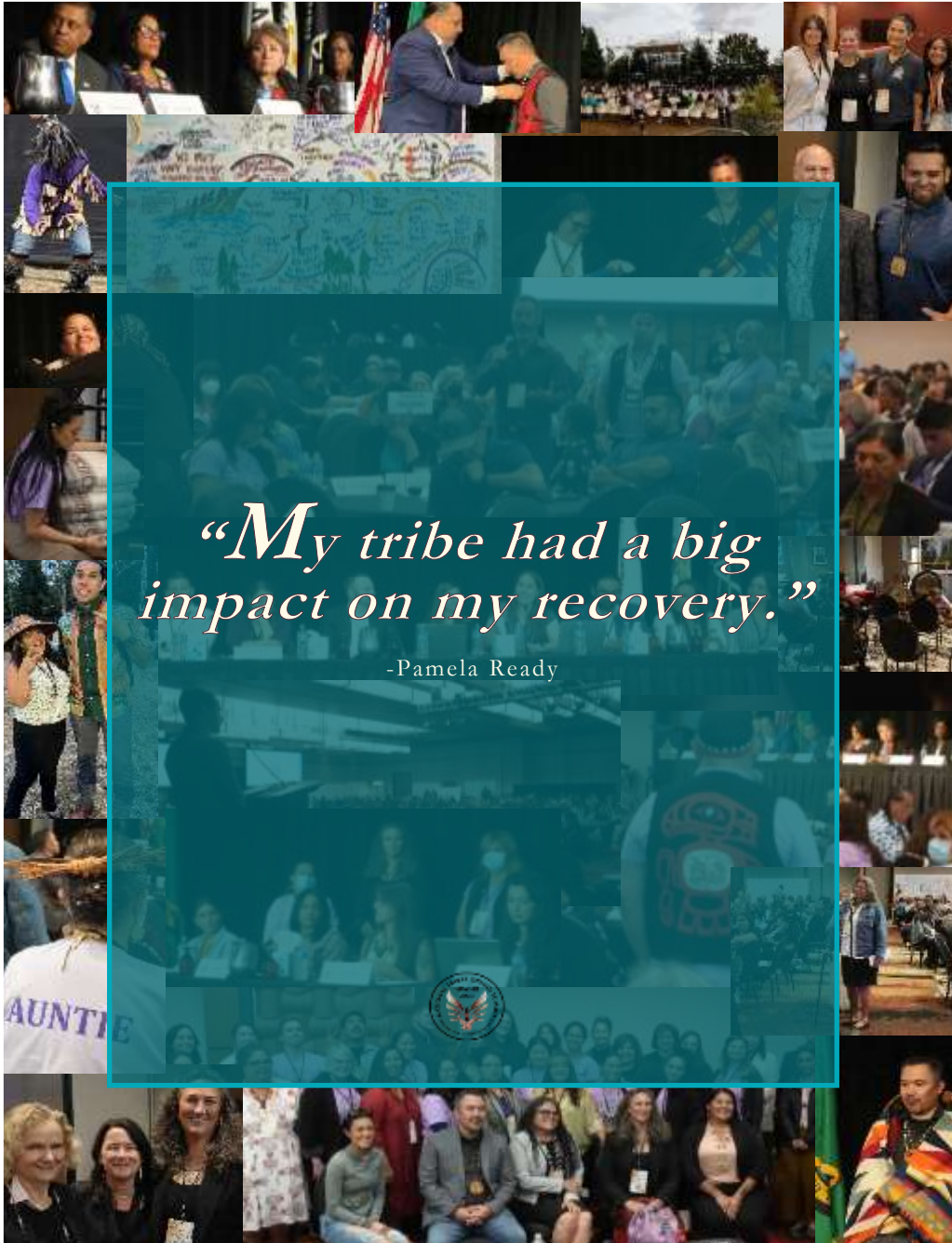


“We have an opportunity to protect future generations and heal hurts from a place of power, love, and vision.

What kind of ancestor are we going to be through the actions we take today?”

*-Dr. Karina Walters (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)
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