

14th Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference

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Welcome to the 14th Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Conference! This is the fifth conference that I have had the honor to plan. However, planning this conference is not a task that one person can do alone. The planning committee for the 2019 Circle of Harmony is made up of a group of amazing, innovated, and dedicated indigenous champions who have volunteered their time and expertise to create an agenda that meets the conference goals and objectives while creating a safe space that is inclusive of diversity.

This year's conference will feature workshops and breakout sessions that will inform and impact our communities through best practices and/or anticipated policy changes. We will remember and honor those we have lost to HIV during our AIDS Walks and Candle Light Vigil. While our main focus over the next two and a half days is to learn and share knowledge, the planning committee is also committed to the practice of self-care. We will again share an evening dedicated to our wellness and kinship. Our last day will be dedicated to our continued work with the National Native HIV Leadership Network. The network is a collaborative effort that needs your involvement.

I encourage you to take every opportunity to network and leverage resources through partnerships and collaborations that can aid the work that you are involved in. If this is your first time at the conference, welcome to the COH family and we hope it's a conference you look forward to attend every other year. For those who are COH regulars, we are so grateful for your continued support. Have a great conference!

In harmony,

Ayn N. Whyte, M.S. Circle of Harmony Conference Coordinator



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REGISTRATION

All attendees must register for the #2019COH. The Conference Registration, located in the foyer off the hotel lobby, is open the following hours:

 Tuesday
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

 Wednesday
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

CONFERENCE BADGES

Conference attendees must wear the official #2019COH conference badge to all plenary sessions, workshops, breakout sessions, special events and exhibit area. For your safety, do not wear your badge outside of the conference hotel. A \$10 fee will be assessed for replacement badges.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The use of social media platforms to promote the conference is highly encouraged. We ask that you use the official conference hashtag #2019COH on all social media posts and images.

EVALUATIONS

Your feedback provides important information to help us improve the Circle of Harmony in the future. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and input by completing the conference evaluation forms. Information about completing evaluation forms will be available in all of the sessions.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

#2019COH is proudly offering Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attendees seeking hours toward maintaining or attaining certifications. 12.5 credits available if you attend all sessions. Please visit the Conference Registration for more information.

MESSAGE BOARD

Note for conference attendees may be posted on the message board located near the Conference Registration.

NO SMOKING POLICY

For the health and comfort of conference participants, smoking is not permitted in any of the conference areas. Please use designated hotel smoking areas outside of the conference area. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

Complementary massage and acupuncture services are available to conference attendees at 30 minute appointments. To make an appointment, please visit the Conference Registration. Complementary therapy sessions are located on the Santa Fe Room and available at the following times:

Tuesday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

WELLNESS NIGHT

Individuals who RSVP'ed to attend the Wellness Night will be provided a ticket for entry. Guests of conference attendees can purchase a ticket for \$30. Tickets can be purchased at the Conference Registration.

#2019COH SILENT AUCTION

Auction items can be previewed during the Opening Session. Bidding will begin Tuesday, March 26 and run through 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27. Winners will be announced during the Wellness Night.

#2019COH STATEMENT OF INCLUSIVITY

Circle of Harmony is committed to the inclusion and recognition of all conference attendees and staff regardless of race, age, culture, ability, ethnicity or nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, religious affiliation, and socioeconomic status. We will practice inclusivity where we respect, welcome, encourage, and engage diverse perspectives. All attendees and staff must accept the responsibility to demonstrate equity, civility, and respect for the dignity of others. We believe that the diversity at this conference is a testament to the strength of our communities and experiences.

To this end, we are dedicated to make the 2019 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference a welcoming and open space for all attendees and staff in which we all will be cognizant of our prejudices and insecurities; remaining mindful of how our words can affect others in this space. We will provide each other the capacity to explore our own identities and allow others to define their own identities and to speak for themselves. In addition, we will respect the privacy of others by maintaining confidentiality. For together, we can create and maintain this safe space.

PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, March 25, 2019

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm KRM Scholarship Orientation

Hospitality Room

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

8:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:30 am - 10:00 am 9:00 am - 4:00 pm 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 9:00 am - 11:45 am 11:45 am - 1:30 pm	Registration Open Breakfast Silent Auction Complementary Therapies Opening Plenary Lunch (on your own)	Foyer Salon F Carlsbad Santa Fe Salon E
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm 1:30 pm - 4:45 pm 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	"Bring Your Own Book" Lunch Book Discussion with author Workshops Break	Salon G Salon A, C, E
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm 5:15 pm - 5:30 pm 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Daily Reflection/Smudging Gathering for COH AIDS Walk & Candle Light Vigil COH AIDS Walk & Candle Light Vigil	East Parking Lot Foyer Jerry Cline Park

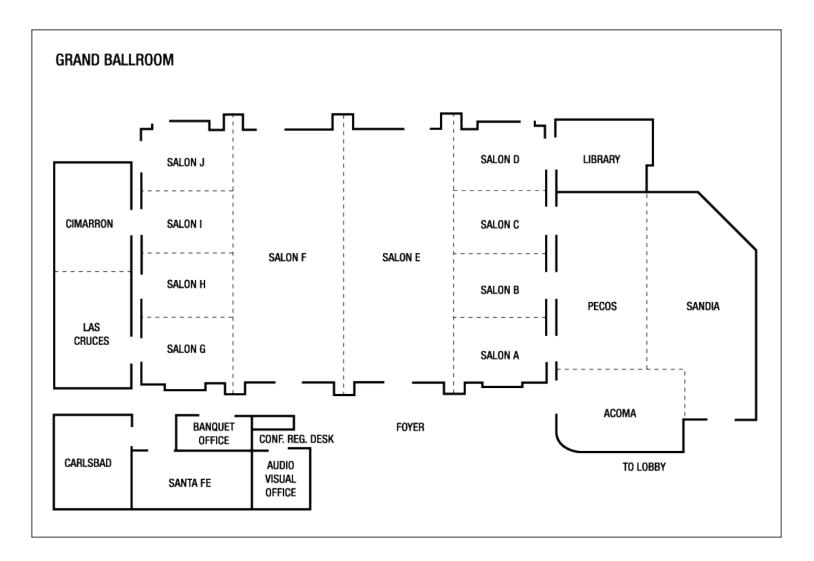
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Foyer
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Breakfast	Salon F
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Silent Auction	Carlsbad
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Complementary Therapies	Santa Fe
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Breakout Sessions 1	Salon A, C, G, I
10:30 am - 10:45 am 10:45 am - 12:15 pm 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Break Breakout Sessions II Lunch Breakout Sessions III Break	Salon A, C, G Salon E, F Salon A, C, G, I
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm	Breakout Sessions IV	Salon A, C, G
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Daily Reflection/Smudging	East Parking Lot
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Wellness Night	Salon E, F

Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:30 am - 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Salon E
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	National Native HIV Network	Salon E
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch	Salon E
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Daily Reflection/Smudging	East Parking Lot

MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER



Plenaries & National Native HIV Network Salon E

Breakouts & Workshops

Salon A, C, E, G, I

Wellness Night Salon E, F

Complimentary Therapies Santa Fe

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

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REGISTRATION OPEN	
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Salon F
BREAKFAST	
OPENING PLENARY	
9:00 am - 11:45 am	Salon E
Welcome Address	
Mistress of Ceremony: Stella Martin, NMDO	Н

Opening Blessing & Song

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Chenoa Bah Stilwell-Jensen, First Nations Community Healthsource Traditional Wellness Program Candice Tso, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

Executive Director Address

Nancy Martine-Alonzo, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

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IHS Principal Deputy Director Address RADM Michael D. Weahkee

Welcome Rep. Deb Haaland, U.S. Congress NM District 1

Keynote Address Melanie Yazzie, Ph.D., School for Advanced Research

11:45 am - 1:30 pm LUNCH (on your own)

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

"BRING YOUR OWN BOOK" LUNCH BOOK DISCUSSION WITH THE AUTHOR

Salon G

There There - A novel by Tommy Orange

WORKSHOPS

1:30 pm - 4:45 pm Salon A Root Cause Analysis: A Community Engagement Process for Identifying Social Determinants of HIV Presenters: Hannabah Blue, MSPH, JSI Research & Training Institute; Laura Gerard, MPH/MSW; JSI Research & Training Institute

HIV is a complex public health issue, with many determining factors. Root Cause Analysis paired with the Social Ecological Model provide an effective framework for engaging communities in conversation to identify social determinants of HIV and begin the initial planning for addressing the determinants. Native American community based organizations, tribal entities, IHS clinics and health departments work with Native populations to address HIV risk factors and treatment barriers. JSI has developed a framework to engage programs in a process to address health disparities, including HIV, through a multi-sector collaboration of stakeholders. JSI will share their experiences in engaging in the process and best practices other programs who want to use the RCA for exploring public health topics. They will also share the root causes they identified through the process, as well as action steps they employed to address the root causes of HIV.

1:30 pm - 4:45 pm *HIV Prevention & Reproductive Justice*

Salon C

Presenters: Rebecca Jones, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains; Sherri Willeto, First Nations Community Healthsource; Faith Baldwin, Navajo Nation Infectious Disease Program

The purpose of this workshop is to create dialogue about the relationship between HIV Prevention and Reproductive Justice. This project will evaluate the experiences of marginalized communities and how lack of access and visibility are due to oppressive actions. Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) populations experience higher rates of negative sexual health outcomes that intensively affect expressions of gender, sexual orientation, ability, and race. Individuals may use the reproductive justice framework to connect their lived experiences with larger social issues. This workshop will also provide tools for working professionals and community members to create critical conversations and movement building around HIV Prevention, STIs, and reproductive justice.

1:30 pm - 4:45 pmSalon ESustaining Culture in a Time of Change & Challenges /
Approaches to Implementing PrEP

Presenters: Kunane Drier, Hawaiian Health & Harm Reduction Services; Cathy Kapua, Hawaiian Health & Harm Reduction Services; Terri Bramel, MHS, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

In these changing times of HIV prevention and care, the balance to sustain programming while safekeeping culture becomes more and more of a challenge. In this workshop, Hawaii Health Harm Reduction Center will discuss the key elements in the merger between Life Foundation and the CHOW Project as we moved from a traditional AIDS Service Organization to becoming a Harm Reduction Social Service Agency and how we moved forward with great intention to keep our values and most importantly, our culture. HHHRC will also highlight a few of our programs that directly serve our Native Hawaii and transgender communities providing services thru culture that support and strengthen overall health and well-being for our people. At the end of the session, participants will be able to ask questions, share experiences, and highlight similarities with working with Native LGBTQ communities as related to HIV prevention and care services.

5:00 pm - 5:15 pm Daily Reflection / Smudging East Parking Lot

Presenter: Candice Tso, MSW, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

5:15 pm - 5:30 pm Foyer Gathering for Circle of Harmony AIDS Walk & Candle Light Vigil

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Jerry Cline Park Circle of Harmony AIDS Walk & Candle Light Vigil



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

8:00 am - 5:00 pm REGISTRATION OPEN

Foyer

8:30 am - 10:00 am BREAKFAST

Salon F

BREAKOUT SESSION I

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Salon A

Two Spirit Issues, Histories & Traditions

Presenters: Steven Barrios, Montana Two Spirit Society; David Herrera, Montana Two Spirit Society

This presentation will help participants learn about Native and Indigenous LGBTQ & two spirit culture and the work among HIV prevention and services, particularly in Montana and rural areas. The presentation will encompass several topics, including cultural history, the population served, HIV prevention and PrEP strategies and successes in rural areas (including Montana reservations). We will also highlight the annual Montana Two Spirit Gathering as a cultural means to do prevention, which has been going on for 24 years. At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to ask questions and share any experiences in working with Native LGBTQ and two spirit populations as related to HIV prevention services. Resource materials will also be provided for participants.

9:00 am - 10:30 am Salon C HIV & the Opioid Epidemic: How to Address it Locally

Presenter: Laura Gerard, MPH/MSW, JSI Research & Training Institute; Hannabah Blue, MSPH, JSI Research & Training Institute

This workshop will explore how the opioid epidemic is intertwined with increasing rates of HIV and viral hepatitis, and in particular, Hepatitis B and C. Presenters will set the context of the problem with information on the opioid crisis and the connection to increased rates of HIV and viral hepatitis. Attendees will learn about how to work with other organizations to develop local plans to coordinate prevention, rehabilitation and treatment services using SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). SPF offers a comprehensive process for addressing substance misuse and related behavioral health problems facing communities.

9:00 am - 10:30 am Salon G "SUP" Prevention Messaging for the "DL" - How to Reach Native MSM Who Do Not Identify as Gay or Bisexual

Presenters: Curtis Harris-Davia, MPA, American Indian Community House; Sheldon Raymore, American Indian Community House; Tony Enos, American Indian Community House

The most generic definition of the term down low, or DL, is "to keep something private," whether that refers to information or activity. The term is often used to describe the behavior of men who have sex with other men as well as women and who do not identify as gay or bisexual. These men may refer to themselves as being "on the down low," "on the DL," or "on the low low." Although the term originated in the African American community, the behaviors associated with the term are not new and not specific to black men who have sex with men. The phenomenon of men on the down low has gained much attention in recent years; however, there are no data to confirm or refute publicized accounts of HIV risk behavior associated with these men. This breakout session will explore the concept of "DL" in the context of Native American communities.

9:00 am - 10:30 am Salon I How to Align Updates on Rapid HIV Testing Protocols & HIP Strategies within Existing Native Testing Programs

Presenters: Arman Lorz, JSI Research & Training Institute; Robert Foley, MEd, National Indian Health Board

Shifts in the HIV field, funding, political dynamics, and national focus, along with the unique challenges and opportunities Native communities face in their efforts to increase awareness of HIV all steer local approaches, however testing still remains a foundational prevention strategy and the cornerstone of most HIV programs in Indian Country. The presenters will engage attendees on the supported approaches for high-impact HIV testing services - including recruitment: updated CDC protocols for conducting the test and delivering results; and other approaches that can align within the I/T/U system. In addition, the presenters will facilitate a discussion focused on identifying the potential strengths, opportunities, and results participants see in their current testing efforts as well as with the updated protocols. Time will be spent brainstorming pathways for achieving the desired results and overcoming barriers. Lastly, the presenters will describe the process to receive formal training on the CDC's updated HIV testing protocol.

10:30 am - 10:45 am BREAK

BREAKOUT SESSION II

10:45 am - 12:15 pmSalon ASuccessful Collaborations with Local Health Departments:Best Practices from Urban Indian Health ProgramsPresenter: Kerry Hawk Lessard, Native American Lifelines

This session will discuss the importance of building strong, effective partnerships between local health departments and Urban Indian communities in developing successful strategies to address infectious disease (HIV, Hepatitis C, and STIs). Decades of neglect have placed Urban Indians at greater risk of health disparities including new HIV/AIDS infections and late HIV diagnosis. Approximately 78% of American Indians/Alaska Natives (AIAN) currently reside outside of reservations or villages. Within these communities, AIAN continue to experience cofactors of risk including substance abuse, poverty, homelessness and high-risk behaviors. Urban AIANs are too often unacknowledged or invisible in the efforts to address racial and ethnic disparities in health care. Further, statistical uttering and rampant racial misclassification impede our ability to fully understand disease prevalence in our communities, complicating effective prevention programming, resource allocations and data/ research initiatives. Presenters will discuss collaboration between Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHPs) and local health department to not only address these deficiencies, but to improve access, ensure culturally competent care, design better public health strategies, and ultimately elevate community wellness.

10:45 am - 12:15 pmSalon CGetting to Undetectable: Supporting HIV MedicationAdherence in Native Communities

Presenters: Arman Lorz, JSI Research & Training Institute; Hannabah Blue, MSPH, JSI Research & Training Institute

The goal of getting to zero new HIV infections has motivated HIV healthcare providers to add biomedical interventions to their prevention toolbox. The success of these biomedical interventions, including PrEP and ART as prevention strategies depends on adherence to a medication regimen at the individual client level. Programs must therefore recognize challenges, anticipate client needs, and respond with client-centered approaches to support and encourage adherence. In this interactive session, participants will identify and discuss factors that influence medication adherence for both ART and

PrEP, brainstorm strategies to address them with clients, and share examples of approaches that have worked in their own organizations. Presenters will share additional best practices, including an overview of

CDC and IHS-endorsed medication adherence strategies, with particular attention to those aligning with the values of Native communities. Additionally, participants will work in small groups to identify opportunities for partnerships and collaborations to prevent gaps in care.

10:45 am - 12:15 pm Salon G Implementing PrEP as a Prevention Science

Presenter: Azul DelGrasso, MA, Denver Prevention Training Center

The Denver Prevention Training Center will create a workshop that will provide information on PrEP for Tribal STD clinics, Community Based Organizations, Indian Health Services and FQHCs sites that are preparing for or just beginning to implement PrEP as a prevention services. The goal of this workshop will be showcase successful implementation strategies and create a space to discuss adapting, tailoring and creating new models for tribal communities. This workshop will include organizational action planning for short and long-term goals and will allow for agencies to share their action plans with the group. The workshop is designed to talk participants through the basic of PrEP all the way to program implementation. There is a brief 20 minute presentation on PrEP 101 that will introduce the idea of PrEP and telemedicine, followed by 70 minutes of implementation planning and Q&A.

10:45 am - 12:15 pmSalon IIHS National HIV Program Updates and ProjectsPresenter: Rick Haverkate, Indian Health Service

12:15 am - 1:30 pm LUNCH

Salon E/F

BREAKOUT SESSION III

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Salon A

"Getting to Zero" through the Integration of Sexual Health Services in Primary Care Presenter: Brandon A. Harrison, Brimany Care Development

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When sexual health and HIV prevention services are considered outside the scope of primary care, many patients can be denied

access to crucial services such as HIV testing, PEP and PrEP. As the landscape of sexual health, HIV prevention and primary care continues to evolve, integrated approaches are necessary to prevent new HIV diagnoses among vulnerable communities at risk. The integration of sexual health and HIV prevention within primary care can work across the care continuum to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and increase HIV testing, PrEP/PEP access and viral suppression.

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Salon C Taking a Holistic Approach to Addressing HIV in Native Communities (WEBINAR)

Presenters: Hannabah Blue, MSPH, JSI Research & Training Institute; Adrian Dominguez, MS, Urban Indian Health Institute

This session will describe the state of HIV in Native communities, factors that present HIV prevention challenges in addressing HIV among Native people, and considerations and strategies for working with Native communities on High-Impact Prevention and with people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH).

1:30 pm - 3:00 pmSalon GUsing Theatre of the Oppressed to Explore & Heal TraumaPresenter: Daniel Domaguin, LCSW, California Rural Indian

Health Board

Theatre of the Oppressed is a form of community-based education and embodied art. It allows for participants to express themselves using their body, sharing how they are feeling in ways words may not be able to express. This interactive workshop will explore the history of Theatre of the Oppressed, including its foundational belief in the resiliency and strength of people who have experienced oppression and trauma. Research on the benefits of integrating embodied art into treatment will be shared. Participants will learn how they can apply Theatre of the Oppressed techniques in their work with youth, adults, families and groups. Particular attention will be brought to utilizing Theatre of the Oppressed in approaching conflict, addiction and difficult diagnoses.

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Salon I Introducing Rapid HIV Testing to Two-Spirit Events in Canada Presenter: Albert McLeod, Two-Spirit People of Manitoba, Inc.

Historically, Two-Spirit people have led the North American response to HIV/AIDS that has impacted AIAN and Indigenous people in Canada. The Annual International Two-Spirit gathering is an outcome of this response and continues to provide a safe,

health empowerment space for Two-Spirit people. This presentation will provide an overview of rapid HIV/STBBI (sexually transmitted blood borne infections) testing introduced to the 31st Annual International Two-Spirit Gathering in Manitoba Canada in August 2018. The interdisciplinary team of partners who led the process and the various types of testing will be described. Rapid HIV Testing (also known as Point of Care Testing (POCT)) was introduced to the Annual International Two-Spirit Gatherings as early as 2003. It is only recently that Canada has began to promote the application of POCT in Indigenous communities and researching the efficacy of the Dry Blood Spot Test (DBS).

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm BREAK

BREAKOUT SESSION IV

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm Salon A More Than Just 'Liking It': Social Media as a Tool for HIV Behavioral Change

Presenters: Robert Foley, MEd, National Indian Health Board; Arman Lorz, JSI Research & Training Institute; Kurt Begaye, Begaye Consulting

Social media is quite possibly the most powerful communication tool introduced within the past 100 years. With data showing that American Indians and Alaska Native people are some of the most 'connected' people in the U.S., it represents an important platform for prevention messaging. However, some only use social media (such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) to promote activities and communicate with constituents, and do not explore how social media can be wielded as a valuable prevention strategy. This workshop will provide an overview of effective behavioral change messaging - providing examples and differentiating these kinds of messages from promotional messaging. The presenters will explore the different trends for popular social media platforms, and how IHS, Tribal or Urban public health providers can use them effectively to tackle key risk behaviors or determinants of risk. The workshop will culminate in a walkthrough of a social media plan for HIV prevention.

3:15 pm - 4:45 pmSalon CRoundtable Discussion - PrEPahHontoz & Tipi ProjectPresenter: Sheldon Raymore, American Indian Community House

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm Salon G HIV Testing and Treatment is the Best Prevention

Presenter: Terri Bramel, MHS, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

This session will explore recent changes in HIV testing technology and its role in identifying acute HIV infection. Will review 4th generation HIV testing and shrinking of the window period for positive test results and how early detection can affect the long term health of the infected person. Will review current HIV treatment guidelines (when to start), effectiveness of HIV medications in suppressing the virus and how that can prevent spreading the virus to others, an important factor in halting the epidemic. Discuss HIV virus developing resistance to medications... how does it happen and how does it guide medication options.

5:00 pm - 5:15 pm Daily Reflection / Smudging

East Parking Lot

Presenter: Candice Tso, MSW, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm WELLNESS NIGHT

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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

8:30 am - 10:00 am BREAKFAST Salon F

NATIONAL NATIVE HIV NETWORK

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Salon E Welcome Address Master of Ceremony: Elton Naswood, OMHRC

Video: Overview of NNLN

Updates from Past Gatherings

Presenters: Ayn Whyte, MS, AAIHB; Savannah Gene, MS, AAIHB; Hannabah Blue, MSPH, JSI Research & Training Institute

Modified Action Planning

Presenters: Ayn Whyte, MS, AAIHB; Savannah Gene, MS, AAIHB; Hannabah Blue, MSPH, JSI Research & Training Institute

International Indigenous Working Group on HIV/AIDS Trevor Stratton, Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network 11:45 am - 1:15 pm LUNCH

Closing Address Ayn Whyte, MS, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

1:15 pm - 1:30 pmEast Parking LotDaily Reflection / SmudgingPresenter: Candice Tso, MSW, Albuquerque Area Indian Health

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Faith Baldwin Navajo Nation Infectious Disease Program

Faith Baldwin is Tsinajinni, born for Toahani, maternal Grandfather is the Tahneeszahni People, and paternal Grandfather is Bitter Water. She has provided HIV prevention for many years and strives to educate and empower indigenous people to reclaim their bodies and lands to aide in the prevention of STI's and related issues. Her work includes offering medically accurate, inclusive sex education, gender identity acceptance, mentoring future STI/HIV educators, and creating greater access to condoms and sex education.

Steven Barrios Montana Two-Spirit Society

Steven was born in Yakima, WA and raised on the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. He received his cosmetology certification and has been a hair stylist for nearly 37 years. During the mid-90's as more and more Native men were impacted by HIV / AIDS, he realized that he needed to get more involved and help educate those most at risk on the Blackfeet reservation. Soon after, he became involved with the Montana Gay Men's Task Force working on HIV prevention. Around this time, he received certification to conduct HIV testing and counseling and was recruited to join the National Native American AIDS Prevention Council (NNAAPC) advisory planning group for Native two spirit individuals at risk for HIV. He also served on the NNAAPC Harm Reduction advisory board working to reduce HIV/ HCV infections among Native persons who injected drugs. In recognition of his years of HIV service, Steven received the Governor's Award for HIV/AIDS Prevention in 2011. Since 1997, Steven has been involved with the Montana Two Spirit Society a community organization working to educate about and provide services for the Native / Indigenous two spirit community. He has served on the Society board for over 20 years and been instrumental in planning and conducting the Montana Two Spirit Gathering, which celebrated its 23rd annual Gathering in 2018. Passionate about having Native two spirit communities reclaim their traditions and culture that were nearly wiped out as a result of colonization, he has conducted two sprit classes, presentations, and community organizing. His work is currently

helping to inspire two spirit youth to learn that they are not alone and have special gifts and skills that build strength and resiliency.

Kurt Begaye Begaye Consulting

Kurt Begaye, *Hashk'ááhadzohí* (Yucca Strung Out on a Line Clan), born for *Tó'aheedliinii* (Water Flow Together Clan), is Diné

originally from Chinle, Arizona and has over 18 years experience working in various capacities of HIV prevention, care and capacity building services. At the Navajo AIDS Network, Inc., he was instrumental in adapting evidence-based interventions addressing the prevention and direct service needs of people affected and infected with HIV on the Navajo reservation. Recognized for his work, Kurt was invited to join the capacity building assistance team at the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center and then later with the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum both located in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2013, he relocated to St. Michaels, Arizona and works as an independent consultant providing technical assistance and capacity building services to tribes, community-based organizations, universities, and health departments working with American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities.

Hannabah Blue, MSPH JSI Research & Training Institute

Hannabah Blue (Diné) is originally from Kirtland, New Mexico. Ms. Blue has a breadth of experience working in public health, particularly addressing health disparities affecting Native communities. Currently, as a Consultant with John Snow, Inc., she provides technical assistance nationwide on various public health projects. Previously, she has supported organizations regionally and nationally in improving tribal health as the Public Health Services Project Manager at the American Indian Public Health Resource Center and as a capacity building assistance specialist at the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center. Ms. Blue has an undergraduate degree in broadcast journalism and in gender and sexuality studies from New York University and a Maternal and Child Health Graduate Certificate focusing on Native women through the University of Arizona. She earned a Master of Science degree from the Harvard School of Public Health, with concentrations in women, gender, and maternal and child health.

Terri Bramel, MHS Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Theresa (Terri) Bramel has worked in Alaska Tribal Health since 1996, first as an itinerant provider for Chugachmiut in the lower Cook Inlet and since 2002, as a Physician Assistant/educator for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium providing clinical care for HIV + patients at the Early Intervention Services Clinic at Alaska Native Medical Center and at the Interior Community Health Center. As a faculty of the Mountain West AETC (AIDS Education and Training Center), Terri sees medical providers in Alaska who follow HIV testing recommendations and those who do not. Terri emphasizes HIV screening at every appropriate opportunity and especially repeat STI patients. Terri has been a speaker in national and Alaska HIV clinical conferences. Terri developed the first HIV and STD training curriculum for village Community Health Aides in the country. Terri has served on the AETC (AIDS Education and Training Center) Testing Initiative and serves on the Rural Health Committee and the AETC, studying barriers to care, especially HIV related stigma. Terri was recognized as the Alaska PA of the Year in 2016 by the AK Academy of PAs. Terri is board certified as an American Academy of HIV Medicine Specialist (AAHIVS), since 2008.

Azul DelGrasso

Denver Prevention Training Center

Azul DelGrasso has worked in the STD/HIV field for over 24 years and is a Workforce Development Specialist for the Denver Prevention Training Center. He is part of a team responsible for the program coordination of the Denver PTC's Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Program to expand high-impact HIV prevention activities within healthcare organizations. He supports PTC service delivery include continuous guality improvement approaches to improve healthcare systems to support HIV and STD prevention and care. In addition, he has 10 years experience in non-profit marketing with an emphasis in STD's and HIV. He also led the first rapid HIV testing program and training in Mexico and is one of the only two testing counselors who has provided HIV testing high in all 48 states of the continental US, which included the Navajo and Lakota Nations as part of the Magic Johnson HIV Testing Tour in 2010. He is a Denver native and has a master's degree in Latin American Studies from California State University Los Angeles and currently working towards his second master's degree in Ecopsychology at Naropa University.

Daniel Domaguin, LCSW California Rural Indian Health Board

Daniel Domaguin is a second-generation Ilokano immigrant, born and raised in Kumeyaay territory (south San Diego, CA). He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Oberlin College and his Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan. He has been serving California's American Indian/Alaska Native communities through behavioral health programming since 2009. Daniel is currently the Behavioral Health Clinical Manager in the Research & Public Health Department at the California Rural Indian Health Board. Outside of work, Daniel enjoys Mother Nature, crafting, martial arts, improvisational comedy, random trivia, and baking copious amounts of pastries.

Adrian Dominguez Urban Indian Health Institue

Adrian received his Masters of Science in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the School of Public Health at the University of California at Los Angeles. In 1988 he was awarded the Harvard University Health Professionals fellowship and attended Harvard University to study neuroscience and public health. Adrian has over 26 years' of experience working as epidemiologist. His work includes pediatric lead poisoning in low income areas, HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, diabetes, breast and cervical cancer, social determinants of health and health equity, community health assessments and evaluations. Presently he is the Scientific Director for Urban Indian Health Institute, Seattle Indian health Board. Adrian serves as a board member for Washington State Public Health Association and for Latino Center for Health, Washington State. In 2015 Adrian was inducted into Eastern Washington's Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society for his work and contributions to public health in the state of Washington.

Kunane Drier

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Services

Kunane Dreier is a leader within the LGTBQI Community providing ongoing cultural competency & humility trainings to service providers in Hawaii and the Pacific. Kunane currently is the LGB&T Program & Training and capacity building manager at the Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center. He is an experienced trainer in the areas of harm reduction, HIV & HCV testing & counseling and other various prevention interventions & strategies. Kunane has been working in this field since 2001.

Tony Enos American Indian Community House

Broadway actor, and 2018 Native American Music Award nominee Tony Enos (Echota Cherokee) celebrates a decade as singer/ songwriter/producer/actor. His 3rd studio album , 'No Place Like Home" was released in 2018, and his dramatic performance in the 2018 production of Donkey Saddle Production's "There Is A Field" garnered praise from audiences and critics alike. A member of the NYC Native theater community since 2015, the performer and entertainer says, "my priority as an artist is to encourage love and healing through the medicine of music where ever life takes me." Enos also has over a decade of experience as a trauma informed HIV tester, councilor, crisis case manager, community educator, and youth worker. He has implemented several CDC funded community level interventions and EBIS, and created curriculums for some of NYC most utilized 2SLGBTQ youth organizations.

Robert Foley, MEd National Indian Health Board

Robert Foley, M.Ed. is the Chief Program Officer with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) where he works on programs and advocacy initiatives providing technical assistance, training, resource brokering and information dissemination services on a variety of issues including: Medicare/Medicaid/CHIP; methamphetamine; behavioral health; and HIV prevention; and public health accreditation. At the core of NIHB's work is to ensure that the federal government upholds the trust responsibility for health. Previously, Mr. Foley worked with the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center delivering HIV technical assistance, creating national prevention and educational materials, and promoting targeted social marketing efforts. Mr. Foley worked as a training specialist with the National Network of Prevention Training Centers to train on HIV/STI evidence-based prevention. Prior, he was a research assistant with the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research at Colorado State University where he examined substance use and domestic violence prevention in rural and ethnic communities.

Savannah Gene Albuguergue Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

Savannah Gene is a proud member of the Diné Nation. Savannah is Totsóhnii (Big Water Clan), born for Hashk'áánhadzohí (Yucca Fruit Strung Out in a Line Clan). Her maternal grandfathers are Ta'neeszahnii (Tangle People Clan) and her paternal grandfathers are Tł'iziłání (Many Goats Clan). She is originally from Pinon, Arizona and currently resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Savannah is a proud mother to one son, Ethan. Savannah is currently the Program Administrative Coordinator at the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Planning and Design, with an emphasis in Community Planning, from the University of New Mexico. Savannah is currently a graduate student in the University of New Mexico Health Education Program. She has over 4 years of experience in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention education, specifically assisting in adapting an evidence based intervention for Native American youth, HIV testing and counseling, and training of facilitators for ¡Cuídate! and the adapted interventions. Additionally, Savannah serves as the co-chair of the NM Community Planning and Action Group Region 7 American Indian/Alaska Native Advisory Workgroup.

Laura Gerard JSI Research & Training Institute Laura Gerard, MSW, MPH, is part of a multi-cultural family and has a wide range of experience managing projects that have assessed community issues impacting access to health care for historically oppressed populations. She currently serves as project director for a statewide evaluation of behavioral health residential treatment in Colorado and a tobacco cessation project aimed at increasing utilization of Colorado Medicaid's tobacco cessation benefit. Ms. Gerard also recently completed a health literacy environmental scan funded jointly by the Rose Community foundation and the Colorado Health Foundation. Ms. Gerard's projects have focused on populations often most affected by inequities including the uninsured, Medicaid enrollees, people living with HIV/AIDs and minority populations. She received her Masters in Public Health and Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley and has a B.A. in English from Tufts University.

Curtis Harris-Davia American Indian Community House

Curtis Harris-Davia, an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Nation, began his work in HIV in 1989 when he founded and directed the HIV Project at the American Indian Community House in New York City. Over his ten years as the Director, he created many programs for HIV prevention and care especially designed for Native Americans. In 1995, he created a statewide network of Education programs in five Native American communities. For his work, he was recognized with a \$100,000 award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Harris-Davia organized the first Two Spirits and HIV conference in 1991 and is organizing the second HIV and Two Spirits conference for June 2019. Since 2002, Harris-Davia has worked as a Grants Administrator at institutions of Higher Education including Columbia University, Barnard College and Montclair State University. Harris-Davia currently servers as the Executive Director of the American Indian Community House in New York City.

Rick Haverkate, MPH Indian Health Service

Rick Haverkate is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (Michigan) and grew up in the land of his ancestor's along the shores of Lake Superior. In 1993 he earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Hawai'i. His work in public health has been focused almost entirely on American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations. Rick has assumed a variety of roles including Community Health Educator, Public Information Investigator, Project Officer, Director of Public Health, Senior Program Analyst, and Deputy Director at the local, state, tribal, and national levels. He has specialized in operational management in the fields of HIV/AIDS education, Maternal and Child Health, commercial tobacco prevention, health promotion/ disease prevention, and community capacity building. Rick currently works as the Director of the National HIV/AIDS Program at the Indian Health Service headquarters near Washington, D.C.

Rebecca Jones

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains

Becki Jones (Diné) is a Program Manager with the Responsible Sex Education Institute at Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico. She has been an educator with them since August 2015. Becki teaches a variety of lessons that include inclusive and comprehensive sexual health education to all ages. She is a member of the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. She is the Co-Chair on the Region 7 team, a taskforce for HIV prevention and risk reduction among Indigenous communities. She recently accepted a spot as a board member with Young Women United, a Reproductive Justice organization in Albuquerque, NM. Becki is an advocate of Reproductive Justice and approaches intersectional issues with RJ frameworks. When she is not teaching sexual health she is attending school, playing in her bands, and hanging out with her animals. Becki is very passionate about her job and her community.

Cathy Kapua Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Services

Cathy Kiana Keiko Kapua has worked with the transgender community since 2003 and has been successful in advocating for transgender programming and providing culturally humility trainings on sexuality and gender identity. With her academic background in Public Administration, Cathy has evolved into the Program Manager of the Kua'ana Project, a transgender social service program within the Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center. She has been an integral part of the inclusion and intentional protections made in Hawai'i's policies, laws, and practices for transgender communities. Being a role model for the young transgender community in Hawai'i drives Cathy's passion to continue her advocacy within the healthcare and social service fields.

Arman Lorz

JSI Research & Training Institute

Arman Lorz, BS, brings extensive experience in English and Spanish addressing disparities among populations at increased

risk for HIV in the U.S. and internationally since the early 2000s. He specializes in implementing and adapting structured interventions to align with local and cultural needs, training as a capacity building strategy, applying technology to advance prevention and technical assistance, and utilizing needs assessment to inform community-based strategies. His front-line experience working in the non-profit arena provides him with ample understanding of challenges small organizations face meeting the needs of clients and funders. His expertise includes deep understanding of the social and motivational determinants of behavior used to shape prevention and treatment approaches. His experience coaching, implementing, evaluating, and coordinating various aspects of high impact technical assistance, and conducting needs assessments and evaluation studies have led him to present at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and the U.S. Conference on AIDS.

Kerry Hawk Lessard Native American Lifelines

Kerry Hawk Lessard is an applied medical anthropologist working in the area of Urban American Indian Health. She completed a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology at Florida Atlantic University, where she had the opportunity to work with a grassroots organization serving HIV+ Haitian immigrants. In in the course of this work, Kerry became aware of the importance of culture, both in the ways it shapes our understanding of health and wellness, and in the ways these deeply held beliefs impact decision making and behavior. While at University of Maryland, College Park, Kerry focused on the role of historical trauma in the lives of Urban American Indians in her home community of Baltimore, Maryland. Starting from the premise that the experience of successive cultural losses creates illness, her current work focuses on the belief that reintroducing what was lost - specifically the ceremonies, stories, and cultural structures that kept her people strong throughout centuries – is key to remediating contemporary challenges. As Executive Director of Native American Lifelines, a Title V Indian Health Service contract site, Kerry has the opportunity to create programming centered within decolonial praxis that honors and strengthens cultural identity, builds resiliency and creates opportunities for better health outcomes. Kerry is a Shawnee descendant.

Albert McLeod Two-Spirit People of Manitoba, Inc.

Albert McLeod is a Status Indian with ancestry from Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and the Metis community of Norway House in northern Manitoba. He has over thirty years of

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experience as a human rights activist and is one of the directors of the Two-Spirited People of Manitoba. Albert began his Two-Spirit advocacy in Winnipeg in 1986 and became an HIV/AIDS activist in 1987. He was the director of the Manitoba Aboriginal AIDS Task Force from 1991 to 2001. In 2018, Albert received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Winnipeg. Albert lives in Winnipeg, where he works as a consultant specializing in Indigenous peoples, cultural reclamation, and cross-cultural training.

Stella Martin New Mexico Department of Health

Stella Martin (Diné) is from Tohatchi/Naschitti, NM area. She is born for Kinaa'aanii and Dzil łl'aahnii. She is a Native transgender advocate for the rural LGBTQ community. She has spoken on issues affecting our marginalized communities including systemic oppression, colonization, white privilege, racism transphobia and homophobia. She is a former Miss NM Pride 2013 and is cofounder of Gallup Pride and the Rainbow Naatsiliid LGBTQ Program of Gallup, NM. She is currently a Disease Intervention Specialist with the NM Department of Health.

Elton Naswood

Office of Minority Health Resource Center

Elton Naswood is of the Near to the Water People Clan, born for the Edge Water People Clan, his maternal grandfather's clan is of the Mexican People, his paternal grandfather's clan is of the Tangle People, this is how he is Navajo, Diné. He is originally from Whitehorse Lake, New Mexico, and grew up in Window Rock, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation. He currently resides in Largo, Maryland. Mr. Naswood is a Senior Program Analyst, Capacity Building Division at the Office of Minority Health Resource Center, a nationwide service of the Office of Minority Health. He previously was a Capacity Building Assistance Specialist at the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) and was formally the Founder and Program Coordinator for the Red Circle Project, AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA). He is currently a member of the Community Expert Advisory Council for the Indigenous HIV/AIDS Research Training (IHART) program at the University of Washington and the US Representative Leader for the International Indigenous Working Group on HIV/AIDS (IIWGHA). Mr. Naswood received his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology and American Indian Justice Studies from Arizona State University and attended the Graduate degree program in American Indian Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Sheldon Raymore American Indian Community House

Sheldon Raymore is a member of the Chevenne River Sioux Tribe and lives in New York City. Since 2014 their mission has been to increase HIV/AIDS awareness, sexual health education, and accessibility of PrEP services for the Two Spirit community and beyond. They are the creator of www.PrEPahHontoz.com which provides an enriching awareness experience, with culturally competent and appropriate methods of increasing PrEP awareness. The PrEPahHontoz Tipi project decreases social and cultural stigma's associated with HIV/AIDS, and HIV Prevention. It also disseminates correct information about HIV and it's history in the Native American community, while utilizing "culture as prevention." They currently work for the American Indian Community House as Deputy Director, serve on a Native American "Ending the Epidemic" Advisory Group with the AIDS Institute of New York State and serve on NMAC's Native Constituent Advisory Panel (CAP).

Sherri Willeto First Nations Community Healthsource

Sherri Willeto (Diné) from Torreon, New Mexico, is an HIV Prevention Specialist based from First Nations Community Health Source. Sherri leads the INSPIRE HIV Prevention program for Native women, which provides HIV testing, active referrals, and workshops called NA SISTER for Native women that provide education on sexual health, life skills & trauma. Sherri graduated from Fort Lewis College with aBachelor's in Sociology with a minor in Indigenous Studies. Advocacy work among Native communities is Sherri's lifework along with performance art. She hopes to remind and restore resiliency from her community work and music.

Ayn N. Whyte, MS Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

Ayn N. Whyte, M.S., Diné, is originally from Crownpoint, NM. Her clans are *To'aheedliinii* (Water Flows Together People) born for *Kinyaa'aanii* (Towering House People). Her maternal grandfathers are *Naasht'ezhi* (Zuni Clan). Her paternal grandfathers are *Naakaii* (Mexican). She and her husband, Anthony (Santee Dakota of Nebraska) are parents to four children, Kayne, Logan, Sawyer and Hope. Ayn has a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, a Master of Science in Health Education both from the University of New Mexico. Ms. Whyte began her work to improve health equality among American Indians as part of a research team implementing a diabetes prevention curriculum for Native American women. She then began working on a project

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examining the risk of cancer in individuals diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Currently, she is the Program Manager for the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. STD/HIV/AIDS Prevention Program.

RADM Michael D. Weahkee Indian Health Service

Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, an enrolled member of the Zuni Tribe, is principal deputy director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), 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 principal deputy director, Rear Adm. Weahkee administers a nationwide health care delivery program that is responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community health care to approximately 2.2. million American Indians and Alaska Natives in hospitals, clinics, and other settings throughout the United States. Rear Adm. Weahkee previously served as the chief executive officer for the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, the largest federally-operated facility in the Indian Health Services. He was born in the Shiprock Public Health Service Hospital on the Navajo reservation and grew up as a direct service user of the IHS. Michael began his professional health care career in the United States Air Force, as a public health specialist. After completing his Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Management from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, he left the Air Force to pursue advanced hospital administration training, receiving both his Master of Health Services Administration and Master of Business Administration degrees from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

Melanie Yazzie, PhD School for Advanced Research

Melanie K. Yazzie (Diné) is the 2018-2019 Katrin H. Lamon Residential Scholar at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In August 2019, she will join the faculty at the University of New Mexico as an Assistant Professor of Native American Studies and American Studies. She is also the 2018-2019 Chair of the Central Governing Council for The Red Nation, a revolutionary organization committed to the liberation of Indigenous people from colonialism and capitalism. She does historical research at the intersections of Native studies, feminist studies, Diné studies, and environmental studies. Along with Nick, Jennifer Nez Denetdale, and David Correia, she is co-authoring a forthcoming book with PM Press about border town violence and Indigenous resistance.

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