

# 2023 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference

## Event Schedule

**Mon, Apr 24, 2023**

4:00 PM

### Registration

🕒 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Apr 24

📍 Eagle A

Registration will be open outside of Eagle A.

**Tue, Apr 25, 2023**

7:00 AM

### Registration

🕒 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Apr 25

📍 Registration Desk

7:30 AM

### Breakfast

🕒 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM, Apr 25

📍 Sandia Ballroom D

Breakfast provided for all attendees.

8:30 AM

### Opening Plenary

🕒 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM, Apr 25

📍 Sandia Ballroom D

The conference's opening session will include an opening blessing by Mattee Jim, First Nations Community Healthsource, welcome addresses from the AAIHB Board of Directors Chairperson Donnie Garcia, AAIHB Executive Director Ayn N. Whyte, and the CHERP Program Director Savannah Gene. Richard Haverkate, Indian Health Service, and Jessica Leston, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, will provide an overview of the Indigenous HIV/AIDS Syndemic Strategy. The opening plenary will close with a panel presentation on cultural frameworks and their importance in addressing HIV and health equity with Albert McLeod, Donald Chee, and Keiva Lei Cadena.

🗨️ Speakers



**Mattee Jim**  
Supervisor HIV Prevention Programs  
First Nations Community HealthSource



**Donnie Garcia**  
Board of Directors, Chairman  
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board



**Ayn Whyte**  
Executive Director  
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.



**Savannah Gene**  
Program Director  
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.



**Rick Haverkate**  
IHS National HIV/HCV/STI Program Director  
Indian Health Service



**Jessica Leston**  
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board



**Albert McLeod**  
Director  
2Spirit Consultants of Manitoba



**Keiva Lei Cadena**  
Director of Harm Reduction Services  
Kumukahi Health + Wellness



**Donald Chee**  
NNHN Program Coordinator  
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

10:30 AM

**Complimentary Massage Therapy**

🕒 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Apr 25

📍 Eagle B

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10:45 AM

**Breakout Session #1**

🕒 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM, Apr 25

2 Subsessions

● **Equity and Diversity in Clinical Research**

🕒 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM, Apr 25

📍 Sandia Ballroom A

● **Native American Youth Leadership to Prevent Opioid Use in Indian Country**

🕒 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM, Apr 25

📍 Sandia Ballroom B

12:00 PM

### Lunch

🕒 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, Apr 25

📍 Sandia Ballroom D

Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Join us for the popular Jacks Tournament returning by popular demand. We will have the first round of the division A and division B tournament.



1:45 PM

### Breakout Session #2

🕒 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM, Apr 25

#### 2 Subsessions

#### ● ESCALATE as Cultural Medicine – Eliminating HIV-related stigma in Tribal communities and Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs

🕒 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM, Apr 25

📍 Sandia Ballroom A

#### ● TWIST - A CDC Supported Intervention for Transgender Women

🕒 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM, Apr 25

📍 Sandia Ballroom B

3:00 PM

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🕒 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Apr 25

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3:15 PM

### Decolonizing HIV Care in 'Ōiwi Communities Pehea i hemo kolono ai iā kākou?

🕒 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM, Apr 25

📍 Sandia Ballroom D

Colonization has had a devastating effect on native communities, including health impacts which can still be felt today. As Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians), we understand that past traumas are closely related to current day circumstances. These connections, however, don't translate to numbers on a patient chart. This session will introduce participants to the history of colonization in the Hawaiian Islands and explore the theoretical foundations of "Post-Colonialism." Through this sociological lens, participants will have the opportunity to examine social determinants of health in Native Hawaiian communities. Potential problems and solutions in HIV care will be contextualized with an overview of Ke Ola Pono, a Native Hawaiian program serving people living with HIV. Participants will be asked to engage the material and share parallel experiences, challenges, and solutions to encourage robust discussion and problem-solving that all attendees can take back to their communities.

🗣️ Speaker



**Kekoaoopolū Kealoha**  
HIV Program Manager  
Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center

**Wed, Apr 26, 2023**

7:00 AM

**Registration**

🕒 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Apr 26  
📍 Registration Desk

7:30 AM

**Breakfast**

🕒 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM, Apr 26  
📍 Sandia Ballroom D

Breakfast provided for all attendees.

8:30 AM

**#iPrEPono: A Modern PrEP Campaign based on Indigenous Perspectives**

🕒 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM, Apr 26  
📍 Sandia Ballroom D

In 2021, the Big Island of Hawai'i experienced the highest rate of new HIV infections in the State for the first time ever. This local epidemic moved our CBO, Kumukahi Health + Wellness, into immediate action and advocacy for an appropriate allocation of resources from our funders. While we had the capacity to take care of people living with HIV, we needed to create a new prevention message to get the word out to a very rural and isolated community facing even more new HIV transmissions. Our team came together and created an incredible campaign called "I PrEP P.O.N.O." Pono, a Native Hawaiian term meaning balance, became the central theme of our message, which grew into a large campaign which included posters, social media ads, commercials, and dating app advertisements featuring faces and voices of our local Hawaiian community. Because of this, our PrEP enrollment increased 210.3% and significantly decreased new HIV transmissions on our island.

🗣️ Speakers



**Peter Tuiolosega Silva**  
Executive Director  
Kumukahi Health + Wellness



**Keiva Lei Cadena**  
Director of Harm Reduction Services  
Kumukahi Health + Wellness

10:30 AM

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10:45 AM

**Breakout Session #3**

🕒 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM, Apr 26

2 Subsessions

● **UTOPIA WA-Mapu Maia Health Clinic**

🕒 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM, Apr 26

📍 Sandia Ballroom A

● **Expanding the Circle**

🕒 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM, Apr 26

📍 Sandia Ballroom B

12:00 PM

**Lunch**

🕒 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, Apr 26

📍 Sandia Ballroom B

Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Second round of the Division A and Division B Jacks Tournament.

1:45 PM

**Breakout Session #4**

🕒 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM, Apr 26

2 Subsessions

● **HISstory HERstory THEIRstory OURstory**

🕒 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM, Apr 26

📍 Sandia Ballroom A

● **Wholistic Indigenous Responses to HIV: Sharing Prevention and Care Education and Research Leadership in Canada**

🕒 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM, Apr 26

📍 Sandia Ballroom B

3:00 PM

**Complimentary Massage Therapy**

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**We are the Medicine: Upholding Community Voices on HIV/AIDS through Indigenous Science and Storytelling**

🕒 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM, Apr 26

📍 Sandia Ballroom D

Amid the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the attempted erasure of Indigenous Peoples living with HIV across Canada, Two-Spirited Peoples have continued to mobilize and defend self-determination and public health sovereignty with a myriad of wholistic, community-driven responses. Firstly, through interdisciplinary and experiential health science, research, and activism, Mathew Fleury draw parallels between Indigenous methodologies and 'hard' science to examine the scientific and sociopolitical impacts of HIV/AIDS and Indigenous Peoples. In 'coming out' to disclose and draw upon their own lived experience as an Indigenous, Two-Spirited scholar recently diagnosed with HIV, Fleury critiques molecular HIV surveillance and the spaces that exist between the 'researcher' and 'researched'. Second, through a peer-led project, 'Healing Inner Voices', Morberg utilizes documentary storytelling to reduce stigma and build cultural safety. Lastly, Fleury and Morberg highlight initiatives like the 'Medicine Bundle' which aims to reclaim the spiritual aspects of sexuality by providing safer sex resources alongside traditional medicine.

 Speakers



**Mathew Fleury**

Manager, Research and Knowledge Exchange; Adjunct Professor  
First Nations Health Authority; Simon Fraser University




**Martin Morberg**

Two-Spirit Program Coordinator  
Community-Based Research Centre

6:00 PM

**Circle of Harmony Awards Dinner**

 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Apr 26


 Sandia Ballroom D

We will be awarding the Honoring the Red Ribbon Award and the first ever Ahalaya Circle of Care Award. Join us for an evening of recognition and fun. Dinner will be provided.

**Thu, Apr 27, 2023**

7:30 AM

**Breakfast**


 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM, Apr 27

 Sandia Ballroom D

Breakfast provided for all attendees.

8:30 AM

**Honoring Turtle Island, the Land of the Original Peoples**

 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Apr 27

 Sandia Ballroom D


Margaret Kisikaw Piyesis, Chief Executive Officer of CAAN, will discuss opportunities for building relationships among Indigenous peoples in her presentation titled "Honoring Turtle Island, the Land of the Original Peoples."

 Speaker



**Margaret Kisikaw Piyesis**

**Complimentary Massage Therapy**


 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Apr 27

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9:30 AM


**Check-out Break**

 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM, Apr 27

Participants staying at the conference hotel will have an opportunity to check out during this time.

10:00 AM

**Closing Plenary**

 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Apr 27

 Sandia Ballroom D

Andrew Yu, Indian Health Service, Stella Martin, New Mexico Department of Health, and another invited speaker will be part of a panel discussion titled "They're Back...Let's Talk STIs." During the panel, the speakers will discuss the current rising rates of STIs, as well as trauma informed strengths based strategies for preventing and treating STIs.

The conference will close with a closing address from Savannah Gene, CHERP Program Director.

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#### 🗣️ Speakers



**Andrew Yu**  
Public Health Advisor  
IHS



**Stella Martin**  
NW DPT Program Manager  
NMDOH



**Savannah Gene**  
Program Director  
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

12:00 PM

#### **Lunch**

🕒 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, Apr 27

📍 Sandia Ballroom D

Join us for the final round of the Jacks Tournament.