



NATIVE NATION EVENTS PRESENTS
Fourth Annual
Native American Health Care Conference
in conjunction with the
Native American Mental Health Symposium

**Monday,
March 25th**

March 25-26, 2013
Hyatt French Quarter • New Orleans, LA

Always striving to give you the latest information, Native Nation Events now features a list of speakers and their contact information to allow you to connect with them and get information tailored to your specific needs.

7:45 AM - 8:45 AM **Conference Registration/Continental Breakfast/Networking Opportunity/Exhibit Hall**

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM **Opening Remarks/Prayer/Co-Chair Remarks**

9:00 AM **Native American Mental Health Symposium Begins**

Topics to include: Violence, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse, Suicide, Social and Cultural Determinants

12:00 PM **Native American Mental Health Symposium Ends**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Lunch/Networking Opportunity/Exhibit Hall**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **How do we Fix the Broken System? (Roundtable)**

Native Americans have been overly represented on the wrong end of many health related statistics for entirely too long. This doesn't have to be the case. Many preventable diseases, such as diabetes, have become viewed as a rite of passage beforehand and a death sentence after the fact; when in reality much of what afflicts Indian Country is both preventable and manageable. Too much money is spent for end of life treatment, when in reality this money would be better served elsewhere. In this roundtable we will learn from tribal leaders and medical professionals as to how we can collectively shift the focus towards prevention, and save money and lives.

Moderator: **Panelists:**



Stephen Roe Lewis
Lieutenant Governor
Gila River Indian Community



Steve Ortiz
Chairman
Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Afternoon Break/Networking Opportunity/Exhibit Hall**

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM **Government Panel**

The state of healthcare is ever changing. What is the role of government when it pertains to Native American Healthcare? What impact will the current administration have? Is there grant money available? What is the role of the Indian Health Service? In this panel discussion we will tackle these questions as well as identify the key players who will help make sure that your tribe is getting the protection you're entitled to from the government.

Moderator: **Panelists:**



Carlyle Begay
VP & Chief Development Officer
American Indian Health Mgt & Policy

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM **Health Care Reform**

With the results of the recent election being what they are, many tribes and clinics will have to make sure they hit the requirements laid out by the affordable care act prior to the 2014 deadline. What are some of the requirements that you need to be aware of? Who can help you make sure that you are in compliance? In this panel discussion learn what you need to know to make sure that your tribe is up to speed.

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Insurance Options

Given that the percentage of Native Americans living without healthcare is more than twice that of the national average it goes without saying that more can be done to provide for tribal members. Picking the right insurance plan isn't easy though. In this panel we will review some options and their benefits so that you can make the right decision for your people and your wallet.

Moderator: **Panelists:**



Elward Edd
HR Director
Hopi Tribe

Tuesday, March 26th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Conference Registration/Continental Breakfast/Networking Opportunity/Exhibit Hall

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Healthcare Benefits Programs and Options

One of the most important aspects pertaining to any healthcare program or facility is remaining profitable, while still affording your people the best care. This panel will focus on how you can select the best benefit program for your tribe that will allow you to cut the costs of providing healthcare without sacrificing the quality of coverage.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Coffee Refresh/Networking Opportunity/Exhibit Hall

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Disease Management

Too often treatable and/or manageable diseases end up spiraling out of control due to inadequate care, patient apathy, lack of resources or a combination of all three. In this panel we will explore why this does not have to be the case, by explaining techniques and practices for disease management along with the technology that helps make it all possible. Learn how your tribe can improve the quality of your peoples' lives while also making sure your resources are being properly allocated.

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Health Facility

No one understands the needs of your people better than you do. What better way to care for them than with an up to date health facility. Learn the step-by-step process of creating a health facility from the ground up. How can feasibility studies help you maximize your potential and minimize your expenses? Is there grant money available? Are there other revenue streams that can be utilized to help cover startup expenses? How do you know if you've picked the right construction and architecture teams? What equipment do you stock your facility with post construction? We'll tackle these questions and more as we take a look at what goes into bringing a health facility to your community.

Moderator: **Panelists:**



F. Nick Bacqué
*Office of Hospital Facilities, Federal Housing
Administrative*
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Lunch/Networking Opportunity/Exhibit Hall

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM Elder Care

No one requires more care than the elderly. Often times the needs of senior patients are different than those of the general population. Should your tribe have a separate facility and/or team to help meet the needs of these elders? What programs are other tribes using to help take care of their older patients? In this panel we will cover how to best manage the care of your elders.

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM Diabetes Management & Treatment

With nearly 17% of Native Americans afflicted by Type 2 Diabetes, what are tribes doing to treat a disease that impacts 1/6th of the population? In this panel we will examine some of the state of the art diabetes management and treatment products that allow health care professionals to improve the lives of their patients

Moderator: **Panelists:**



Marilyn Figueroa
Diabetes Director
Comanche Nation



Jennie Becenti
Health & Human Services Director
Tohono O'odham Nation

2:45 PM - 3:30 PM Wellness

With so much money being spent into disease treatment, isn't it time we took a look at the entire system to see where the problem really lies? People are suffering and dying at alarming rates from preventable diseases. Rather than spend money at the end of the road let's become more proactive at the very beginning. This panel will discuss how tribes can be proactive early on by incorporating wellness programs and initiatives, as early as childhood, to make sure that the next generation of Indian Country doesn't have to follow the same path.

Moderator:

Panelists:



Thomas Yazzie
*Master Fitness Specialist/Tactical Strength &
Conditioning Specialist*
Ak-Chin Indian Community

3:30 PM

Conference Adjourns