

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE VETERANS WEBINAR**

**The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)  
Office of Regional Operations (ORO), Region 10 (AK, ID, WA, OR) proudly  
presents**

**a national webinar on Behavioral Health Resources for American Indian/  
Alaskan Native (AI/AN) Veterans**

**December 1, 2014, from 10:00 am – 11:30 am PST**

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### **Objective**

The purpose of this webinar is to highlight those programs that address the behavioral health needs of AI/AN Veterans. In addition, this webinar will present and discuss:

- Specific activities underway in HHS Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA) to address the needs of AI/AN Veterans
- Work by Federal, State, and/or Local programs and stakeholders to improve outcomes for AI/AN Veterans

This webinar will feature David Dickinson, Regional Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SAMHSA funds Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Centers, which provides training and technical assistance (TTA) on mental and substance use disorders, suicide prevention, and the promotion of mental health. Michelle Sobel, Behavioral Health Consultant of the Indian Health Service (IHS). IHS is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Terry Bentley, Tribal Government Relations Specialist, Western Region of the Veterans Affairs Office of Tribal Government Relations.

Speakers will also include Sharon Strutz-Norton of Veteran's Affairs (VA), Cedric Decory of the Native American Veterans Program and George Bennett, Sr. of the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

**All behavioral health providers – along with other staff and stakeholders – are invited to participate in this webinar. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers during and after the presentations. Please feel free to send in your questions in advance of the event to Aphrodyi Antoine by email at**

**[aantoine@hrsa.gov](mailto:aantoine@hrsa.gov).**

### **What**

**Behavioral Health Resources for American Indian/Alaskan Native Veterans  
Webinar**

## When

Monday, December 1, 2014 10:00 am – 11:30 am PST

## Speakers

- **David Dickinson**, Regional Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- **Michelle Sobel**, Behavioral Health Consultant of the Indian Health Service (HIS)
- **Terry Bentley**, Tribal Government Relations Specialist, Western Region of the Veterans Affairs Office of Tribal Government Relations
- **Sharon Strutz-Norton**, RN/MSN Rural Health Program at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- **Cedric Decory**, Administrative Officer, VA Native American Veterans Program
  - **George Bennett, Sr.**, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

## Registration

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## Meeting Outline

TIME	TOPIC	FACILITATORS/ SPEAKERS
5 minutes	<i>Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping</i>	Aphrodyi Antoine, HRSA
10 minutes	<i>National Trends and Initiatives Towards Wellness</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of national initiatives and programs for AI/AN veterans</li></ul>	David Dickenson, SAMHSA

<b>30 min utes</b>	<p>Regional Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Indian Health Services' Behavioral Health Programs</li> <li>• <i>Overview of VA Office of Government Tribal Relations</i></li> </ul>	Michelle Sobell, IHS Terry Bentley, VA
<b>30 min utes</b>	<p><i>Behavioral Health on the Ground</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of evidenced-based programs and promising practices by ground-level community leaders and stakeholders.</li> </ul>	Sharon Strutz-Norton George Bennett Cedric DeCory
<b>15 min utes</b>	Q&A	All

**Notes**

HRSA Health Resources and Services Administration  
SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
IHS Indian Health Service  
VA Department of Veterans Affairs