



National Indian Health Board

Tribal Health Equity Data Symposium Agenda

Constitution Hall, American University, Washington, DC
Monday, September 25, 2023

8:30 AM **Breakfast (fruit & pastries)**

9:00 AM **Prayer and Opening Remarks from the National Indian Health Board**

- William Smith (Valdez Native Tribe), Chairperson and Alaska Area Representative, National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

9:15 AM **Health Equity Update from CMS**

- Meagan Khau, MHA, Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Office of Minority Health, Data Analytics & Research Group

9:30 AM **Keynote: “Decolonizing Data: Restoring Culture, Building Beauty”**

- Abigail Echo-Hawk (Pawnee), MA, Executive Vice President, Seattle Indian Health Board, and Director, Urban Indian Health Institute

10:00 AM **Keynote: “Indigenizing Data: Mapping a Path Toward Health Equity”**

- Dr. Myra Parker (Mandan-Hidatsa-Cree), JD, MPH, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Washington School of Medicine

10:25 AM **Morning Break**

10:40 AM **Panel: Culturally Relevant Data Collection Methods**

- “Being a Good Relative: Community and Indigenous Grounded Principles for Bridging Data Disparities and Implementing Culturally Safe Research Approaches to Address Youth Suicide”
 - Dr. Michelle Kahn John (Dine), PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, GNP, Research Associate, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing
- Abigail Echo-Hawk (Pawnee), MA, Executive Vice President, Seattle Indian Health Board, and Director, Urban Indian Health Institute
- Dr. Myra Parker (Mandan-Hidatsa-Cree), JD, MPH, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Washington School of Medicine
- Moderator: Dr. Susan Karol, MD, Chief Medical Officer, CMS, Division of Tribal Affairs



11:35 AM **We are More than Numbers: The Impacts of Different Counts and Definitions of Alaska Native and American Indian People**

- Rachael DeMarce (Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Blackfeet Nation), MPH, MPA, Analytics Engagement Manager, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)
- Ben Han, Analytics Architect, ANTHC

12:00 PM **Lunch (boxed lunches – sandwich or salad)**

1:00 PM **Optimizing Collection of Self-Reported Race, Ethnicity, & Language Data**

- Denise Schofield, Executive Director, Data Strategy, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA)
- Nancy Scherden, Managing Director of Brand Insights, BCBSA

1:20 PM **Roundtable: Promising Practices to Improve How Race & Ethnicity Data Are Used in Public Health, Healthcare, and Research**

- “Moving Beyond Race and Ethnicity Data Collection to Define AI/AN Communities”
 - Sujata Joshi, MSPH, Project Director/Epidemiologist, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)
- “Results from the National Tribal Health Conference Roundtable on Race and Ethnicity Standards”
 - Dr. Rochelle Ruffer, PhD, Tribal Health Data Project Director, NIHB
- “Current Strategies for Improvement through an Intergenerational Lens”
 - Delight Satter (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde), MPH, Senior Health Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Denise Schofield, Executive Director, Data Strategy, BCBSA
- Moderator: AC Locklear II (Lumbee), JD, Federal Relations Director, NIHB

2:35 PM **Poster Session and Afternoon Break**

3:15 PM **Facilitated Discussion: Identifying the AI/AN Population**

- Facilitator: Carrie Field, MPH, Policy Analyst, NIHB

4:50 PM **Closing Remarks**

5:00 PM **Adjourn**





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Constitution Hall, American University, Washington, DC
Tuesday, September 26, 2023

8:30 AM **Breakfast (fruit & pastries)**

9:00 AM **Welcome**

9:05 AM **Keynote: Measuring Health Equity with a Tribal Lens: Leaning on Strengths, Sovereignty, and Indigenous Identity**

- Dr. Donald Warne (Oglala Lakota), MD, MPH, Co-Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health

9:45 AM **Panel: Getting to Yes: Data Sharing between States and Tribes**

- “Collaborating with State partners to promote Tribal Health Data Equity”
 - Pharah D. Morgan, MS, MPH, Lead Epidemiologist, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, Tribal Epidemiology Center (RMTLC TEC)
- “Data Sharing to Support Tribes through Medicaid Unwinding”
 - Jessica Imotichey, MLS, MPH, (Chickasaw), Health Policy & Legislative Analyst, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health
- “Enhancing Health IT in Tribal Communities”
 - Krystal Schramm (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians), MS, Senior Technical Business Analyst, Michigan Health Information Network
- Moderator: Chairperson Janet Alkire (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe), Member-At-Large and Great Plains Area Representative, NIHB

11:00 AM **Morning Break**

11:15 AM **Learning from COVID: Communicating Data to the Public with Visualizations and Social Media**

- Darby Galligher (Miami Tribe of Oklahoma), MPH, Communications Coordinator, NIHB
- Jeannie Le, MPH, Data Visualization Analyst, NIHB

11:35 AM **Tribal Environmental Health Priorities: From Data to Action**

- Brett Weber, MPA, Environmental Health Programs Director, NIHB
- Aliza Bolling, CDC Public Health Associate Program Associate, CDC

12:15 PM **Lunch (boxed lunches – sandwich or salad)**



1:15 PM **Panel: Data Flow Between Tribes and Federal Agencies: Challenges and Opportunities**

- “Data Modernization at the Indian Health Service: Opportunities to Improve Interoperability and Data Sharing”
 - Mitchell Thornbrugh, (Muscogee Creek Nation), Chief Information Officer and Director for the Office of Information Technology, Indian Health Service (IHS)
- “Federal Data Sharing Obligations”
 - Aila Hoss, JD, Associate Professor of Law, Indiana University McKinney School of Law
- “Current Issues in Federal Data Sharing with TECS and Tribes”
 - Dr. Meghan Curry O’Connell, (Cherokee), MD, MPH, Chief Public Health Officer, Great Plains Tribal Leaders' Health Board
 - Chris Alibrandi O’Connor, JD, Deputy Director, Mid-States Region, Network for Public Health Law
- AC Locklear II (Lumbee), JD, Federal Relations Director, NIHB
- Moderator: Ms. Amber Torres (Walker River Paiute Tribe), Phoenix Area Representative, NIHB

2:35 PM **Afternoon Break**

2:50 PM **Case Study: Lessons from COVID: How Partnerships and GIS Can Facilitate Data Sharing and Improve Health Equity**

- Dr. Amanda Lam, MD, MPH, Informatics and Data Services, Epidemiologist, Pima County Health Department
- Tyler Baccam, MS, Epidemiology Intelligence Unit (EIU) Surveillance Epidemiologist, Pima County Health Department

3:20 PM **Interactive Session: Putting it into Practice: Story as Data and Data as Story**

- Anamalia Su’esu’e, MA, PhD student, Department of Psychology, Graduate Research Assistant, Office of Public Health Studies, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa
- Dawn Hunter, JD, MPH, Director, Health Equity, Network for Public Health Law

4:45 PM **Closing Remarks from NIHB**

5:00 PM **Adjourn**

