

# 13th Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference

April 19 - 21, 2017



*Comprehensive Approaches to Healthier Communities:  
Integration of STD, HIV, Hepatitis & Harm Reduction Prevention & Services*



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## WELCOME TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO FOR THE 13th CIRCLE OF HARMONY HIV/AIDS WELLNESS CONFERENCE

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Yá'át'ééh! On behalf of the #2017COH Planning Committee I would like to welcome you to the 13<sup>th</sup> Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico. New Mexico has 219,512 Native American citizens, which represent nearly 10.5% of the state's entire population. There are 23 Native American tribes located in New Mexico - nineteen Pueblos, three Apache tribes (the Fort Sill Apache Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Mescalero Apache Tribe), and the Navajo Nation, and a considerable urban Indigenous population comprised of tribes from all over the globe.

The nineteen Pueblos include the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zuni and Zia. Each Tribe is a sovereign nation with its own government, life-ways, traditions, and culture. It is important that we honor and give thanks to the Indigenous people who have preserved this land for thousands of years to ensure our efforts for change are blessed.

As our time together unfolds over the next few days, I would like each of us to make a commitment to capitalize on the information learned, the relationships founded, and motivation acquired when we return to our respective homes. Many of us anticipate obstacles and resistance to current endeavors but this is the moment where we must draw closer, roll up our sleeves, and join forces to keep our efforts moving in a forward direction. Unremitting partnerships and team work will preserve the work that has been done thus far and see us through this challenging period.

In harmony and alliance,

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



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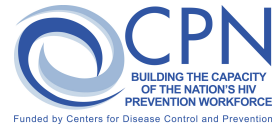
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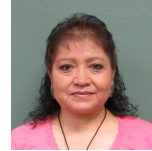
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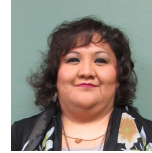
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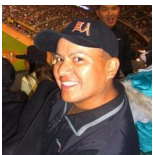
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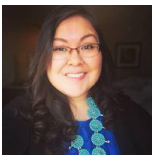
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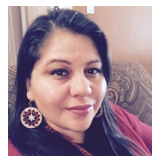
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Not sure how to get started or where to go from here?*

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**VISTA NORTE BOARDROOM**

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

**1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

**9:00 AM TO 2:45 PM**

**(except during the plenary sessions)**



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION

All attendees must register for the #2017COH. The Conference Registration, located in the foyer off the hotel lobby, is open the following hours:

Wednesday	12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Thursday	7:45 am - 5:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

The use of social media platforms to promote the conference is highly encouraged. We ask that you use the official conference hashtag **#2017COH** 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

#2017COH 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.

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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.

## 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 2nd floor in the Rio Grande Room and available at the following times:

Thursday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday	9:00 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.

## #2017COH SILENT AUCTION

Auction items can be previewed during the Opening Session. Bidding will begin Thursday, April 20 and run through 10:45 am on Friday, April 21. Winners will be announced at the Closing Lunch.



**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration Open	<i>Foyer A</i>
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Pre-Conference Institute	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	KRM Memorial Scholarship Orientation	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Talking Circle	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>

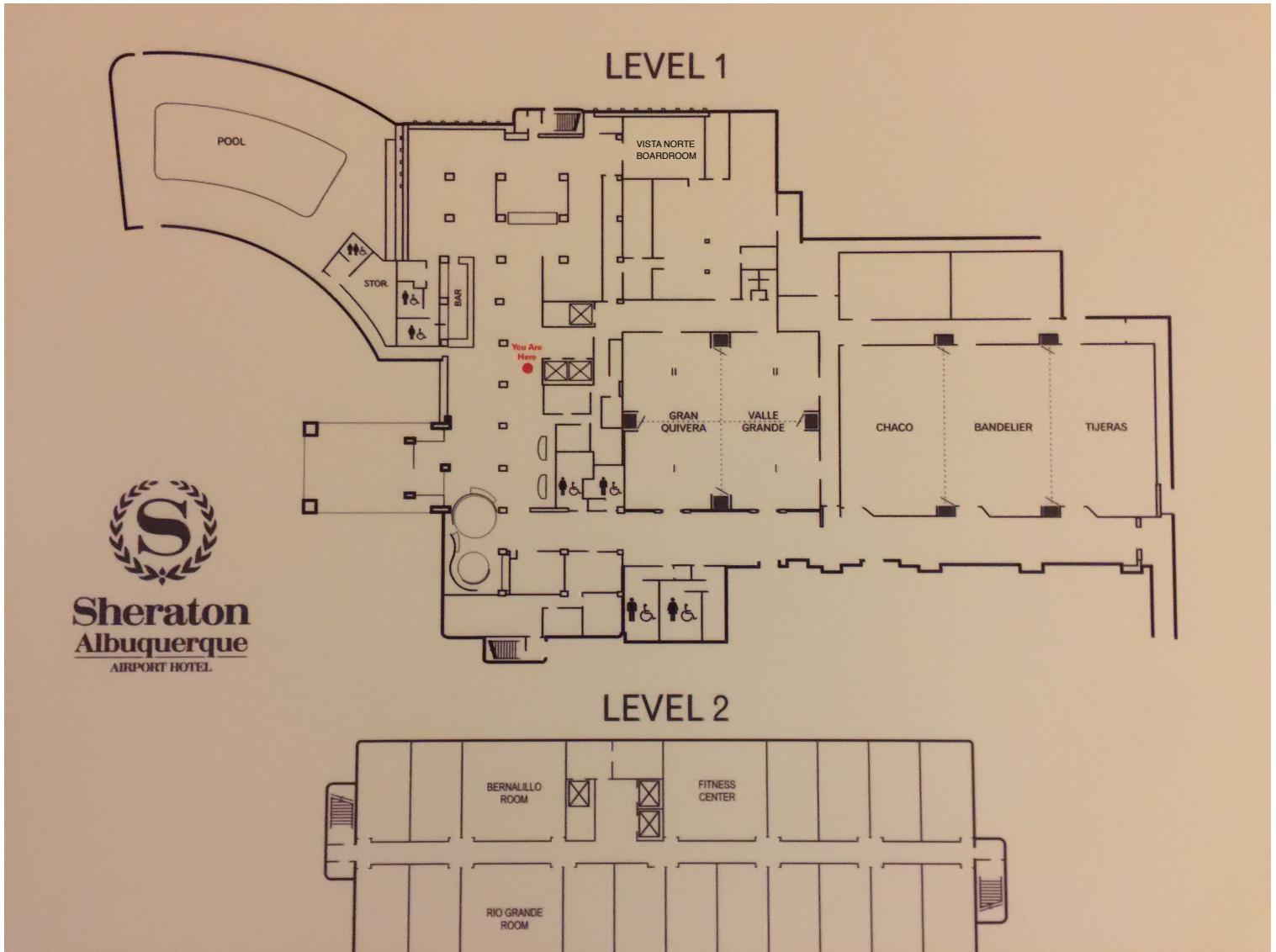
**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

7:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Open	<i>Foyer A</i>
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>
8:30 am - 11:45 am	Opening Plenary	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)	
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Complementary Therapies Open	<i>Rio Grande Room (2nd floor)</i>
1:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Social Media Lab Open	<i>Vista Norte Boardroom</i>
1:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Workshops	<i>GQ I &amp; II, VG I &amp; II</i>
4:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Affinity Sessions	<i>GQ I</i>
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Wellness Night	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>

**Friday, April 21, 2017**

8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Open	<i>Foyer A</i>
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Complementary Therapies Open	<i>Rio Grande Room (2nd floor)</i>
9:00 am - 2:45 pm	Social Media Lab Open (except during plenaries)	<i>Vista Norte Boardroom</i>
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Breakout Sessions I	<i>GQ I &amp; II, VG I &amp; II</i>
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Breakout Sessions II	<i>GQ I &amp; II, VG I &amp; II</i>
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	Breakout Sessions III	<i>GQ I &amp; II, VG I &amp; II</i>
2:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing Plenary	<i>Chaco &amp; Bandelier</i>

# SHERATON CONFERENCE CENTER



## Level 1

### **Plenaries & Wellness Night**

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **Breakouts & Workshops**

*Grand Quivera I & II*

*Valle Norte I & II*

### **Social Media Lab**

*Vista Norte Boardroom*

## Level 2

### **Complimentary Therapies**

*Rio Grande Room*



**Honorable Amber K. Crotty**  
Navajo Nation Council

Amber Kanazbah Crotty is a Navajo Nation Council Delegate and member of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee. Amber is Kinyaa'ánii born for Bilagana, her Cheiis are Deeshchii'nii and her paternal grandfather is Bilagana. She is from To'Halstooi (Sheep Springs, NM). Amber comes from a long legacy of women leaders, strong weavers, tenacious shepherders and loving grandmas. Mrs. Crotty studied American Indian Studies-Law and History at University of California-Los Angeles. Amber's academic interest is in Indigenous Policy and Government Structures, specifically the Navajo government reform project and the legislative passage of the "Navajo Fundamental Laws" requiring all Navajo policies be grounded in tradition, customs, values, spiritual beliefs, and practices. As a Delegate, mother and community member, Amber advocates for Navajo Citizens who have little to no political agency such as domestic violence victims, vulnerable children, LGBTQi, mentally ill homeless and ICWA children/families.

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

## PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

1:00 pm - 1:15 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **Welcome and Overview**

Kurt Begaye, Begaye Consulting

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **Setting Our Course: Acknowledging Our Past to Better Prepare for Our Future**

Presenters: Carolyn Kualii, Kua'aina Associates; Christopher Bates, MPA; Rick Haverkate, MPH, Indian Health Services

As Native people, our past, present and future are conjoined and interdependent. Our narratives and stories are important repositories for understanding who we are. It is what sustains us in the present and guides us into our future. This session will provide background on the Native community's contribution to the historical fiber of the HIV story as it pertains to community networks, national policies, initiatives, funding and programs. The historical content will tie into the current "Getting to Zero" initiative and anticipated changes and challenges as a new administration begins to set new policies and a new direction for HIV/AIDS and Health Care in the United States.

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **Comprehensive Approaches to Healthier Communities**

Presenters: Thuan Tran, MPA, MA, Hennepin County Health Department; Elton Naswood, Office of Minority Health Resource Center

This session assesses the role of the grantee, the planning council, and community leaders in reducing the impact of HIV/AIDS in disproportionately affected populations of color. Despite tremendous advances in HIV/AIDS care over the last 30 years, racial disparities persist in the incidence of HIV and across the treatment cascade. Addressing racial disparities in HIV/AIDS in middle-America where population numbers for communities of color are small and HIV burden is great, is implicit in the responsibilities of the grantee, planning council, and community leaders. Our main objective is present the challenges and accomplishments of community engagement efforts that may be applied, with cultural intelligence, to American Indian communities. We will demonstrate that cultural intelligence can be gained through systems assessments, workgroup formulation, key-informant interviews, and strategic planning.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **How Do We Build a National Native Advocacy Network?**

Presenters: Ayn Whyte, MS, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.; Savannah Gene, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

This facilitated dialogue session will identify strategies, steps, and process to mobilize existing indigenous partners and ally agencies to strengthen advocacy efforts. Discussions will include expanding partnerships with federal agencies to lend resources for activities that align with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and sharing effective and best practices of indigenous approaches to HIV education, prevention, care and treatment.

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **Empowerment to the People: How Capacity Building Can fuel Your Movement**

Presenters: Bobbi McCaffrey, CHBT; Ann Schwartz, CHBT; Jacki Witt, CPN; Azul DelGrasso, Denver Health; BA Laris, ETR; Michael Sandoval, NCHP; Mazdak Mazrei, PCDC

The skill to mobilize is vital for any individual or group seeking to coordinate structural and social change. Identifying and accessing the resources that will support the building of capacities to facilitate effective mobilization can be burdensome and overwhelming, particularly if helpful resources are not obvious. This session will help to demystify critical HIV/AIDS mobilization resources via capacity building assistance (CBA). The CBA Providers network consist of CDC funded technical assistance providers who are committed to supporting those on the frontline of the HIV epidemic in successfully breaking down barriers that keep institutions from thriving.

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **Next Steps and Closing**

Presenters: Ayn Whyte, MS, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.; Kurt Begaye, Begaye Consulting

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **KRM Memorial Scholarship Orientation**

Presenter: Ayn Whyte, MS, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

### **Talking Circle**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

7:30 am - 5:00 pm

### REGISTRATION OPEN

Foyer A

7:30 am - 9:00 am

### BREAKFAST

Chaco & Bandelier

### OPENING PLENARY

8:30 am - 9:20 am

#### Welcome Address

Mistress of Ceremony: Hannabah Blue, MSPH

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#### Opening Blessing

Lorenzo Jim, First Nations Community HealthSource

#### Opening Song

Keira Sandoval, Native America Community Academy

#### Executive Director Address

Nancy Martine-Alonzo, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

#### Board of Directors Address

Lester Secatero, AAIHB, Inc. Board Chair

9:20 am - 10:00 am

#### Setting Our Course: Acknowledging

#### Our Past to Better Prepare for Our Future

Presenters: Carolyn Kualii, Kua'aina Associates; Christopher Bates, MPA; Rick Haverkate, MPH, Indian Health Service

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See session narrative on previous page.

10:00 am - 11:00 am

#### Harm Reduction in New Mexico - why integration is important for communities

Presenter: Dominick Zurlo, MA, NM Department of Health

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The NM Department of Health Hepatitis Harm Reduction Program has been in operation since 1998, and since 2013 serves over 6,000 participants annually. Harm reduction works from a philosophy of treating an individual with respect and care, in a non-judgmental way. One of the goals is to improve relationships among participants and providers, which helps to build stronger communities. Harm reduction includes services such as hepatitis

prevention and referral, syringe services, and overdose prevention. The program also strives to integrate other services such as HIV, STD, other disease prevention, nutrition, self-care, and housing referral into the variety of programs offering in conjunction, or simultaneously with harm reduction services in order to improve quality of care and continuity of care for participants and the community.

11:00 am - 11:45 am

Chaco & Bandelier

#### Keynote Address: "K'e and the meaning of family: HIV and its effect on the Navajo Nation"

Presenter: Honorable Amber K. Crotty, Navajo Nation Council

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

### LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Vista Norte Boardroom

### SOCIAL MEDIA LAB

### WORKSHOPS

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Grand Quivera I

#### The RACE Framework: A Model Approach for Exponential Impact to End HIV

Presenters: Jacqueline Coleman, MEd, MSM, NMAC; Kimberly Parker, PhD

In response to NMAC's 5th prioritized goal of convening for exponential impact, this workshop session features its newly developed *Race Equity and Health Literacy Framework* through a state-of-the-evidence on what's working and what's needed at the community, institutional, and societal levels to promote optimal health and wellness for communities of color, particularly tribal communities. The session focus is on intersectionality of HIV and health disparities emphasizing the healing potential of compassionate-centered leadership. The Leadership Pipeline Department presents a compelling model for systems change and its roll out with collaborative support from Louisiana DHH-Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program.

Despite advances in prevention, care and treatment, the overall rate of new HIV infections in the United States has resurged, particularly among young black gay men. Health disparities, health inequities, and racial injustice continue to present a 'triple threat' for communities of color, further highlighting the need for a new agenda for the HIV movement. These factors fuel NMAC's present and future work to proactively integrate race



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considerations as well as cultural and social determinants into our body of work in tribal communities.

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Grand Quivera II

## **Stronger Than You Think**

Presenters: Ann Schwartz, MPH, Center for Health & Behavioral Training; Bobbi McCaffery, Center for Health & Behavioral Training

Linkage to care is one of the five core national HIV prevention strategies, yet many HIV-positive individuals are not in care. Newly diagnosed HIV positive clients may be overwhelmed with their diagnoses, concerned about whom to tell, unsure about treatment options, and overcome with stigma. These issues make it difficult for clients to identify their strengths and to appreciate the resilience that has enabled them to cope with adversity. The strengths-based approach used in the Anti-Retroviral Therapy and Access to Services (ARTAS) strategy has proven to be effective in linking clients to care. This approach is applicable not only to HIV positive clients, but to all facets of health and wellness. This workshop is designed to introduce the strengths-based approach and its applicability to a variety of health services.

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Valle Grande I

## **Leveraging Existing Navigation Models to Inform and Engage Communities in PrEP/PEP**

Presenters: Miguel Chion, MD, MPH, AIDS Project Los Angeles; Oscar Marquez, AIDS Project Los Angeles

In the last two years, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) has taken the HIV prevention field by storm. In 2014, the CDC released *PrEP for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the United States*. Also, the National HIV Strategy 2020 included PrEP among the recommended HIV prevention tools. However, communities of color and other minorities lack access to this information. This workshop will increase participant knowledge of this new bio-medical intervention and how navigators can provide guidance to interested communities.

Shared ActionHD will use interactive activities to demonstrate how to leverage existing PrEP implementation resources and the HIV/AIDS Navigation Model to create a PrEP navigation program. This model provides a blueprint for providers to assist individuals to navigate a complex medical and psychosocial system to achieve two goals: 1) Become fully engaged in PrEP services, and 2) Create self-sufficiency to identify/resolve barriers that prevent clients from becoming fully engaged in PrEP services.

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Valle Grande II

## **Why Should We Bother Using Social Media? Developing a Strategic Approach to Engage your Community in HIV Prevention and Treatment through Social Media**

Presenters: B.A. Laris, MPH, ETR; Suzanne Nash, Indigenous Peoples Task Force

Social media can be a powerful tool to support HIV prevention work in native communities. Social media enables providers to reach their audiences when, where, and how they want to receive HIV testing, prevention, and linkage to care messages. Communities, groups and organizations can easily tailor the content of social media messages to make it more appealing, relevant, trustworthy, and credible for diverse audiences. Social media can also be overwhelming, confusing, and time consuming without a clear way to know if it is a good use of time and actually helping your program. Using a specially-developed social media strategic plan template, participants will be given the opportunity to see how they can help guide and monitor their own social media efforts to support effectiveness and reach.

## **AFFINITY SESSION**

4:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Grand Quivera I

## **Communicating Information on Hepatitis C and HIV Prevention Integration**

Presenters: Hannabah Blue, MSPH, John Snow, Inc.; Arman Lorz, MHA, John Snow, Inc.

John Snow, Inc. (JSI) is funded by the CDC to provide capacity building assistance to community based organizations (CBOs). This session will provide basic information and considerations for HIV prevention organizations to integrate Hepatitis C prevention. In addition, in the coming year, JSI will be creating materials and presentations for providing this information to CBOs. Participants will be engaged in discussions to inform the information, formatting, materials and dissemination that will be most effective in reaching tribal communities.

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Chaco & Bandelier

## **WELLNESS NIGHT**

## FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

### REGISTRATION OPEN

Foyer A

7:30 am - 9:30 am

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Chaco & Bandelier

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

### SOCIAL MEDIA LAB (open except for plenaries)

Vista Norte Boardroom

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### *Stepping Out of Crisis Mode and Into Strategic Leadership*

Presenter: B.A. Laris, MPH, ETR

Grand Quivera I

The strategic health of an organization is often dependent on the leaders and their ability to embrace and support a diverse and inclusive workforce. Insuring that diverse members of the organization are being fully utilized to support the highest levels of service provision can be the difference between strategic progress and crisis management. When leaders focus on their own personal and professional development, they are able to raise the consciousness of the organization and promote the health and functioning of the workforce. When leaders take ownership, accountability, and responsibility they support equity and wellness as they build relationships and support the systems and processes to complete and measure tasks. Situational Leadership is a practical tool to support conscious leadership to adapt to specific environments and readiness of individual employees. Participants will be introduced to the foundational elements of Situational Leadership and given practical examples of how it can be applied.

9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### *Strategies for Improving Linkage and Retention in Care in Non-Urban Settings*

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

Grand Quivera II

This session will describe a framework for linking and engaging Native patients across a variety of disconnected care settings. Case managers and other health care professionals/support staff can play a vital role in achieving optimal health outcomes for HIV+ patients with challenging geographic and psychosocial situations (homelessness, substance abuse, mental health challenges).

ANTHC has demonstrated a substantial improvement in the rural vs. urban HIV Continuum of Care and improved viral suppression rates. Low tech solutions, including telemedicine, can keep patients engaged and supported and minimize need for travel care, decreasing expenses and inconvenience for the patients and the health care system. Review case scenarios around successful engagement and improvement in health decreasing health disparities between HIV+ patients getting care in a rural setting vs. urban.

9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### *Using Advocacy Language to Highlight AI/AN Prevention Priorities on the National Stage*

Presenter: Vicki Peterson, MA, Salish Kootenai College

Valle Grande I

While the National HIV/AIDS Strategy has shown promising results, there have been some unintended consequences. Funding for AI/AN has dwindled due to low infection numbers and a misunderstanding of the factors that put the AI/AN population at increased risk. Social determinants disproportionately impact AI/AN communities and increase HIV infection risk, yet are rarely acknowledged. How can we bring national attention and adequate funding to address these issues? Maybe what we have here is a communication problem. The Native voice is not being heard. This workshop will explore several strategies that will bring this voice to the table at the local and national level, wherever HIV/AIDS policies and funding are being discussed. Participants will have opportunities to craft and practice speaking up and being heard. This interactive workshop will be a fun and energetic experience in trying out different communication styles, moving through discomfort, and being heard.

9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### *Capture of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation in Health Care Encounters - It is much more than data collection*

Presenter: CDR Susan Pierce-Richards, MSN, ARNP, Indian Health Services

Valle Grande II

In 2016, the Uniformed Data System added of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in their reporting requirements. This requirement aligns with the 2015 Edition Health Information Technology (Health IT) Certification Criteria, 2015 Edition Base Electronic Health Record (EHR) Definition, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Health IT Certification Program and the Healthy People 2020 objectives for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health.

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This session is designed to provide an overview of the health disparities and risks facing LGBTQ-2S individuals, the role gender identity and sexual orientation play in health outcomes, and the importance of collected data to assess access and quality of care. The session will delve deeper into how we implement data collection in clinical workflow, if done with cultural competence and in the spirit of creating a safe and welcoming environment, can serve as a powerful intervention to reduce health risks including suicidality and improve health screening opportunities.

10:30 am - 10:45 am

## BREAK

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

*Grand Quivera I*

### **Grant Writing Tips: Prep, Organization and Celebration**

Presenters: Pamela Jumper Thurman, PhD, Council Oak Training and Evaluation, Inc.; Barbara Plested, PhD, Council Oak Training and Evaluation, Inc.

Funding your tribe or tribal organization is a challenge that often requires combat maneuvers. Writing for the grant is most often the first hurdle. Funding opportunities have become scarce today and the competition can be fierce. While this workshop doesn't guarantee that you'll be victorious, the presenters have been successful using the writing tips that will be shared with participants in this brief time together. Topics to be presented included suggestions for the initial search, really delving into that pesky funding opportunity announcement, logic modeling for the grant process (really? Yes really!), time management for stress free development of your grant, organization and "checklisting" of the final product and submission. Finally, how to handle either approval or disapproval of your product.

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

*Grand Quivera II*

### **Old School vs New School: How Media Platforms Work for HIV Prevention in Native Communities**

Presenter: Tony Aaron Fuller, Jefferson County Public Health Department

The Health Communications Office at the Jefferson County Public Health Department began almost 30 years ago. As times have changed, the office staff has increased efforts to engage diverse communities through all types of media. Health Communications has adopted fundamental social marketing strategies based on area demographics and strives to create culturally responsive

market campaigns, media releases, and messaging to meet the needs of all communities of color.

This session will give participants opportunity to explore different types of media and what could work for their communities. We will explore the value of traditional media dissemination such as news releases, newsletters, and face-to-face outreach as well as the value of social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

*Valle Grande I*

### **Are you ready to link clients to care? Core Competencies to Improve Linkage to Care**

Presenters: Erika Roca, MPH, AIDS Project Los Angeles; Oscar Marquez, AIDS Project Los Angeles

Working with High Impact Prevention (HIP) programs such as *Linkage to Care*, *Navigation services*, and *HIV testing*, organizations must be capable of engaging clients and building strong relationships with them to provide effective services. Many organizations have depended on Motivational Interviewing (MI) trainings to help increase staff skills for providing individual levels services. While MI is highly effective in some contexts such as mental health services, it does not always address all of the components that can affect client engagement in HIV services. AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) developed an interactive, skills-building training to increase the capacity of service providers who work individually with clients. The one-on-one-Core Competencies training was designed to address cultural proficiency, create rapport between client and the provider, identify barriers for engaging in services and an action plan to address barriers.

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

*Valle Grande II*

### **Going Over the Rainbow**

Presenters: Ryan Garcia, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains; Jax Sugars, TEEN'MPower

Be able to better serve LGBTQ\* youth by attending this comprehensive workshop on how to be a supportive ally put on by young professionals who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of this population. With the LGBTQ\* community having much higher rates than the general population for issues such as bullying, homelessness, depression, and suicide, it is vital that we fight the stigma and discrimination fueling these health disparities. This workshop will teach people about the components that make up a person's identities, give helpful tips,



and teach participants how to create a safe environment for LGBTQ\* youth.

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

## LUNCH

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

*Grand Quivera I*

#### ***Promising Practices to Link and Retain People Living with HIV/AIDS in Care***

Presenter: Mazdak Mazarei, Primary Care Development Corporation

Linking and retaining people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in HIV care is vital both to improve their health outcomes and to reduce HIV transmission. Participants in this workshop will hear strategies to successfully guide PLWHA across the HIV care continuum from healthcare organizations across the country serving diverse populations, including those serving Native Americans, and learn how to access resources to strengthen their own linkage and retention programs.

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

*Grand Quivera II*

#### ***Peer Education in the Land of Enchantment***

Presenters: Rebecca Jones, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains; Liza Bley, MPH, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains

This session will look at the Peer Education programs in NM and what strategies help create a successful program. The goal of this program is to build leadership skills such as creating curriculum for peer to peer educations in topics of sex ed, organizing outreach opportunities, and building community relationships. In the peer education program youth empowerment is priority. During the session we will examine the challenges that each program experienced. Participants will discuss the challenges of their own programs to find realistic strategies for success. This workshop will explore how the peer education program can build roles for young people such as community leaders, building intersectional relationships, and keeping their peers up to date with sexual health education.

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

*Valle Grande I*

#### ***Challenges and Approaches to Implementing Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)***

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

This session will describe a framework for prescribing PrEP within the primary care setting. What are the steps to making it work? Is it effective? How does PrEP fit into overall prevention strategies? What training and resources does a provider need to prescribe PrEP? What are the risks and benefits for a patient and what do patients say about using PrEP and their experience? Review case scenarios around assessing risk and prescribing PrEP.

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

*Valle Grande II*

#### ***"Sharing" - Interactive Learning Strategies***

Presenter: Niki Graham, MPH, Center for Prevention and Wellness

This session will offer participants the opportunity to learn about STD/HIV spread through hands-on interactive activity. Participants will have to identify the source patient and determine route of infections. Discussion on partner notification and strategies to address new infections.

### CLOSING PLENARY

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

#### ***The HIV/AIDS Landscape Under a New Administration***

Presenter: Shervin Aazami, National Indian Health Board; Alexander Whitetail Feather, NNAAPC; Patrick Roberts, NNAAPC

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm

*Chaco & Bandelier*

#### ***Closing Remarks and Evaluations***

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

**Shervin Aazami****National Indian Health Board**

After serving on detail with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) for one year as a Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Associate, Shervin recently became employed full-time with NIHB as a Public Health Project Coordinator. Shervin currently works on a variety of behavioral health projects including substance abuse and suicide prevention, HIV/AIDS, and chronic disease prevention in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. Prior to joining NIHB, Shervin was the HIV Screening Coordinator for the District of Columbia Department of Health. He continues to volunteer for several public health non-profits in the D.C. area conducting HIV and STI testing and risk reduction counseling, syringe exchange and referral services, and helping run a national hotline for sex workers and drug users. Shervin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Clinical Psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Christopher Bates, MPA**

Christopher Bates grew up in Philadelphia, attended high school in Miami, and received his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Michigan and his MPA at Southeastern University in Washington, D.C. He has served on numerous agency boards, committees and commissions, globally and locally. For 10 years, Bates traveled the nation as deputy director in the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, promoting the federal government's policies and prevention plan for HIV/AIDS. Retiring from his role at the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, Bates returned to Florida and accepted a position with the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, with the primary responsibility of developing men's health, wellness and prevention programs. Just recently retired for the second time, Bates continues his role as the administrator for the congressionally appropriated funds for the Minority AIDS Initiative.

**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.

**Liza Bley, MPH****Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains**

Liza Bley is an Education Program Manager with Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, in Albuquerque, NM. she works with local organizations, businesses, and schools in order to deliver developmentally appropriate sex education to audiences of all ages in and around the Albuquerque area. Liza is also the founder and co-editor of Not You Mother's Meatloaf: A Sex Ed Comic Book (NYMM) with Saiya Miller. NYMM began as a contribution based zine project in NYC that reached six issues and featured comics from artists all over the world. Liza and Saiya went on tour with NYMM in 2013 when Soft Skull Press published it as a book that included past comics and new material. While not working in the field of sex education, Liza organizes Albuquerque Zine Fest and plays music with multiple bands. Liza spends an extensive amount of time cuddling her pit bull, Pegasus. She earned her BA from Eugene Lang College the New School for Liberal Arts in NYC and her MPH from the University of New Mexico. Liza is committed to working with youth to improve the health of their communities.

**Hannabah Blue, MSPH****John Snow, Inc.**

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.

## **Miguel Chion, MD, MPH**

### **AIDS Project Los Angeles**

Dr. Miguel Chion is currently the Associate Director of HIV Access and Community Based Services at APLA Health and the Director of the Capacity Building Department. He oversees Shared ActionHD, a national CBA program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide services to health departments; and the HOPWA training for Housing Specialists in Los Angeles County. Dr. Chion has been working in the HIV/AIDS field for more than 20 years, and is an expert in prevention to diverse high risk communities. He has received his MD in Perú and his MPH in health services from UCLA. He has extensive evaluation experience throughout his career, and in 2004 he started the first capacity building program at APLA. Since then, Dr. Chion has successfully lead three CDC cooperative agreements for capacity building. He developed a capacity building model-framework and other tools used to provide services. He led the development of a new capacity building platform: Facilitated Planning Process, the HIV Navigation model and the PrEP Navigation Model. He has conducted presentation at USCA and the National HIV Prevention Conference in topics

related to Condom Distribution as Structural Intervention, Navigation, PrEP Navigation and other prevention interventions. Under Dr. Chion lead, Shared ActionHD-APLA provided trainings and technical assistance to health departments and other organizations to increase capacity for linkage to care, retention, engagement/re-engagement, treatment adherence, HIV navigation, PrEP Navigation Behavioral Interventions and Condom Distribution.

## **Jacqueline Coleman, MEd, MSM**

### **NMAC**

Jacqueline Coleman, M.ED, MSM, Director of the Leadership Pipeline and the Youth Initiative at NMAC has extensive experience as a technical advisor and senior program manager. Her professional portfolio includes workforce development, organizational & change management, and program design. Jacqueline is known for innovative facilitation and training of professionals in leadership and public health. She is a two-term Board Chair for a global agency based in Toronto, Ontario; ICASO Network. Named after Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, JC enjoys traveling, antique shopping, meeting diverse people and mentoring emerging leaders. She is also a vintage automobile enthusiast and decorator. Her motto is 'Addressing the Quest for Excellence.'

## **Tony Aaron Fuller**

### **Jefferson County Public Health Department**

Tony Aaron Fuller is the Public Engagement Coordinator for the Health Communications office at the Jefferson County Public Health Department. Jefferson County serves surrounding communities in the Denver Metro area as well as mountain communities west of Denver. Tony is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a BA in Journalism and a BS in Health Education. Tony has worked in different areas of HIV care and prevention since 2009, for two years Tony was the Social Marketing Specialist for the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center. In his current role, Tony oversees social media and media relations for JCPH. Tony was born and raised on the Colville Indian Reservation and has continued to represent a Native voice in a wide range of public health platforms.

## **Ryan Garcia**

### **Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains**

Ryan Garcia is the Education Manager for Durango, Colorado's Responsible Sex Education Institute. Ryan has spent his professional career as a community health worker that specializes in infectious disease, sexual health education, LGBTQIA\* issues,



and working with diverse populations. Ryan received his Bachelor of Community Health from New Mexico State University. He graduated as the Alumni Association Distinguished Scholar for the College of Health and Social Services and received the CCK Award for Excellence in Service for his work as staff with LGBT+ Programs. Upon graduation, he worked in the field of HIV prevention in Las Cruces then later Albuquerque, NM: empowering people to be in control of their health and wellness. Ryan currently sits as Vice Chair for both the 4 Corners Alliance for Diversity and the 4 Corners Rainbow Youth Group. Ryan's priority in this world is to support, educate, and validate those he encounters throughout life.

### **Savannah Gene**

**Albuquerque 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 *T'izitáni* (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.

### **Niki Graham, MPH**

**Center for Prevention and Wellness**

Niki Graham (Salish) is the Director of the Center for Prevention and Wellness for Salish Kootenai College. As a native of the Flathead Indian Reservation, she is known for her ability as a motivational educator in developing creative techniques to reach women and adolescents at risk. Her altruistic nature enables her to inspire and empower individuals to realize their fullest potential on their journey to self-discovery. Equipped with an extensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS and STDs, Niki has been responsible for the management of numerous grant-funded programs for the past

twelve years. Programming includes HIV prevention, rapid testing, and medical provider training for HIV and HCV, Rape Prevention Education, Campus SaVE Act, substance use, mental health and wellness. Currently, the program is funded by 6 federal agencies. Niki earned her Masters in Public Health in May of 2014. She is committed to community and recently completed serving for six years on the board of the Montana HIV Community Planning Group; four of which she acted as co-chair. She has worked at SKC since 2004 prior she taught in the public school system students from 7-12 grade.

### **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 is a Program Specialist at Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico, and has been with them since August 2015. She has taught at numerous locations within her community of Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Becki teaches a variety of lessons, but specializes in the ¡Cuídate! Curriculum. She has an after school program with NACA students which is known as the Peer Education program. Becki is a member with many organizations such as the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. When she is not teaching sexual health education, she is attending school and hanging out with her animals. Becki is very passionate about her job and her community.

## **Carolyn Kualii**

**Kua'aina Associates**

Carolyn Kualii is of Native Hawaiian and Mescalero Apache ancestry and had the great fortune to be raised by her maternal grandmother Kaena Kualii. She is a graduate of the School of Social Science at University of California, Irvine and has an Executive Leadership Certificate in *Principles of Leading Transformational Nonprofit* from the University of Norte Dame. In 1993, Carolyn developed one of the first Native HIV case management programs, funded by the Ryan White CARE Act, Special Projects of National Significance. Her work includes: Member of both the State of Hawai'i and California Community Planning Group, board member for the State of Hawaii's Community Health Outreach Work to Prevent AIDS, and in 2002, joined the capacity building team at the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center and in 2006, she helped developed the National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Carolyn is a consultant and a lifelong advocate for PLWHA.

## **B.A. Laris, MPH**

**ETR**

B.A. Laris, MPH, has been working in HIV prevention since the early 1990s across the US and in Africa providing direct service, outreach, training, technical assistance and capacity building assistance. She has worked with ETR for over 17 years and is been passionate in her role as a CDC-funded CBA provider for many years with ETR's Tabono Project and Community Impact Solutions Project. She focuses on providing CBA and training related to the strategic use of social media, monitoring and evaluation, retention and recruitment, organizational development, and linkage to care. She is experienced planning, developing and coordinating evaluation activities in a variety of settings. She has worked with native communities in Wisconsin and Minnesota to support their programs' shift to high impact prevention. BA has been an active member of the National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Committee for the past 3 years.

## **Arman Lorz**

**John Snow, Inc.**

Arman Lorz has a rich history coordinating various successful research projects, working with experts on controversial issues, and working with numerous hard-to-reach populations in the U.S. since the early 2000s. His expertise includes coordinating project activities, developing survey guides, performing key stakeholder interviews, and conducting focus groups. His front-line experience working in the nonprofit arena provides him with a keen

understanding of challenges health departments, clinics, and community-based organizations face related to reaching at-risk and other hard-to-reach populations, implementing high-impact HIV strategies, and promoting interventions. His personal and professional experience has created a deep understanding within him of the motivating determinants of behaviors, attitudes, and perspectives within hard-to-reach populations that can be used to shape prevention and treatment approaches. Mr. Lorz has contributed to several state-wide research projects conducting interviews and focus groups across the U.S. in both English and Spanish.

## **Oscar Marquez**

**AIDS Project Los Angeles**

Oscar Marquez has worked in the HIV Prevention Field since 2002 and joined AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) in 2006. Before coming to APLA, he worked for four years at another community based organization where he successfully implemented Prevention Case Management (CRCS), HIV testing and counseling, Group Level Interventions, Individual Level Interventions, and Recruitment, among other services. At APLA, he worked as the Program Coordinator for the L.A. County funded capacity building program and also worked as a Capacity Building Coordinator for the preceding CDC capacity building assistance (CBA) programs, Shared Action and Shared ActionHD. Mr. Marquez currently works as the CBA Resource Development Manager for Shared Action HD under the supervision of the Associate Director of CBA programs. He oversees the development, implementation and quality assurance of new technologies (e.g., website, online trainings, educational materials).

## **Mazdak Mazarei**

**Primary Care Development Center**

Mazdak Mazarei, Senior Project Manager with the Primary Care Development Corporation's HIP in Healthcare program, has more than fifteen years' experience providing capacity-building assistance services nationally, all rooted in his experience providing direct HIV services at AIDS service organizations and a local health department in the San Francisco Bay Area. At PCDC, Mazdak has co-led a national HIV training and technical assistance project as part of the HRSA-funded National Center for HIV Care in Minority Communities. Previously, he served as an HIV Program Manager with the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum and as a member of the San Francisco HIV Prevention Planning Council and the Office of Minority Health Resource Center's Capacity Building Advisory Board.

**Bobbi McCaffery****Center for Health & Behavioral Training**

Bobbi McCaffery is Co-Coordinator of the Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) program at the University of Rochester's Center for Health and Behavioral Training (CHBT), in Rochester, New York. UR-CHBT is funded by the CDC to deliver HIV prevention training and technical assistance for state/jurisdictional health departments. Bobbi has worked in the HIV prevention field for 20 years, and has developed and co-developed national CBA projects including curriculum development, technical consultation, technical assistance and training for state and jurisdictional health departments across the US for more than seven years.

**Suzanne Nash****Indigenous Peoples Task Force**

Suzanne Nash (Ojibwe) has worked in Tobacco control for 13 years and is a LAAMP Alumnae and in her 2nd year as Policy Champion. Suzanne has facilitated and coordinated tobacco cessation, education and policy work with 11 tribes in Minnesota and the urban area. She has worked at Indigenous Peoples Task Force for close to 15 years, as a Tobacco Program Manager, Housing Director, Medical Case Management Supervisor and as a Youth Coordinator for the *Waybingay* Curriculum (focusing on tobacco prevention, cessation and alcohol and drugs). For the past 10 years, Suzanne has organized and facilitated statewide conferences around tobacco, cultural teachings, traditional foods, environmental issues and policy work. Suzanne organized and facilitated the Seeds Network Council in planning and budgeting for this conference (a gathering for adults and youth to learn about sacred medicines, growing traditional foods and how to care for our environment).

**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.

**Kimberly Parker, PhD**

Dr. Kimberly Parker is an Associate Professor at Texas Woman's University. She has earned a PhD from the University of Georgia's College of Public Health, a MPH from the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina, and is a Master Certified Health Education Specialist. Dr. Parker conducts qualitative and mixed-methods research on women and minority health issues and currently serves as the Principle Investigator for several research projects. Her primary studies are "Be-PrEPared," "Lend Us Your Voice" Project, a qualitative study which examines the lived experience of HIV positive African American women in the South, and the HIV risk assessment study which examines multiple variables associated with contracting HIV, social vulnerabilities, and HIV risk perceptions among African American women. She has also spearheaded several public health curriculum design and evaluation projects related to HIV prevention and women's health issues. Dr. Parker has written several manuscripts on HIV/AIDS, the intersection of race and gender, and minority health issues, and has served as a guest columnist for the Dallas Morning News and The Body. Her research interest includes social sexual factors that influence HIV transmission and health disparities among vulnerable populations.

**Vicki Peterson, MA****Salish Kootenai College**

Vicki Peterson has returned to Salish Kootenai College and the Tribal BEAR Project after an absence of eight years. She left SKC to accept a position with National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) as the Regional Training Coordinator. Her responsibilities included: coordinating all aspects of agency's regional training program to develop training topics, materials, locate training partner sites, make logistical arrangements and ensured high quality services to meet the need of the recipients; prepared and delivered several conference presentations; composed articles for NNAAPC newsletter on relevant topics; delivered capacity building assistance to agencies



# SPEAKERS

as assigned; achieved trainer status on several CDC evidence based interventions: Safety Counts, Popular Opinion Leader, and Community Promise. While in Denver, she attended the University of Denver and completed her undergraduate degree in Communication Arts, and a Master's Degree in Organizational and Professional Communication, specializing in Alternative Conflict Resolution. She also completed a Certificate in Advanced Study: Organizational Development, Training, and Learning, and is currently enrolled in another Certificate program: Philanthropic Leadership, which she will complete the summer of 2017.

## **Barbara Plested, PhD**

### **Council Oak Training and Evaluation, Inc.**

Barbara Plested, Ph.D., is Affiliate Faculty at Colorado State University, and co-owner of Council Oak Training and Evaluation, Inc., a female and American Indian owned company. She has worked in the provision of services to a variety of populations, and served as Director of a jail-based program in Detroit, Michigan. She has thirty years of experience, serving both as an administrator as well as a therapist in the fields of HIV/AIDS, mental health and substance abuse in addition to 25 years of research experience. She serves as an evaluator and grant writer for several Native American programs and is co-author and co-developer of the Community Readiness Model (CRM). She has conducted community research and evaluation using the CRM on a variety of issues and has utilized it in over 5,000 communities in all fifty states, Italy, Israel, Canada and 44 other countries.

## **CDR Susan Pierce-Richards, MSN, ARNP**

### **Indian Health Services**

CDR Pierce-Richards is a Commissioned Officer in the United States Public Health Service and has served in Indian Health Service for over 12 years. She is currently assigned to the Indian health Service (IHS) Office of Information Technology (OIT) as the Supervisory Informatics Program Manager. She received her Bachelor of Science in 1996 from Johnson State College and Master of Science in Nursing in 1999 from MGH Institute of Health Professions. She is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing program at University of Colorado, Denver with an expected graduation of May 2018. She joined the USPHS in 2004 and was assigned to the Yakama Service Unit as a Nurse Practitioner. She then led the EHR Implementation at the Yakama Service Unit. She served as its Clinical Applications Coordinator and Nurse Practitioner from 2005-2008 before joining the IHS National EHR Project team as a Clinical Informaticist. From 2008 to 2016, she served as the federal lead for the Electronic Health Record, decision support applications as well as the IHS

terminology program which she established, led development and managed in support of the certification efforts for Meaningful Use 2014. She was deeply involved in the analysis, development, and implementation of Meaningful Use 2011, 2014, SNOMED and ICD-10 implementation. She continued part time clinical practice at the Yakama Service Unit. She moved into her current role as Supervisory Informatics Program Manager in July 2016.

## **Patrick Roberts**

### **National Native American AIDS Prevention Center**

Patrick Roberts is a Native American of Hopi descent and functions as the Health Policy Fellow with the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) and Caring Ambassadors. Patrick has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area and has worked in the biotechnology industry and the university setting for over 25 years. He has previous experience advocating health needs in order to facilitate care of underserved populations through Kaiser Permanente San Francisco, Genentech, Inc., the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), and Acerta Pharma. As a Native American, Patrick felt he had to use his spiritual connection to aid in the assistance of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C communities and started volunteering his service to local HIV/AIDS and LGBT organizations. In 2016, Patrick returned to Denver, Co. to apply his professional talents toward hepatitis C community outreach strategies to help improve the health and well-being of American Indian/Alaskan Natives.

## **Erika Roca, MPH**

### **AIDS Project Los Angeles**

Erika Roca started working in the HIV/AIDS field in 2010 as a volunteer, then completed her internship in Client Services at APLA in 2014 and has now permanently joined the APLA team as Capacity Building Assistance Advisor. As a CBA Advisor and, under the supervision of the CBA Services' Manager, Erika is responsible for providing capacity building services, such as trainings and technical assistance to health departments nationwide. Ms. Roca received her Master's in Public Health with an emphasis in HIV/AIDS and Community Health Education in 2015.

## **Kiera Sandoval**

### **Native America Community Academy**

Kiera Sandoval is a high school student at the Native America Community Academy, located in Albuquerque, NM where she is a

student athlete and member of the Youth Council. Kiera is currently a junior and recently completed her Early Care Education and Family Support certificate through CNM. She is Diné and San Felipe Pueblo and embraces culture through singing, dancing, and participating in cultural events in her pueblo and Diné tribes. Over the years, Keira has developed many talents; one of those is singing hand drum songs. She has performed in her school talent show and for sponsors such as the Kellogg Foundation. Her educational goal is to work with children as an occupational therapist or art therapist.

**Ann Schwartz, MPH**  
Center for Health & Behavioral Training

Ann Schwartz is Co-coordinator of the Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) program at the University of Rochester's Center for Health and Behavioral Training (CHBT), in Rochester, New York. CHBT is funded by the CDC to deliver HIV prevention training and technical assistance for state/jurisdictional health departments. Ann has developed and co-developed national curricula including Couples HIV Testing & Counseling (CHTC), Anti-Retroviral Treatment and Access to Services (ARTAS), and PrEP Counseling Skills.

**Jax Sugars**  
TEEN'MPower

Jax Sugars received his Bachelor's in Forensic Science with an emphasis in Biology from Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU). He currently works as the Program Coordinator for TEEN'MPower, which is a program focused on HIV prevention and community building for LGBTQ+ youth, ages 13-18, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jax is also a Board Member of the Albuquerque Chapter of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network), and a speaker and presenter for the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico. Jax's goal is to promote a strong community of LGBTQ+ youth and allies who can gain support from their peers, where youth can educate and promote safer sex practices within their peer groups, and to provide a safe place for LGBTQ+ youth to gather, learn, and grow together as a community.

**Pamela Jumper Thurman, PhD**  
Council Oak Training and Evaluation, Inc.

Pamela Jumper Thurman, Ph.D., a Western Cherokee, is Senior Affiliate Faculty at Colorado State University and co-owner of Council Oak Training and Evaluation, Inc., a female and American Indian owned company. She has 35 years of experience in provision of substance misuse and mental health direct services,

research, evaluation, grant writing, and provision of HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Assistance. She is a co-developer and co-author of the Community Readiness Model and has applied the model in over 5,000 communities throughout the US as well as over 44 communities internationally. She leads the annual launch of National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, funded by ETR and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She is the co-editor of the recently published book, *Cherokee National Treasures: In their own words...* and has published extensively on a variety of topics in various books, chapters and journals.

**Thuan Tran, MPA, MA**  
Hennepin County Health Department

Thuan M. Tran has spent the last 20 years working in non-profit and advocacy for marginalized communities, focusing on communities of color that are disproportionately affected by poverty and lacking access to health care. Eighteen of those years were specific to HIV prevention and care services programs. Along with the knowledge he has gained from direct community involvement, he brings with him a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Minor in Ethnic Studies from University of California, Riverside and coursework in the Master of Arts in Asian American Studies with an emphasis on Public Policy from the University of California, Los Angeles. He also received his Masters in Public and Non-Profit Administration from MetroState University. Some of the highlights from his twenty years of experience working with and within communities of color around HIV related work include: starting the first HIV prevention program culturally specific to Asian and Pacific Islanders in Orange County, California; collaborate with community leaders, gain funding, and provided technical assistance to an African American Community Mobilization Project in Orange County, California; received an Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) Award for Outstanding Men's Health Program in 2001. In addition, Thuan spoke at the first and second Banyan Tree Project: a national API HIV/AIDS Awareness event in both Orange County, California and Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also played a pivotal role in the MDH 2008 Prevention Process and getting high risk heterosexual Asian Pacific Islanders prioritized and funded for HIV prevention in MN. His commitment to learning from and working with communities of color to reduce barriers to accessing services as well as HIV transmission is reflected in his extensive and growing experience in grassroots and advocacy work.

**Alexander Whitetail Feather**  
National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

# SPEAKERS

Alexander White Tail Feather is a member of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, Stewarts Point Rancheria, in California. He is currently the Executive Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) in Denver, Colorado. Mr. White Tail Feather graduated from Rocky Mountain College with a B.A. in English Literature, and received his MBA from the University of Phoenix. Mr. White Tail Feather was raised on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana.

## **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 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.

## **Dominick Zurlo, MA**

**New Mexico Department of Health**

Dominick Zurlo, M.A. Educational Psychology has been working in the substance use and infectious disease fields for over 25 years. He is currently the Hepatitis and Harm Reduction Program Manager for the NM Department of Health, and is a PhD candidate in the Educational Psychology program at the University of New Mexico, specializing in the development, implementation, and evaluation of harm reduction educational programs. He started by working at UNM CASAA, the University of New Mexico Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions. He then worked or volunteered with several different community organizations working with marginalized populations, most notably with Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, where he managed the Harm Reduction Outreach team. During this time, he first became involved in national policy and advocacy initiatives for improving the lives of those who injected

substances. He began working at the NM Department of Health in 2008, and since then, has been instrumental in expanding the availability of hepatitis prevention, syringe services, and overdose prevention in New Mexico, and nationally.



The #2017COH Exhibit & Vendor booths will be set-up in the foyer outside of the session ballrooms. Participants are encouraged to access engage exhibitors to garner additional information about services and opportunities. Also featured in the Exhibit Hall are several Arts and Crafts booths showcasing the work of local artisans whose crafts are available for purchase.

## ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

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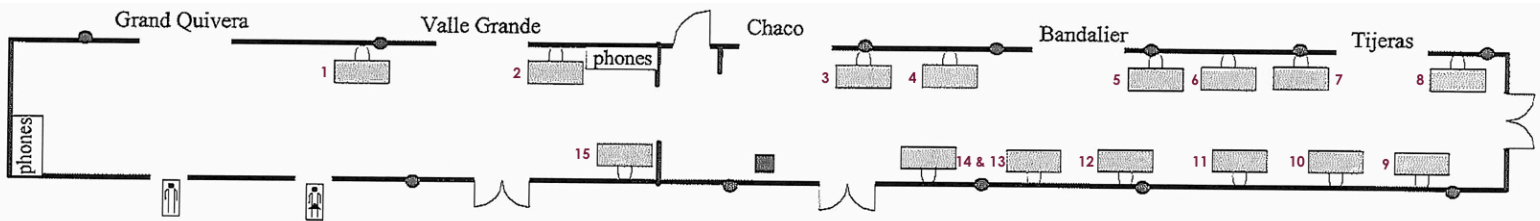
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