

New Decade, Different Generation, Same Disease: Our People, Our Future

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#### Monday, April 18, 2011

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Grand Foyer Entrance

Registration

**COH Committee Members** 

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Board Room

#### Kory R. Montoya Scholarship Recipient Orientation

Mattee Jim - First Nations Community Healthsource

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Rio Grande and Bosque Room

**Talking Circles** 

Patrick Trujillo and Marie R. Kirk

#### Tuesday, April 19, 2011

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Grand Foyer Entrance

Registration

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Grand Fover

**Continental Breakfast** 

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Grand Ballroom C

#### **Mistress of Ceremony Address**

Mattee Jim - First Nations Community Healthsource

#### **Opening Drum Song**

Rock'N Nation

Anpao Duta Flying Earth

Native American Community Academy

#### **Posting of Colors**

Isleta Pueblo Veterans

#### Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Grand Ballroom C

#### Blessing/Welcome

Michelle Gomez, M.S.
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.
Board of Directors

#### **AAIHB, Inc. Executive Director Address**

Nancy Martine-Alonzo
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.
Executive Director

#### Housekeeping

Ayn N. Whyte, M.S. Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Manager Circle of Harmony Conference Coordinator

> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Grand Ballroom C Plenary Session

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

#### **HIV/AIDS Epidemiology**

#### Among American Indians/ Alaska Natives

Kelly Gallagher, Ph.D. and Terry Bryant, M.S.
New Mexico Department of Health
HIV Epidemiology Department

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

## Indian Health Service National HIV/AIDS Program Update and Discussion

Lisa Neel, MPH - Indian Health Service

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

#### National Native HIV/AIDS Coalition Roundtable Discussion

Melvin Harrison, Navajo AIDS Network Inc. Pamela Jumper-Thurman, Ph.D. - CA7AE- HAPP

#### Tuesday, April 19, 2011

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Grand Ballroom C Networking Lunch

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Breakout Sessions

Rio Grande

#### **HIV Prevention Track**

#### **Building Your Interactive Tool**

Niki Graham, B.A. - Salish Kootenai College Alana Bahe, B.S. - Salish Kootenai College

Bosque

#### Youth Track

#### **Decolonization as a Prevention Strategy**

Randle Charles - Santa Fe Mountain Center Nicole Lovato - Santa Fe Mountain Center Robert Sturm, M.A. -NM Community AIDS Partnership

Manzano

#### **HIV Service Track**

HIV Services offered by
AIDS Education & Training Centers in the US
and the Tribal BEAR Project in Washington State,
Oregon, Montana & Idaho

Jutta Riediger -Safety & Health Alliance, Inc. South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

Sunrise

#### Substance Use Track

Using Strengths-Based Approaches to Engage Clients in HIV Care

Marla A. Corwin, LCSW, CAC III
University of Colorado

Mountain Plains AIDS Education & Training Center

#### Tuesday, April 19, 2011

3:15 PM - 4:45 PM **Breakout Sessions** 

Rio Grande

**HIV Prevention Track** 

Transforming Challenges into Change: Readiness & HIV Prevention

Barbara Plested, Ph.D. - CA7AE - HAPP Martha Burnside, B.A. - CA7AE - HAPP

#### **Sacred Beings:**

Results of Community Assessments & Strategies on Curbing HIV Risk for Native Women

Hannabah Blue, B.A. National Native AIDS Awareness &
Prevention Center (NNAAPC)

**Bosque** 

Youth Track

How to Provide HIV Prevention Services to Youth in Areas or Communities of Limited Resources

Kayla Walker, MAMA Knows, Inc.

Manzano

**HIV Service Track** 

Cutting to the Chase - How to Succeed in Getting SSI/SSDI for Native Communities

Daniel Fortuño -Benefits Education Center

Sunrise

Substance Use Track

Working with Active Drug Users: Utilizing a Holistic Approach for HIV/AIDS Prevention

Matt Ignacio, M.S.S.W

#### Wednesday, April 20, 2011

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Grand Foyer Entrance Registration

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Isleta Lakes

**Circle of Harmony AIDS Walk** 

Buses will Shuttle - Meet at hotel entrance

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Grand Foyer

Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Kory R. Montoya Tribute

Film by Kayne R. Whyte - Junior Native American Community Academy

8:45 AM - 12:00 PM Grand Ballroom C Plenary Session

8:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions & Evidence-Based Interventions

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center Ongoing Efforts

Mary Helen Deer - NNAAPC Alexander White Tailfeather - NNAAPC

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Grand Ballroom B

**Lunch Presentation - Self-Care & Burnout** 

Jimmy Schrock, B.S. - New Mexico AIDS Services

#### Wednesday, April 20, 2011

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM **Breakout Sessions** 

Rio Grande

**HIV Prevention Track** 

HOPE Continutes for Native Women: Native Women Honoring an Opportunity to Prevent and Empower

Niki Graham, B.A.- Salish Kootenai College Mary Pepion-Racine - Salish Kootenai College

NIZHONI SISTA: Positive Change for the Future of Native Transgender Women

Stella Martin - NMDOH Jeremy Yazzie - NAN, Inc.

Bosque

Youth Track

Back to the 101 Future: Innovative HIV 101 Strategies for Native American Audiences

Brent Herrea, B.A. - NMDOH Tony Escudero, J.D. - NMDOH

Manzano

**HIV Service Track** 

**Aging with HIV** 

Robert Munk, Ph.D. - AIDS InfoNet

Sunrise

Substance Use Track

Harm Reduction in Indian Country: What's Taking So Long?

Vicki Peterson - NNAAPC

#### Wednesday, April 20, 2011

3:15 PM - 4:45 PM **Breakout Session** 

Rio Grande

**HIV Prevention Track** 

Take the Test: HIV Screening

Elaine Thomas, MD

New Mexico AIDS Education and Training

Strengthening the Circle: Curriculum Developed by Native Americans for HIV Prevention

Elton Naswood, M.A.– Red Circle Project Michelle Enfield - Red Circle Project

Bosque

Youth Track

**HIV and Hepatitis C Prevention** 

Lucinda Yates, RN - University of New Mexico Connie Fassler, RN B.S. - Project ECHO

Manzano

**HIV Service Track** 

**Aromatherapy:** 

The use of Essential Oils, Dry Herbs and Energy Healing to Reduce Stress and Manage Pain

Elise Redd

Sheila B. Nanaeto

Sunrise

Substance Use Track

Harm Reduction, Healing, and Coping in the Meantime: The Braid of Substance Use/Abuse, HIV/AIDS, and Trauma Survival

Judy Weiser, R. Psych., A.T.R - Photo Therapy Centre

#### Thursday, April 21, 2011

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Grand Foyer Entrance Registration

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Grand Foyer

Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Grand Ballroom C

Plenary Session

Panel Discussions

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM **People Living With HIV/AIDS Panel** 

> Lisa Tiger Bob Pevo Isadore Boni

9:45 AM - 11:30 AM **Transgender Panel** 

Renae Grey Raven Livingston Chaz Joe

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Grand Ballroom B

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Mattee Jim -First Nations Community Healthsource

**2011 COH Awards Presentation**Marie R. Kirk

#### Thursday, April 21, 2011

Lunch Entertainment Indigie Femme Tash Terry Elena Higgins



Closing Blessing
Nancy Martine - Alonzo
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.
Board of Directors Chairperson

Closing Drum Song
Rock'N Nation
Anpao Duta Flying Earth

Native American Community Academy

Thank you for attending the

10th Annual Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness
Conference!!!
See you in 2013!!!



#### 2011 Circle of Harmony Conference Presenters

Alana Bahe, B.S. (Diné) was born in Colorado Springs, CO & moved to Missoula, Montana shortly thereafter. She grew up in Missoula where she started her University of Montana experience enrolled in the summer sports program for many summers. Alana's senior year at Hellgate High School she decided to attend Montana State University for Health Promotion. After three years at MSU she transferred to The University of Montana in Applied Health Science. During her senior year she had an opportunity to work with the Prevention Task Force at Salish Kootenai College for her internship. The Prevention Task Force offers free and anonymous HIV testing, educates about HIV/AIDS, STD/I's; & addresses other issues that relate to Native peoples. As a health educator for the Salish Kootenai College & surrounding community she has had the opportunity to engage in multiple trainings including training to become a certified HIV Counselor & Tester. She has completed a comprehensive Resource Directory of the Flathead area. After completing her internship & graduating in May of 2009 she was offered a full time job with the Prevention Task Force where she is currently a Program Coordinator.

Hannabah Blue, B.A. (Diné) has worked for the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center since February 2009, as a Capacity Building Assistance Specialist. Hannabah came from NY1 News, a 24 hour news station in New York City, where she worked as an Assignment Editor, Researcher, Photojournalist and Field Producer for over a year. She graduated with a double major in Broadcast Journalism & Gender and Sexuality Studies from New York University. Hannabah has held many positions where she has drawn attention to cultural diversity and the different issues affecting races. She was an Office Assistant for the Center for Multicultural Education & Programs, where she assisted in promoting diversity on campus. She served as the Founder and President of the Native American Club at NYU. She was also a Research Assistant for a Professor at the School of Social Work, where she compiled data on such topics as poverty, homelessness & HIV/AIDS. Hannabah also interned in the Communications Department of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force & at CBS News, where she worked on news inserts for the Logo channel. Hannabah grew up on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico & has been actively involved as a participant, officer and supporter of Native-specific programming & advocacy. Hannabah is currently a Colorado cohort First Nations Development Institute LEAD fellow for Native American nonprofit sector leaders.

**Terry Bryant, M.S.** is the HIV & Hepatitis Epidemiology Program Manager at the New Mexico Department of Health. Terry is responsible for all HIV surveillance projects at the Department, including core surveillance activities such as case reporting & investigation. Terry works to ensure regular communication with HIV surveillance partners including the HIV Community Planning & Action Group (CPAG), the Ryan White consortia & other partners throughout New Mexico. Terry has an extensive background in public health at the state and local level; he has been with the HIV and Hepatitis Epidemiology Program since January 2010.

Martha Burnside, B.A. (Sac & Fox) is a Research Associate III at CA7AE; Commitment to Action for 7th Generation Awareness & Education (CA7AE) in the Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University. She has worked in Native communities for over 15 years in the fields of substance abuse & treatment as well as HIV/AIDS prevention. Martha serves as the CBA Coordinator/Community Liaison & is also a Community Readiness trainer with the CA7AE. This project provides capacity building assistance (CBA) to organizations/tribes/ethnic communities in an effort to strengthen prevention & intervention efforts & increase early detection for HIV/AIDS infection. This project is funded by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Martha graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico & received her BA from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Martha is a published poet & an enrolled voting member of the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma.

Randle Charles, A.A. (Oneida) is a member of the Oneida Nation from the sovereign territory of the Oneida of the Thames. Mr. Charles attended Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada for Native Studies for three years before transferring to the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Arts from IAIA in 2007. Mr. Charles has been involved in Experiential & Adventure Education for 17 years with various organizations such as Synergia, a residential program for severe learning disabled children, Outward Bound Canada, and Camino de Paz, a Montessori farm school. He has been with the Santa Fe Mountain Center for 8 years as a part of the Emergence Program, & has been an integral part in developing the Community Mobilization Project, an Indigenous-based social change model. Currently, he is a Project Coordinator & facilitator for the Emergence Therapeutic Adventure Programs. He recently returned after taking a year long sabbatical at Hawk Circle Wilderness Survival Education Center where he served in the position of Camp Director.

Marla A. Corwin, LCSW, CAC III is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker & a Certified Addictions Counselor. She is an Instructor in the University of Colorado's School of Medicine, where she is in her ninth year as Clinical Education Coordinator for the Mountain Plains AIDS Education & Training Center (MPAETC). She designs HIV education materials & conducts training sessions on Substance Abuse, HIV Risk Assessment, Risk Reduction & Prevention, Sexual History Taking, Suicide, Motivational Interviewing, & Grief and Loss. Prior to her current position, Marla spent 11 years counseling HIV-infected clients in a substance abuse treatment facility, & a number of years as a hospice volunteer. She is a California transplant, who loves living in Colorado.

Mary Helen Deer (Kiowa/Muscogee), earned a degree as a Registered Nurse from Bellin Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She has worked as a health consultant to various tribes on health management and quality assurance issues, and has provided a variety of trainings on HIV/AIDS and other health issues facing Native Americans. She has also worked as a health administrator, health planner, health educator and advocate for healthy Indian communities. Ms. Deer served 17 years as the Executive Director for two urban Indian outpatient clinics and one residential treatment center. Ms. Deer also worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Health as the Director of the Office

of Primary Care, Program Coordinator for the National Indian Women's Health Resource Center in Oklahoma, and as the Program Director for the Native American International Caucus of the United Methodist Church based in Oklahoma City. She currently works as a health trainer and consultant to tribes and Indian organizations.

Michelle Enfield (Diné) is of the Red Running Into the Water people Clan (Tachii'nii), born for the Black Streak Wood People clan (Tsi'naajinii), her maternal grandfather's clan is of the Water Flow Together clan (To'aheedliinii), her paternal grandfather's clan is of the Bitter Water clan (Todich'ii'nii). She is originally from Lukachukai, Arizona but now resides in Los Angeles, California. Ms. Enfield has attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico; & Diné Community College in Tsaile, Arizona studying Fine Arts. Currently, she is at Los Angeles Community College studying Humanities as a UCLA transfer student. Working with the Los Angeles homeless youth since 2008 has given her a first-hand experience of working with underprivileged populations. In 2009, she began volunteering as an HIV test counselor & began her career working with underserved populations at risk for HIV infection. Currently, she is a Training Specialist with the Red Circle Project at AIDS Project Los Angeles & works specifically with the Native American population; by providing HIV education, support & referrals.

Tony P. Escudero, J.D. is a Native Las Vegan, is currently the Health Educator for the New Mexico Department of Health, Infectious Disease Program. As an advocate in the prevention of HIV/AIDS for 25 years, Tony currently facilitates various outreach efforts throughout Northern New Mexico, providing education in HIV, STDs & Viral Hepatitis at various correctional facilities, substance & alcohol treatment centers, & to other high risk populations. He also facilitates various trainings to healthcare professionals in HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Services, HIV Rapid Testing, and Peer Education. Among his professional affiliations, Tony has served on the NM Board of Nursing, NM Cabinet on Child Advocacy, NM Governor's Task Force on AIDS, NM Statewide Community Planning & Action Group, NM Regional Community Planning & Action Group, the PWLH/A Disbursement Committee, & the NM Citizen's Review Board. A graduate of New Mexico Highlands University, Tony holds two B.A.s, one in Political Science & History & the second in Mass Communications & Public Information. He also has a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.

**Connie Fassler, RN B.S.** has been in health related fields since she was a teenager. Her nursing background includes; medical intensive care unit clinical nursing, administrative supervisor, unit director, nurse researcher, nurse educator, and community outreach. Connie is currently in graduate school working on a dual master's degree in nursing and health care administration. She is also the very active proud mother of 5 children ranging in age from six to thirty-three! In her spare time she attends sporting events, school activities, and volunteers in her community.

**Daniel Fortuño** has over 18 years of progressive experience in training, counseling, & education in health care & benefits administration. He is noted as one of the leading national experts in addressing disability benefits. Daniel is highly skilled in interpreting

public & private health & welfare benefits programs, including Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, state disability, short-term disability, long-term disability, & life insurance. He is a nationally certified HRSA Technical Assistance Ryan White Training Consultant & has worked with the California State Bar & the National Board of Behavioral Sciences. Most recently, Mr. Fortuño was a presenter at the National Bar Association's Conference "HIV/AIDS Law & Practice" in Orlando, FL. Mr. Fortuño currently works in fourteen states across the country & has trained & counseled over 7000 individuals & providers in the course of his career. Prior to founding the Benefits Education Center, Daniel was the founder & Executive Director of OPTIONS a Benefits Training Foundation & worked as senior benefits specialist & training supervisor for AIDS Benefits Counselor's (ABC), both in San Francisco, an agency that attacked the benefits crisis early on in the AIDS epidemic. Additionally Fortuño worked at Wilbanks & Associates in San Francisco, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation & Positive Solutions in Seattle, WA, where he developed training programs on disability benefits.

**Kelly Gallagher, Ph.D.** moved to Las Cruces in 1997 to attend graduate school at New Mexico State University. She is a graduate of NMSU, earning a PhD in Biology in 2005. Kelly has had a variety of different jobs in New Mexico, including teaching at NMSU & the College of Santa Fe as well as working on the Human Genome Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Prior to working as an HIV/AIDS Epidemiologist, she spent two years as an Environmental Health Epidemiologist (also at NMDOH) working on issues such as human exposures to heavy metals such as mercury, lead, & uranium. What she like best about being an HIV/AIDS Epidemiologist is the applied nature of her work. Ultimately, Kelly wants the epidemiology work she does to be used to help with HIV Prevention and Services; if this happens, she feels that her work would be the most meaningful. Kelly also enjoys that her job allows her to interact with so many interesting people across the state, such as those involved with the New Mexico Community Planning & Action Group, clinicians, advocacy groups, etc. Lastly, Kelly absolutely loves living in New Mexico, with it's beautiful scenery and diverse cultures. She couldn't imagine herself living anywhere else.

Niki Graham, B.S. (Salish/Kootenai) was born & raised on the Flathead Indian Reservation, she is known for her ability to reach women & youth as a motivational educator. She & her husband of 15 years are the proud parents of 3 energetic & busy children. She graduated from Montana State University earning a bachelor's degree in Health Enhancement from the College of Health, Human Development & Education in 1999. She taught public school in two states for 4 years before returning home to the Flathead Indian Reservation to be closer to family. She is currently employed by Salish Kootenai College as a Prevention Programs Director within the nursing department. For the past five years, she has managed five-seven grant-funded HIV programs that range from HIV prevention, testing, & outreach to facilitating provider trainings in IHS & tribal clinics on all seven reservations in Montana and two in Idaho. Niki is currently a student of the University of Montana with plans to graduate with a Master's in Public Health in 2013. She finds gratification in helping others discover themselves as individuals and helping them realize their full potential.

**Brent Herrera, B.A.** is Minority Initiatives Coordinator New Mexico's HIV Prevention Program. He is from Cuba, NM where he grew up in a traditional Northern NM family. After receiving his BA from UNM, he focused on community-based HIV prevention work. As a result, he offers 12 years experience in HIV prevention that spans across various settings, target groups, and expected outcomes. He recently has worked with the NM statewide Health Education Team to revise and modernize their HIV and STD presentations. He enjoys good green chile and hiking to hot springs with his dog, Max.

**Melvin Harrison (Diné)** is the Executive Director of the Navajo AIDS, Network, Inc. a non-profit organization is was developed in 1990. He began HIV prevention work on the Navajo reservation in 1988 and developed the network because there was no support on the reservation for individuals who were HIV positive at the time. Since then the network has created several programs on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention on the Navajo reservation. One of which includes teaming up with IHS staff and Navajo AIDS Network case managers, who are well-versed in the Navajo language and culture and serve as a bridge between the patient and the hospital.

Matt Ignacio M.S.S.W. (Tohono O'odham) previously worked in the Michael Palm Center for AIDS Care and Support at GMHC. GMHC is the world's first and largest AIDS service organization located in New York City. His responsibilities included but were not limited to: providing harm reduction based-alcohol & drug counseling, providing individual-level psychotherapy for HIV-positive and negative clients & facilitating psycho-educational & supportive group counseling. Matt also helped develop, implement & evaluate GMHC's first sterile syringe access program for injection drug users under New York State's Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP). In 2000, Matt received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara & in 2008, received his Master's of Science in Social Work from Columbia University's School of Social Work located in New York City. Most recently in 2010, Matt graduated as a fellow from the Center for Progressive Leadership fellowship program - Colorado State office.

**Pamela Jumper-Thurman, Ph.D. (Western Cherokee)** is a Clinical Psychologist and Senior Research Scientist with more than 35 years of experience in mental health and substance abuse research, program evaluation and the provision of direct treatment services to Native people in a medical setting. She is Western Cherokee and is the Director of the National Center for Community Readiness at Colorado State University. Pam serves as the principal investigator for a CDC funded cooperative agreement to provide capacity building assistance on a National level. She is also one of the original developers of the Community Readiness Model.

**Nicole Lovato (Kewa Pueblo)** is an experiential educator at the Santa Fe Mountain Center (SFMC). Nicole has been working at SFMC since 2000. First as a participant in the Emergence program in '96, she now facilitates & coordinates her own programs to help revitalize & empower Native communities throughout New Mexico. She has also provided cultural sensitivity & diversity trainings to youth & adults working in or with Native communities. She works with many different groups including; fifth graders at various

elementary schools in an anti-bullying initiative, at-risk youth at treatment & detention centers or youth shelters, as well as teenagers in leadership programs. Her programs include discussion topics such as decolonization, cultural pride, creating healthy relationships & boundary setting. Her passion for this work comes from being raised on the values of community & the willingness to serve others.

**Stella Martin (Diné)** is from Gallup, NM, born to the Kin'yaa'aanii (Towering House) Clan, & born for the Dzil tl'ahnii (Mountain Cove) Clan. She currently works with the New Mexico Department of Health as a Disease Prevention Specialist at the McKinley County Health Office. She is still actively involved with HIV prevention, participating with the New Mexico Community Planning and Action Group as a Region 1 Co-Chair, as well as assisting with Navajo AIDS Network in the development of their workshops for men who have sex with men & transgender populations.

Robert Munk, Ph.D. has been involved in AIDS activism since 1987, the year he tested positive. He was the first Development Director for The NAMES Project in San Francisco. In 1992, he moved to New Mexico. In 1997 he founded & continues to coordinate the AIDS InfoNet, an Internet-based patient education resource providing HIV treatment information in English, Spanish & several other languages. His main focus is on providing current HIV/AIDS treatment information in non-technical language. He has been a frequent writer & speaker on HIV treatment topics. Dr. Munk was a founding member of the AIDS Treatment Advocates Coalition & currently serves as President of its Board of Directors. He has been part of numerous pharmaceutical company advisory boards, government review panels, & conference planning committees. He is currently a member of the New Mexico Governor's AIDS Policy Commission & Medications Advisory Committee, & the Scientific Committees of the International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection & the International Workshop on Adverse Drug Reactions & Co-morbidities in HIV.

**Sheila B. Nanaeto (Southern Ute),** is an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, mother of two and lifelong resident of Ignacio Colorado. She has worked in a variety of capacities ranging from Environmental to Health related issues, all assisting members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Sheila is the current Station Manager for 91.3 FM Tribal Radio KSUT.

Elton Naswood, M.A. (Diné) 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, *Dine*. He is originally from Whitehorse Lake, New Mexico, and grew up in Window Rock, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation. He currently resides in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Naswood is the Program Coordinator for the Red Circle Project, a Native American HIV Prevention program at AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA). He serves as a member of the Community Advisory Council for the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, Advisory Board for the Office of Minority Health Resource Center, & Board of Directors for the *Nakwatsvewat* Institute. Locally, he is Co-Chair of the American Indian Mental Health Task Force & elected to the American Indian Community Council in Los Angeles County. Mr. Naswood received his

Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology & American Indian Justice Studies from Arizona State University & a Masters Degree in American Indian Studies at UCLA. Elton enjoys reading Native American literature and poetry, watching collegiate sports especially volleyball & hanging out with close friends.

Lisa C. Neel, MPH (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma) earned her BA in Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology from Yale University & her MPH in Maternal & Child Health from George Washington University. She is the HIV Program Specialist for the Indian Health Service National HIV/AIDS Program. In this capacity, she serves as analyst & manager in the design & implementation of a public health program addressing HIV/AIDS needs in partnership with Native communities. This includes: providing expertise on the development of educational materials; developing & delivering updates of interest to the field via a subscriber email list; engaging in partnerships & coordination with other agencies; & supporting more than 40 implementation sites in their ground-level work. Ms. Neel joined the Indian Health Service in the spring of 2010. Previous to this, she worked as a Project Manager with Kauffman & Associates, Inc. providing embedded coordination & technical assistance services to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This work was focused on supporting the work of SAMHSA in AI/AN communities, including coordinating the agency's work in the Indian Country Methamphetamine Initiative & the AI/AN partners in the Minority AIDS Initiative. While her interest in HIV education was sparked by participating in student-run education campaigns in high school & college, her professional contributions to the field began during her work at Native American Management Services (NAMS). In this position, she served as the Native American development & contacts lead for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) National HIV/ AIDS Partnership (NHAP). In this capacity, she recruited, provided technical assistance to, managed the contributions of, & coordinated the NHAP AI/AN Partners. In her pro-bono service to the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center Materials Review Committee (2006 through 2009), she contributed to deliverables, reports, & other documents describing the status of the epidemic and communicating recommendations to manage the risks communities face due to HIV & AIDS. While serving as the Deputy Director for Public Health at the National Indian Health Board, Ms. Neel contributed to the policy analysis & goals-setting of the organization. This included asserting the priority.

Mary Pepion-Racine (Blackfeet) was born & raised on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana. Mary & her husband of six years are the proud parents of 2 children. In 2009, she graduated from the Salish Kootenai College with an associate degree in nursing. Mary is currently employed with the Salish Kootenai College-Prevention Task Force as a Prevention Specialist. Mary is a certified rapid HIV tester & counselor; she also is the Training Coordinator for the Tribal BEAR Project which facilitates trainings for the providers at the IHS & tribal clinics on all seven reservations in Montana as well as two reservations in Idaho. Mary understands the importance of prevention; she puts all efforts towards educating clients in helping them to decrease their health risks and strive for a healthier future to pass on to others.

Vicki Peterson has been active in HIV prevention since 1998, when she became the first

IDU outreach worker in Montana for Flathead City-County Health Department. She officials about the efficacy of targeting various HIV high-risk groups with prevention designed & implemented harm reduction-based trainings on HIV/HCV prevention, service access & motivational engagement skills to IV drug users. She has developed & conducted trainings targeting medical, mental & social service providers, government bodies, & elected strategies. In 2004, she joined the staff of the Salish Kootenai College Nursing Department as the Training Coordinator for the Tribal BEAR Project, a project subcontracted with Northwest AIDS Education and Training Center in Seattle. She coordinated HIV care and treatment trainings with providers from the University of Washington School of Medicine and the seven reservations in Montana. In 2006, she took over as the primary program director for the CSAT funded HIV/HCV and Substance Abuse Prevention program, working with student peer educators. In 2007, she designed and implemented the Native Women's Empowerment program, funded by the Office of Women's Health. She has been a CDC certified HIV Counseling, Testing Referral Services trainer since 2002. National Native American AIDS Prevention Center in May of 2008, where she is the Regional Training Coordinator for a number of projects that identify, assess and provide capacity building and technical assistance trainings for American Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Urban Indian Health Centers, and other agencies with a large American Indian client base.

Barbara Plested, Ph.D. is a Research Scientist with the Commitment to Action for 7th Generation Awareness & Education in the Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University. She has worked extensively in the provision of direct services to special populations including American Indian, Native Alaskan, child & adolescent, female, & with jail-based programs. She has twenty years of experience, serving both as an administrator as well as a therapist in the fields of mental health & substance abuse in addition to her 15 years of research experience. She serves as an evaluator & grant writer for several Native American programs & is one of the developers of the Community Readiness model. She has conducted community research using the model on a variety of issues: intimate partner violence, HIV/AIDS prevention, methamphetamine prevention, drug & alcohol prevention & environmental trauma. She has utilized this community assessment model in over 1,000 communities in all fifty states, Italy, Israel, Canada & other countries & conducted community participatory research & evaluation throughout the US. The Community Readiness Model has been used successfully in urban areas, Alaskan villages & Native reservation areas throughout the United States as well as internationally to effect community change. Barbara has published extensively & has served on Roslyn Carter's panel on intergenerational caregiving.

**Jutta Riediger, B.A.** serves as Project Coordinator for federal HIV/AIDS grants awarded to the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency. She brings 27 years of experience working with HIV/AIDS issues to her position. For many years she worked as sole source HIV Contractor with federal, state & local agencies. Her contracts included the development of the Washington State AIDS rules & the writing of the KNOW HIV/AIDS mandatory state textbook. She was appointed to serve two terms on the WA State Governor's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council. Through her work with SPIPA, she brings HIV/AIDS education to Tribal Health Clinics through the Tribal BEAR Project (Building Effective AIDS Response) & also coordinated a SPNS Project (Special Project of National Significance).

Elise Redd (Southern Ute & Omaha), is an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Colorado. Elise has 15 years experience working in community health care administration with American Indians. Elise has two children & two grandchildren. She has been using aromatherapy and learning about traditional uses of herbs for the past ten years. Elise believes in the balance of mind body and spirit and the traditional beliefs of Native Americans.

**Robert Sturm, M.A.** is the Project Director of the New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership he has worked in HIV Prevention, Education & Services for more than 25 years, focusing on project design, development & evaluation and cultural competency. Robert has been in New Mexico since 2000 & has worked with many Native American groups during this time.

**Jimmy G. Schrock** is the Men's Health Project, Internet Chat Outreach, Syringe Exchange & Harm Reduction Program Coordinator for New Mexico AIDS Services. Mr. Schrock has a Psychology degree from New Mexico State University and has been doing HIV prevention for 10 years. Jimmy is a Health Educator, Certified HIV Testing Counselor, Certified Harm Reductionist, Street Outreach Coordinator, HIV Prevention CPAG Regional Community Co-chair.

**Elaine Thomas, MD** is a Professor in the Infectious Disease division at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, with a special interest in HIV and sexually transmitted diseases. Dr. Elaine Thomas received her medical training at University of Washington, & is board certified in Internal Medicine & Infectious Diseases. She is a Professor in the Infectious Disease division at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. In addition to patient care, she provides education on HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, & other topics throughout New Mexico & the region.

**Kayla Walker (Choctaw)** is the Founder and Executive Director of MAMA Knows, Inc., which is parent support group, teenage pregnancy prevention, & community HIV/AIDS Outreach organization. Kayla has taught the Oklahoma State HIV/AIDS mandated course in about 19 schools throughout 7 counties in Southern Oklahoma this past year. She is a certified HIV/AIDS instructor & educator through Central Oklahoma Red Cross & HIV Counseling Testing and Referral through Oklahoma State Health Department. She sits on various community level boards & steering committees & participates in many organizations nationally, statewide & locally. She resides with her son, Jeramiah Miko in Ardmore, Ok.

**Judy Weiser**, **R. Psych., A.T.R** is a consultant and trainer who has specialized for over 25 years in counseling people who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS -- especially gay men and street-involved Native youth and adults (who are often also substance abusers and/or sex-trade workers, as well as those affected by Residential School or "fostering-out" legacies), as well as their families, friends, communities, and caregivers. She also teaches professional and community-based workshops, in both Native and non-Native communities, about the emotional, mental, spiritual, and cultural issues relating to HIV/AIDS (and the counseling skills that help heal them!). A licensed psychologist and registered art therapist in private practice for over 35 years, she has published several articles in professional

health, psychology, and social work journals concerning the psychosocial aspects of HIV/AIDS-related counseling as well as two book chapters on the subject (see list below). Additionally, she also consults, teaches, and writes about her second specialty field: "PhotoTherapy techniques" (using clients' personal snapshots and family photos to help them to discover, understand, and express their feelings and memories when words alone can't do this). Chairperson of the HIV/AIDS Study Group of the American Art Therapy Association, she is one of the originators of the HIV/AIDS Interest Group of the Canadian Psychological Association. A Founding Board Member of "The NAMES Project - Canada" (the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt), and Director of its Pacific Region office for several years, she has also taught and published about the AIDS Quilt's role in emotional healing and counseling.

Alexander White Tail Feather (Kashaya Band of Pomo Indians) currently serves as the Economic Development Director for the Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes. He graduated from Rocky Mountain College in 1993 and received his MBA in 2008 from the University of Phoenix Online. Alexander is an enrolled member of the Kashaya Band of Pomo Indians from Stewarts Point, CA. He previously worked for the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. on American Indian Issues, as a grant writer for the California Rural Indian Health Board in Sacramento, CA, and operated the Viral Hepatitis Integration Project for the Fort Peck Tribal Health Department. Alexander is a member of the Montana State Governor's AIDS Advisory Committee and the State's Community Planning Group. He has also been an instructor for the Fort Peck Community College. He lives on the Reservation in Poplar, Montana with his two children, Alec (8) and Aries (4).

Lucinda Yates, RN, BSN, BC, began working in 1998 at the University of New Mexico Hospital. She first began working with liver disease in 2001 when she accepted a position as a post liver transplant coordinator and post renal transplant coordinator then took a position in 2003 in the hepatitis C clinic and now works with a progressive, forward thinking physician. She became aware of the silent killer and the stigma associated with hepatitis C and cirrhosis. The experiences and people she met while performing her duties, changed her outlook about life. She knows that people with liver disease come from various walks of life and are infants, children, teenagers, adults, and elderly. She is presenting information today about hepatitis C in infants, children, teenagers, and wants you to walk away with knowledge and the prevention measures necessary to one day save someone's life.

**Jeremy Yazzie (Diné)** is employed with Navajo AIDS Network as a health educator since 2008. He coordinates HIV prevention services for Native Gay/Bi Men & Native Transgender women. He is the eldest of nine siblings. His father is his role model & his main supporter. He is in recovery from alcohol and drugs for over 3 years. He uses his experiences from substance abuse & addiction to create a healthy gay, lesbian, bi & transgender community in Gallup, NM & surrounding communities.

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#### 2011 Circle of Harmony Planning Committee

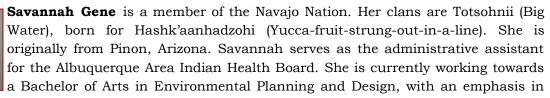
Lonnie Barraza, M.S. Ed. currently works for the NM Public Education Department as the HIV Prevention Education Program Administrator. In this position, she coordinates efforts around HIV issues throughout New Mexico, particularly working with public schools in and around HIV. Before taking on the HIV-PEP, she worked as the Consultant for the Safe Schools Program. In that role, she assisted school districts in the development of their New Mexico Safety Plan. Prior to her work with PED, Lonnie worked as the Sandoval County's Coordinator of the Healthier

her work with PED, Lonnie worked as the Sandoval County's Coordinator of the Healthier Schools Program, a program which she created and developed. In her role, she provided guidance on health-related issues to four school districts and their surrounding communities.

AJ Ben is currently serving in AmeriCorps/AIDS United and placed at First Nations Community Healthsource. This is second year serving with AmeriCorps which is a national program focusing specifically on HIV prevention and care, and delivers resources while training the next generation of HIV/AIDS leaders. He is originally from Gallup, N.M. born for the (Tachii'nii) Red Running Into the Water people clan into the (Todich'ii'nii) Bitter Water clan. A.J. been in HIV Prevention for over six years working at First Nations and volunteering with Navajo AIDS Network. He is on the Circle of Harmony Committee and also Community Planning Action Group of New Mexico.

Yvonne Davis, MPH is a member of the Navajo Nation. She has served as the President for the Board of Directors for the Nation Native American AIDS Prevention Center and a consultant for the University of New Mexico Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, a multi-ethnic group of over 50 researchers representing the diverse communities of New Mexico. Ms. Davis is the President of her business firm that provides health prevention program planning services, strategic planning and evaluation to tribes, tribal programs and agencies, corporations and non-profit organizations who work with tribes. Her expertise has be instrumental in planning the 2011 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference.

Evone Gallegos consistently volunteers on the behalf of the New Mexico Aging & Long-Term Services Department to include her membership at the New Mexico Hispanic Council on Aging and the Valencia County Senior Olympics Board. Her professional work ethics assist her in the accomplishments of her duties for each event whether it is a Conference, Training, Meeting, or the State Senior Olympics. Evone is fantastic at keeping up to date on issues relating to seniors and volunteer opportunities hence being able to inform the rest of the Aging Network. Her ability to compile information and draft program descriptions is a great service for this year's planning committee.



Community planning at the University of New Mexico. Savannah is also a proud new mother to son, Ethan.

Mattee Jim is a member of the Navajo Nation. Her clans are the Zuni People Clan and born for the Tower House People Clan. Mattee is originally from Tse'naoshjiin but currently resides in Albuquerque, NM. She is the HIV Prevention/Support Services Coordinator at First Nation Healthsource. Ms. Jim worked in the field of HIV for 13 years, attended, presented and participated in many conferences, meetings and trainings in HIV Prevention and Transgender

issues. She is currently the Co-Chair for the Transgender Task Force, the National Advisory Board Member for the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health and a member of the planning committee for the Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness conference.

Marie Kirk is a member of the Isleta Pueblo Tribe, one of the 19 New Mexico Pueblos located south of Albuquerque. Retired from the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. she was the HIV/AIDS Program Manager for 14 years. Her work experience not only includes HIV/AIDS but substance abuse counseling for approximately 10 years. Ms. Kirk is recognized as an expert on HIV/AIDS issues affecting the American Indian populations. She has extensive

experience training professionals and lay people in HIV/AIDS prevention and sexually transmitted infections. She was formerly a member of the Advisory Board to the Office of Minority Health Resource Center; former board member of The AIDS Institute; Alternate Co-chair for Region 7 – NM State Department of Health – Community Planning and Action Group on HIV and AIDS for American Indians. She received the 2001 Leadership Award for significant contributions in leadership, providing vision and integrity in visioning, creating and implementing new programs for HIV Prevention and support services for Native Americans in the State of New Mexico; received the 2005 Red Ribbon Leadership Award for dynamic leadership in HIV Prevention in the United States from the National HIV/AIDS Partnership; and received the 2007 Annual Marty Prairie Award which is given to a Native American community member who demonstrates action, voice, and leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

**Randal Lucero** was appointed to the National Quality Center (NQC) Consumer Advisory Council & Steering Committee in May 2010. The NQC a national organization funded by the Ryan White Care Act through the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau to serve as the primary technical assistance resource for quality management and quality improvement of HIV care to all Ryan White grantees throughout the United States. Mr. Lucero is also the Co-Founder and Program

Coordinator of the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network, an advocacy and prevention-education

network. Through the network he works diligently advocating for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS while reducing the fear and stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. Mr. Lucero also sits on the Ryan White Planning Council for the Truman Street Health Services in Albuquerque, NM and was recently appointed to the Clinical Quality Management working with the Department of Health and Medical Providers to improve HIV care and quality of life for those infected with HIV/AIDS in the state of New Mexico. Randal is a Native of New Mexico and a Hispanic male living with HIV or as he likes to say, "HIV is living with him." He has dedicated his life to advocating for fair and effective policy for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Art Salazar and his family are devout Christians. He is a 31 year old, proud father of Marisa and Isaac and is married to his high school sweetheart Claudia. He has worked at Department of Health-Stanford Public Health Office since 1999. He started off as the Phlebotomist at the clinic for 4 years, then was promoted and worked as a Disease Prevention Specialists for Region 1&3 for 4 1/2 years. In 2008, he became the HIV Health Educator for Regions 1&3 for the

DOH-HIV Prevention Program, where he has been exposed to new learning experiences and sharing his many experiences during his employment with DOH. Art is also one of the founding members of the East Central Outreach, which continues to serve the "Albuquerque War Zone" community with spiritual guidance, clothing, food and HIV/STD/Harm Reduction/Overdose Prevention services for the last 7 years. He has also held the position as Co-chair of the State of New Mexico Community Planning and Action Group and Region 3 CPAG Co-chair for the last two years.

Robert Sturm, MA is the Director of the New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership and works with groups around the state to assure that all New Mexicans receive culturally appropriate and sensitive HIV education, prevention and care. Recognizing that HIV can only be addressed in the context of social justice. Robert collaborates with other community-based agencies to address issues of racism, stigma, marginalization, access, and equity. He is also a

member of the 2011 Circle of Harmony planning committee.

Martin Walker has worked in the field of HIV Prevention for the past decade, where he has managed programs for Families and Youth Inc. and Camino de Vida in Las Cruces, NM, International AIDS Empowerment in El Paso, TX, and Santa Fe Mountain Center in Santa Fe, NM. He is a former presenter at the 2009 Circle of Harmony Conference as well as the United States Conference on AIDS 2009. Diagnosed with HIV in 2003, Martin combines his personal passion

with a background in behavioral theory and group facilitation to aide the COH Planning Committee for the first time in 2010.

Ayn N. Whyte, M.S. is a member of the Navajo Nation, originally from Crownpoint, NM and her clans are To'aheedliinii (Water Flows Together People) born for Kinyaa'aanii (Towering House People). Ayn and her fiance, Anthony are parents to three boys, Kayne Rangel, Logan Don and Sawyer Mahkah Lee. Ayn has a Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science, a Masters of Science in Health Education and is currently pursing a Ph.D. in Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology. Ms. Whyte began her work in American Indian/Alaska Native health disparities doing diabetes prevention research which lead to diabetes and cancer research at the University of New Mexico. Currently she is the HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Manager at the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc., Co-chair for Region 7 – NM State Department of Health Community Planning and Action Group on HIV and AIDS for American Indians and is the conference coordinator for the 2011 Circle of Harmony

HIV/AIDS Wellness conference.

**Tim Zaccaria** is currently an AmeriCorps volunteer with the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network in Albuquerque, NM. Originally from Albany, NY, Tim spent the past 3 years working with adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems in a residential school and pursuing his goal of becoming a teacher. His work focused primarily on assisting teenagers in a special education environment develop positive social and coping skills as well as educating

adolescents to reduce the risky behaviors they were engaged in. Tim then signed on to volunteer with AmeriCorps through the National AIDS Fund and relocated to Albuquerque. His work with the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network includes HIV preventive-education outreach as well as advocating for those living with HIV/AIDS and helping to reduce stigma within the community.

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#### Circle of Harmony Silent Auction

We encourage you to take a look at all the wonderful items that have been donated that are available for auction. All proceeds from the auction will go towards the Kory R. Montoya scholarship fund for the 2013 Circle of Harmony Conference.

Here is how it works....

- Step 1 Take note of the items that interest you and their starting values. This will help you set a limit for your spending.
- Step 2 View the auction items at the event. The organizers provide a bid sheet for each item with a notation of its starting value.
- Step 3 Bid on an item by writing the amount you would like to bid and signing your name on the bid sheet.
- Step 4 Go back periodically to the items to see whether you've been outbid. As the auction period continues throughout the conference, more people sign bid sheets, and the prices increase.
- Step 5 Write a new amount if you're willing to increase the bid, and sign your name on the bid sheet again.
- Step 6 Wait for the closing of the sale to be announced by the mistress of ceremonies after the panel discussion on Thursday morning.
- Step 7 When you have been announced the winning bidder pay the amount of the winning bid and receive your item.

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Vida Encantada

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**Summer Rain Art** 

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**Big Bear Jewelry** 

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**National Native American AIDS Prevention Center** 

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**Hamilton Relay** 

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