



# Health Care Reform in Indian Country

Self-Governance Communication & Education

*Self-Governance Tribes Striving Towards Excellence in Health Care*

**Presenter's Bios: February 28, 2018 - Webinar**

*TSGAC ACA/IHCIA Webinar:*

*"Tribal Best Practices and Critical Issues:*

*Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement for Tribal Program"*

*Presenter's Doneg McDonough & Cyndi Ferguson*

## **DONEG MCDONOUGH**

**Doneg McDonough** leads the health care consulting firm Health System Analytics and advises clients on maximizing opportunities under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA).

Doneg serves as a technical advisor to the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee as well as the Tribal Technical Advisory Group to CMS. In addition, Doneg is under contract with the National Indian Health Board to track and review federal regulatory developments involving CMS, the Indian Health Service, and other Federal government agencies implementing the ACA and IHCIA.

Doneg is staffing a joint effort of Direct Service Tribes and Self-Governance Tribes to ensure that every Tribe has available to it the option of engaging in Tribal Sponsorship. Doneg is also a consultant to the Tribally-Sponsored Health Insurance Program in Alaska, which is a statewide collaboration of Tribes working to ensure resources are available at each service delivery point across the 633,000 square miles of the tribal health system referral network. Doneg recently conducted a series of trainings with Direct Service and Self-Governance Tribes in the Upper Midwest, with a particular focus on approaches for tribal employers to leverage resources available through a Marketplace.

## **CYNDI FERGUSON**

**Cyndi Ferguson** joined SENSE Incorporated on in March 2010 as a Self-Governance Specialist/Policy Advisor. Having previously worked for over 20 years as the Self-Governance Coordinator and Director of Governmental Affairs for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe in Washington State, Cyndi has extensive experience, including: management and implementation of Tribal Self Governance in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) programs; negotiation of Self-Governance Funding Agreements with Federal agencies; internal Tribal governance planning; preparation of Tribal annual fiscal budgets and management reports to Tribal Council; and participation on Tribal Team to develop several major legislative initiatives, including amendments to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Title IV, Title V and Title VI). Further, Cyndi has worked to advance State-Tribal Relations promoting intergovernmental cooperation between States and Tribes in order to develop policy solutions on issues of mutual concern. Cyndi has been a lead presenter on national and regional Tribal Self-Governance Trainings. She has been an active, long-term participant on several Tribal/Federal Workgroups and currently serves as Facilitator for the National Indian Health Board-Medicare and Medicaid Policy Committee (MMPC).

## **BRIAN WREN**

**Brian Wren** serves a Chief Analytics/Revenue officer for the Choctaw Nation Healthcare Authority. His primary duties are related to revenue cycle improvement and new revenue initiatives. Prior to this position he served as Facility Director for Choctaw Nation and Pharmacy Director for Cherokee Nation WW Hastings Hospital.