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TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE AGENDA

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SUNDAY, JUNE 25

2 - 7p **Registration Open**
Sales Foyer

5 – 6p **Speaker/Host/Moderator Orientation**
Meeting Room 2

MONDAY, JUNE 26

7a **Registration Opens**
Sales Foyer

8a **Tribal Leaders & Self-Governance Professionals Networking Breakfast**
Ballroom 4

An opportunity for Tribal leaders and Tribal officials to (1) learn about the roles of the IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC), the DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC), and the Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC), (2) build networks and a community of support, and (3) discuss shared experiences and identify shared challenges.

Candice Skenandore, Self-Governance/Grants Director, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
Jennifer McLaughlin, Self-Governance Legislative Associate, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Jay Spaan, Executive Director, Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium

9:30a **Meet Federal Partners in Self-Governance and Self-Determination**
Ballroom 3

Join this networking event intended to meet and learn more about the Federal agencies and offices that are responsible for administering Self-Governance and Self-Determination authority. Participating agencies include Indian Health Service, Department of the Interior, Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

10:30a **Break**

10:45a **What is Full Funding for Indian Healthcare? Discussion and Community Engagement Session**
Ballroom 4

10:45a **Listening Session: Tribal Involvement in the Naming of Geographic Features**
Ballroom 1

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) maintains uniform usage of the names of geographic features (e.g., mountains, lakes, rivers) for the Federal Government. In 2022, the BGN played a key

role in replacing the names for nearly 650 features that contained the word “sq__”—a process that included input from Tribal Nations. The BGN would like to increase tribal engagement in the ongoing process of naming and renaming geographic features. Such involvement recognizes the historical and cultural relationship Tribal Nations have with the American landscape and the rights of Tribal Nations to exercise inherent sovereign powers over their lands. This session will explain how Tribal governments can request name changes for features on lands under their authority, submit proposals for features outside of their lands, and review and comment on new name and name change proposals submitted by others to the BGN.

Chris Hammond, Head of the Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Geological Survey, and USGS Deputy Member to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names

10:45a Tribal Funding Opportunities at the National Science Foundation
Meeting Room 2

The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency that supports science and engineering. NSF is committed to improving accessibility to NSF's tribal programs and expanding NSF's reach to Tribal Nations. This discussion will focus on funding opportunities for Tribal Nations and learning more about the NSF.

Sandra Richardson, Ph. D., Section Head, National Science Foundation

10:45a Listening Session and Discussion: VA's Native Reimbursement Agreement Program
Ballroom 2

The VA Indian Health Services/Tribal Health Programs/Urban Indian Organization Reimbursement Agreements Program provides VA reimbursement to IHS, THP and UIO health facilities for services provided to eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans. Eligible AI and AN Veterans do not need VA preauthorization to receive health care services at IHS, THP and UIO health facilities.

Hilary Peabody, Deputy Assistant Undersecretary of Health for Integrated Veterans Care
Kara Hawthorne, Manager, VA-Native Reimbursement Agreement Program, Department of Veterans Affairs

Moderators:

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Alberta Unok, President and CEO, Alaska Native Health Board

11a -5p Side Meeting: DOD/USDA Partners Meeting
Meeting Room 1

12p Lunch Break (on your own)

Plenary Session (*location: the Cove*)

1p Native Praise performance

Native Praise Choir preserves Indian culture through the native Christian hymns passed down by ancestors. The choir currently has 53 choir members, representing 17 Tribal Nations.

Posting of the Colors

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans Color Guard (invited)

Opening Prayer

Del Beaver, Second Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Welcome to the 2023 Tribal Self-Governance Conference

Nathalie Standingcloud, MC for the Tribal Self-Governance Conference

1:20p

Welcome to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a self-governed Tribal Nation located in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. The Nation is the fourth largest tribe in the U.S. with nearly 100,000 citizens. The government side of the tribe is made up of an executive branch, a legislative body, and a tribal court system. Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a diverse entity with many facets, such as: cultural tourism, gaming, businesses, and a higher learning institution.

David Hill, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

1:30p

Discussion with the White House Domestic Policy Council

The Domestic Policy Council drives the development and implementation of the President's domestic policy agenda in the White House and across the Federal government, ensuring that domestic policy decisions and programs are consistent with the President's stated goals.

PaaWee Rivera, Director, Tribal Affairs, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (invited)

Hosts:

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Chris Anoatubby, Lieutenant Governor, Chickasaw Nation

1:50p

Staying Ahead of Emerging Technology: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's Advanced Technology Initiatives

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's (CNO) Department of Advanced Technology Initiatives (ATI) focuses on emerging technology opportunities that can function as a catalyst to attract and grow next generation technology industries to the Choctaw Nation and to provide future manufacturing, business development, and economic development opportunities for the tribe and region. For instance, through combined efforts with the FAA, NASA, the White House's Office of Technology Policy, and other key stakeholders, CNO is developing a one-of-a-kind aviation test facility in southeastern Oklahoma that utilizes 44,600+ acres of remote land tribally owned by CNO to support innovative RDT&E of emerging manned and unmanned aerial system technologies in a safe and low-risk environment. CNO will leverage all this along with our selection for, and success in, the FAA's Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Pilot Program and the FAA's follow-on BEYOND Program, which validated CNO's role as a national leader and influencer in emerging aviation technology. The goal of this CNO program is to accelerate the safe integration of UAS and AAM/UAM

(Advanced Aerial Mobility/Urban Air Mobility also known as Flying Taxi and Orbs) into the National Airspace System as well as create an aviation technology and innovation cluster in southeastern Oklahoma.

Gary Batton, Chief, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (invited)

Host:

Robert Miguel, Chairman, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

2:20p

Welcome to Tribal Nations that Recently Negotiated Self-Governance Agreements

Please join us in welcoming the Tribal Nations that have recently entered into Self-Governance agreements with the US Department of Interior, US Department of Health & Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Office of Self-Governance within the Department of Interior has agreements with more than 285 Tribal Nations, the Indian Health Service has agreements with over 380 Tribal Nations, and the US Department of Transportation has entered into its first agreement last year and is working with several Tribal Nations in planning and preparing for negotiations for future agreements.

2:25p

Congressional Updates and Priorities

This panel will provide attendees an opportunity to learn more about legislative priorities and developments that affect Indian Country, including expanding Self-Governance opportunities within the USDA and HHS.

Jennifer Romero, Staff Director and Chief Counsel, Majority, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Amber Ebarb, Staff Director, Minority, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Sofia Deiro, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Tom Cole (OK-4), US House of Representatives

Hosts:

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Chris Anoatubby, Lieutenant Governor, Chickasaw Nation

3:05p

Protecting Sovereignty: Discussions on Recent Court Rulings and Implementation of Decisions, Panel I

Judicial decisions have a significant influence on the sovereignty of Tribal Nations. The McGirt decision was a landmark ruling by the United States Supreme Court in July 2020 that affirmed the legal jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in eastern Oklahoma. The ruling stated that Congress never explicitly disestablished the Muscogee (Creek) Nation reservation in Oklahoma and thus the state of Oklahoma did not have jurisdiction to prosecute certain crimes committed by Native Americans within its borders. The decision reaffirmed the sovereignty of tribal nations and upheld the treaties and agreements made with them. The McGirt decision also opened the door for other Tribal Nations to challenge state jurisdiction over their lands. This panel will discuss the implications of the McGirt decision and subsequent court cases resulting from and affecting the McGirt decision.

Sarah Hill, Attorney General, Cherokee Nation

Geri Wisner, Attorney General, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Robert Miller, Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, ASU

Host:

Jennifer Loren, Executive Producer/Host of OsiyoTV and Sr. Director of Cherokee Film
Jason Salsman, Press Secretary, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

3:45p

Protecting Sovereignty: Discussions on Recent Court Rulings and Implementation of Decisions, Panel II

Judicial decisions have a significant influence on the sovereignty of Tribal Nations. The Mille Lacs Band filed a federal lawsuit against the county, asking the court to declare that tribal officers can investigate violations of Federal, State and Tribal law on the Mille Lacs reservation and prohibit the county from interfering. In 2023, the U.S. District Court found the county “improperly limited the Tribe’s inherent law enforcement authority” to the land held in trust, when its territory includes all land within the reservation. The county also acted unlawfully in prohibiting tribal officers from investigating violations of state law, even on trust lands.

The Supreme Court is currently considering whether the Indian Child Welfare Act's provisions that give Tribal Nations a role in child custody proceedings and prioritize the placement of Native American children with Native American families are constitutional. The decision is expected to have significant implications for the rights of Tribal Nations and the protection of Native American children in child welfare proceedings.

David Simmons, Director of Government Affairs & Advocacy, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Caleb Dogeagle, Solicitor General, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Hosts:

Jennifer Loren, Executive Producer/Host of OsiyoTV and Sr. Director of Cherokee Film
Jason Salsman, Press Secretary, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

4:15p

Honoring Treaty Obligations: Seating the Cherokee Nation’s Delegate to Congress

In 1835, the U.S. government and the Cherokee Nation signed the Treaty of New Echota, which forced Cherokee ancestors to give up their ancestral homelands and move west on the Trail of Tears. This same treaty promised the Cherokee Nation the right to send a delegate to the U.S. Congress. For nearly two centuries, Congress has failed to honor this promise. Yet the obligation to seat a Cherokee Nation delegate remains as binding today as it was in 1835. In August 2019, Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. nominated Kimberly Teehee to serve as the Cherokee Nation’s first Delegate to Congress.

Kimberly Teehee, Delegate to Congress, Cherokee Nation (invited)

Host:

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Jennifer Loren, Executive Producer/Host of OsiyoTV and Sr. Director of Cherokee Film

4:30p

Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council: Overview and Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations

The Permitting Council is a unique Federal agency charged with improving the transparency and predictability of the Federal environmental review and authorization process for certain critical

infrastructure projects. The Council announced the allocation of \$5 million in funding to be made available to Tribal Nations to enhance Tribal engagement in the permitting review and authorization process for FAST-41 covered projects.

Panelists:

Christine Harada, Executive Director, Federal Permitting Council

PoQueen Rivera, Director of Tribal Affairs, Federal Permitting Council

Host:

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

4:50p

For Our People: Stories of Tribal Self-Governance & Sovereignty

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Segment – To Be Announced Soon

5p



Performance: Lil Mike & Funny Bone

Lil Mike and Funny Bone are brothers and citizens of the Pawnee Nation, born in Oklahoma City. The brothers formed a rap duo using their art to spread awareness of issues ranging from homelessness to gang violence. They appeared on America's Got Talent and have recurring roles on Reservation Dogs.

5:15p

HOLD: Potential Delegation Meeting with IHS (*tentative date/time*)

Ballroom 2

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Plenary Session (*location: the Cove*)

9a

Opening Prayer

9:05a

Discussion with Indian Health Service, Indian Affairs, and Department of Transportation Leadership

Join a discussion with the Director of the Indian Health Services, the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior, and the Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs at the Department of Transportation. The leaders will engage in a conversation with Tribal leaders focused on the multifaceted relationship between the federal government and Tribal Nations. Discussion topics will include updates on federal initiatives and activities, and implementation of federal programs that serve Tribal Nations and their citizens.

Panelists:

Roselyn Tso, Director, IHS

Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, DOI (invited)

Arlando Teller, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, DOT

Hosts:

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Chris Anoatubby, Lieutenant Governor, Chickasaw Nation

10:00a

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A Dance of Healing – Scott Sinquah, 2023 World Hoop Dance Champion

10:05a

Discussion with Federal Partners in Self-Governance

Panelists:

Jennifer Cooper, Director, OTSG, IHS

Sharee Freeman, Director, OSG, DOI

Eldridge Onco, Sr. Tribal Affairs Advisor, DOT

Hosts:

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Chris Anoatubby, Lieutenant Governor, Chickasaw Nation

10:45a

PROGRESS Act Rulemaking Status and Next Steps

On October 21, 2020, the PROGRESS Act was signed into law—amending the Self-Determination authority and DOI’s Tribal Self-Governance Program. The PROGRESS Act called for a negotiated rulemaking committee to develop implementing regulations. The Tribal co-chairs of the committee will provide an update on the status of the negotiated rulemaking process.

Panelists:

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

11:00a

Reopening a Cold Case after McGirt – The Girl Scout Murders

Following the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark McGirt v. Oklahoma ruling in 2020 that confirmed the criminal jurisdiction authority for several Tribal Nations in Oklahoma, the Cherokee Nation reopened a 1977 murder investigation of three Girl Scouts that took place on its lands. The State of Oklahoma long considered the case closed following the arrest of a Cherokee man who was later found not guilty by a jury. The reopening of the case was due in part to new information uncovered by Cherokee author Faith Phillips. Faith Phillips and Cherokee filmmaker Jeremy Charles collaborated to create the docuseries “Girl Scout Murders.” Learn how the McGirt ruling and new information uncovered by Phillips could bring justice to the murderers.

Panelists:

Faith Phillips, Novelist, Publisher, Screenwriter
Jeremy Charles, CEO, Pursuit Films

Host:

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Nathalie Standingcloud

11:25a Artificial Intelligence in the Delivery of Healthcare

Artificial intelligence (AI) is being increasingly used in healthcare to improve patient outcomes, streamline clinical workflows, and reduce costs. For instance, AI can analyze patient data from electronic health records to identify patterns and make predictions about patient outcomes. This can help healthcare providers make more informed decisions and develop personalized treatment plans for patients. However, there are also concerns about privacy, bias, and the ethical implications of using AI in healthcare.

Panelists:

Dr. John Krueger, Undersecretary of Medical Staff & Quality, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health
Dr. William D. Paiva, Executive Director of the OSU Center for Health Systems Innovation

Hosts:

Chris Anoatubby, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation

12p Tribal Co-Management of Federal Lands

In 2021, USDA and DOI signed Joint Secretarial Order 3403, committing to Tribal co-stewardship, including through written co-stewardship agreements with Tribal Nations. The Order recognizes that federal lands were previously owned and managed by Indian Tribes and that these lands and waters contain cultural and natural resources of significance and value to Indian Tribes and their citizens. The Order directs agencies to increase opportunities for Tribal Nations to participate in their traditional stewardship of present-day federal lands and waters and the integration of thousands of years of Indigenous knowledge and sustainability practices into federal management and operations, subject to the interest of each Tribal Nation.

Panelist:

Samuel Kohn, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, DOI
Tribal Representative TBD

Hosts:

TBD

12:20p Lunch Break (on your own)

Breakout Sessions

1:30 – 2:45p

Self-Determination and Self-Governance in the 2023 Farm Bill

Ballroom 1

Indian Country received more funding through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs than any federal agency in fiscal year 2022. Though Tribal self-determination and self-governance opportunities through USDA are limited, they are possible for your Tribal agriculture and forestry operations. The Native Farm Bill Coalition invites you to join this session to learn how the 2023 Farm Bill can make it happen.

Panelists:

Carly Griffith Hotvedt, Associate Director Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law – Native Farm Bill Coalition

Abi Fain, Director of Policy and Government Relations, Intertribal Agriculture Council – Native Farm Bill Coalition

Moderator:

Jennifer McLaughlin, Self-Governance Legislative Associate, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Calculating Tribal Shares and Identifying Inherently Federal Functions

Ballroom 2

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act provides that Tribal governments who decide to administer federal programs using Self-Governance authority are to receive the same funds (tribal shares) that would have been provided had the federal government operated the programs. Generally, the amount of funds available to Tribal governments equals the total amount of funds the federal agency used to operate a program minus residual funds. Residual funds are the funds necessary for the federal government to carry out inherently federal functions that only federal employees may perform. Join this session to learn more about how DOI and IHS calculate tribal shares and the role of inherently federal functions.

Presenters:

Carla Mayo, Deputy Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, IHS

Vickie Hanvey, Office of Self-Governance, DOI

Moderator:

Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist, SENSE Incorporated

Overview of the 477 Program

Ballroom 3

In 2022, 12 federal agencies signed a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to implement the Tribal “PL477 Program,” named for Public Law 102-477. PL477 allows Tribal governments to consolidate important federal funding for job training, workforce development, and other economic development purposes into a single plan, with a single reporting requirement, administered by DOI. Join this session to learn more about the experiences of Tribal Nations that use the 477 program and to learn how the 477 program differs from Self-Governance authority.

Presenters:

Jeremy Arnette, Assistant Director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Ashawna Miles, Self-Governance Director, Cherokee Nation
Federal Representative

Moderator:

Heather Washington, Self-Governance Coordinator, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Health IT Modernization

Ballroom 4

Presenters:

Mitch Thornbrugh, Chief Information Officer, IHS
Brandy Russell, Technology and Analytics Officer, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Moderator:

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

2:45p Break

Breakout Sessions

3:00 – 4:15p

ACA/IHCIA 101

Ballroom 1

The IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee receives funding to provide outreach, education, technical, research, and analytical support nationally to Tribal Nations on the ACA/IHCIA. Join this session for an overview of resources that are available for Tribal Nations, discuss ways to increase third party revenues (Medicare/ Medicaid/ Other Resources), and to learn more about Tribal Sponsorship opportunities.

Presenters:

Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist, SENSE Incorporated
Elliott Milhollin, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker
Betsy Barron, TSGAC Project Intern

Tribal Consultation: Non-BIA PSFAs

Ballroom 3

Presenters:

Kelly Titensor, Bureau of Reclamation
Eldred Lesansee, Associate Deputy Director, Appraisal and Valuation Services Office
Byron Loosle, Bureau of Land Management
Dorothy Firecloud, National Park Service
Scott Aikin, Fish and Wildlife Service
Jason Bruno, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration
Elizabeth Shollenberger, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration

Moderator:

Vickie Hanvey, Office of Self-Governance, DOI

Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development's Electrification Program

Ballroom 4

The Inflation Reduction Act authorized the Department of Interior to create a Tribal Electrification Program intended to increase the number of Tribal homes with zero emission electricity. DOI was provided \$150 million to distribute to Tribal Nations through this program. Join this session to learn more about the Tribal Electrification Program.

Presenter:

Sean Henderson, Infrastructure and Economic Development Coordinator, Office of Indian Economic Development

Moderator:

Travis Jansen, Deputy Director, SGCETC

Tribal Trust Evaluations

Ballroom 2

The Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) will present an overview of the trust evaluation process for tribes that compact trust programs. This session will cover recent changes, updates to the process, and how the trust evaluation feedback can help tribes improve trust operations.

Presenters:

Elizabeth Wells Shollenberger, Director, Trust Evaluation and Review, BTFA

Jason Bruno, Director, Office of Trust Risk, Evaluation, and Compliance, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration

Moderator:

Candice Skenandore, Self-Governance/Grants Director, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Side Meetings

FDPIR Consultation

8a – 5p

Meeting Rooms 1&2

HOLD: Potential IHS side meeting (TBD)

4:30 – 5:30

Ballroom 4

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Breakout Sessions

9 – 10:15a

Improving Access to the Strategic National Stockpile – Update on Tribal Consultation

Ballroom 4

The Strategic National Stockpile is a national repository of antibiotics, chemical antidotes, antitoxins, life-support medications, IV administration, airway maintenance supplies, and medical/surgical items managed by HHS. HHS recently initiated Tribal Consultation on a strategy that describes how IHS and Tribal health departments can access the lifesaving federal repository of drugs and medical supplies to support Native communities, prevent supply shortages, and reduce health disparities. Join this session to learn more about the strategy and updates from the Consultation.

Presenters:

HHS Representative

Moderator:

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

Training on Pay Costs Data

Ballroom 2

What is pay cost? What determines the amount of pay cost a Tribal government receives? What Tribal data is necessary? How does the absence of data impact Federal pay costs funding for Tribal governments? This session will answer these and many more questions about funding and pay cost data.

Presenters:

Melissa Fortney, Budget Analyst, Office of Budget and Performance Management, BIA

Jeannine Brooks, Office of Budget and Performance Management, BIA

Moderator:

Jennifer McLaughlin, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association & Data Sovereignty

Ballroom 1

This session will provide an update on OICWA, with a focus on how tribal sovereignty can be protected and promoted in the face of ongoing challenges. Speaker will also discuss current tribal partnerships grants, tribal best practices and the increasing need to expand Indigenous data governance and sovereignty as it correlates to advocacy of tribal self-determination.

Presenter:

Te’Ata Loper, Executive Director, OICWA

Moderator:

Jessica Imotichey, Chickasaw Nation

Using a Section 105(l) Lease Agreement to Help Address Infrastructure Needs

Ballroom 3

Section 105(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) allows Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations to be compensated for costs incurred while carrying out programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFAs) administered under Self-Governance agreements with Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Indian Education at Tribal facilities.

If a Tribal Nation uses its own facility, regardless of whether it holds the title, has a leasehold interest, or has a trust interest in the facility to operate IHS, BIA, and/or BIE programs, it may be beneficial to negotiate a Section 105(l) lease agreement.

Presenters:

Judith Wilson, Director, Office of Facilities, Property and Safety Management, BIA
Jillian Curtis, Chief Financial Officer, IHS
Tribal Representative

Moderator:

Ashawna Miles, Self-Governance Director, Cherokee Nation

Economic Development Partnerships

Meeting Rooms 1&2

Presenters:

Zechariah Harjo, Secretary of the Nation and Commerce, Muscogee (Creek) Nation
City of Tulsa
City of Jenks

Moderator:

Heather Griffin, Director of Development and Outreach, Muscogee Nation Department of Health

10:15a Break

Breakout Sessions

10:30 – 11:45a

Expanding Health Care Infrastructure

Meeting Rooms 1&2

Infrastructure is critical for healthcare programs. As Tribal Nations expand their healthcare systems to offer more services to their citizens, they continuously outgrow their infrastructure. Join this session to learn more about two different approaches that Tribal Nations used to address infrastructure needs—one through an acquisition of an

existing healthcare facility and one through ground up construction. Attendees will also learn about one Tribe's efforts to mitigate construction challenges—efforts that resulted in on time completion, lessening the burden on facility's internal management team, and reducing the overall risk associated with delays.

Panelists:

Carrie Sarnicky, CEO, Laguna Health

Rhonda Beaver, Chief Administrative Officer, Muscogee Nation Department of Health

Lee Waller, Partners Healthcare Group

Moderator:

Karen Fierro, Self-Governance Director, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Combatting Human Trafficking

Ballroom 1

Human trafficking occurs across the globe and in our own tribal communities. To help combat this epidemic, Tribal governments and gaming facilities are using their unique positions and tools to become an active part of the solution. Learn more about human trafficking and proactive measures that tribal gaming operators and government officials are taking to prevent trafficking.

Panelists:

Jeannie Hovland, Vice Chair/ Director of the Office of Self-Regulation, National Indian Gaming Commission

Moderator:

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

The Department of Treasury's Tribal Office of Recovery Programs

Ballroom 2

Presenter:

Josh Jackson, Policy Advisor, Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Moderator:

Heather Washington, Self-Governance Coordinator, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Incorporating Indigenous Food into Food Distribution Programs

Ballroom 3

Menominee Indian Tribe and Oneida Nation successfully incorporated Indigenous foods into their Food Distribution Program because of authority offered in the FDPIR Self-Determination. Join this session to learn of their experiences with the project, positive impacts on their communities and food systems, lessons learned, and how attendees can support efforts to permanently expand this program nationwide.

Panelists:

Gary Besaw, Director of Agriculture and Food Systems, Menominee Tribe of Indians

Vanessa Miller, Food and Agriculture Area Manager, Oneida Nation

Daniel Guzman-King, Councilman, Oneida Nation

Moderator:

Candice Skenandore, Self-Governance/Grants Director, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Self-Governance for Finance Professionals: Understanding Reprogramming Authority, Accountability, and Reporting Requirements

Ballroom 4

Panel I:

Linda Austin, COO, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

Kasie Nichols, Director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Panel II:

Rufina Villicana, Office of Self-Governance, DOI

Moderator:

TBD

11:45a **Lunch (on your own)**

Plenary Session (*location: the Cove*)

1:00p **Discussion with the U.S. Department of Treasury**

The US Treasurer plays a crucial role in managing the US government's finances, promoting financial education and literacy, and advocating for policies that promote economic growth and stability, including policies that address the unique challenges experienced by Tribal governments. For instance, dual taxation on Tribal lands (i.e., taxes levied by both state and Tribal governments on the same persons, properties, or transactions) inhibits Tribal economic development and economic sustainability because it diverts tax revenue from Tribes to non-Tribal governments and deters private sector capital investment in Indian country. The Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC) issued a report in 2021 that documented the effects of dual taxation and provided recommendations for federal partners. In 2022, President Biden appointed the first Native American, Chief Lynn Malerba, to serve as Treasurer. Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash (Many Hearts) Malerba is the 18th Chief of the Mohegan Tribe and is the first female Chief in the Tribe's modern history.

Panelists:

Marilynn "Lynn" Malerba, Treasurer of the United States and Chief, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and Chair of the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee

Host:

Chris Anoatubby, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation

1:40p

Discussion with the ANA Commissioner

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) is a division within the United States Department of Health and Human Services that promotes the social and economic well-being of Tribal communities. ANA supports Tribal Nations and organizations through a variety of grant programs and technical assistance. These programs focus on a range of issues, including language revitalization, economic development, health and wellness, and education.

Panelist:

Patrice Kunesh, Commissioner, ANA

Hosts:

Robert Miguel, Chairman, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

2:10p

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Segment – To Be Announced

2:20p

Healing Our Communities from Substance Abuse

In recent years, Tribal Nations across the country have seen a significant increase in overdose deaths and addiction associated with the use of fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that is many times more potent than heroin, and opioids. Fentanyl is often mixed with other drugs, including heroin, cocaine, and counterfeit prescription pills, without the user's knowledge, making it extremely dangerous. Tribal Nations have increased efforts to combat the crisis, including increased access to addiction treatment, harm reduction strategies, and law enforcement efforts to crack down on the illicit fentanyl trade.

Panelists:

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation (invited)

Captain Karen Hearod, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy, SAMHSA

Geoffrey Standing Bear, Principal Chief, Osage Nation

Hosts:

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

Jennifer Loren, Executive Producer/Host of OsiyoTV and Sr. Director of Cherokee Film

3p

The Greyson Initiative: Increasing Organ and Tissue Donation in Tribal Communities

Greyson Parisien's time on earth was short but his impact on Indian Country will be monumental and long-lasting. Greyson's difficult journey to correct an irregular heart led to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians becoming the first Tribal Nation to include organ and tissue donation designation on its Tribal IDs.

Panelists:

Jamie Azure, Chairman, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
Joan Azure, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

Host:

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation
Jennifer Loren, Executive Producer/Host of OsiyoTV and Sr. Director of Cherokee Film

3:25p

Discussion with the Office of Management & Budget (OMB)

The OMB plays a crucial role in the budget process and management of federal programs. It is responsible for developing the President's budget proposal to Congress. This involves working with federal agencies to develop budget requests and making decisions on how federal resources should be allocated. OMB is also responsible for tracking the implementation of the President's budget proposals and reviewing and approving regulations proposed by federal agencies. This involves ensuring that regulations are consistent with the President's policy priorities and that the costs and benefits of regulations are appropriately balanced.

Panelists:

Elizabeth Carr, Tribal Advisor to the Director, Office of Management and Budget

Hosts:

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Chairwoman, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah

4p

Tribal Self-Regulation of Gaming Operations

Tribal self-regulation is an innovative and logical approach when gaming is conducted pursuant to Secretarial procedures instead of a Tribal-State gaming compact. Self-regulation directly promotes Tribal sovereignty by vesting primary authority for the regulation of gaming with the Tribe. Self-regulation applies for both Class II and Class III gaming. The flexibilities found in NIGC regulations also exist in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act which provides for a multijurisdictional regulatory framework (federal, state and Tribal) that recognizes the inherent sovereignty of Tribes.

Panelists:

Jeannie Hovland, Vice Chair/ Director of the Office of Self-Regulation, National Indian Gaming Commission
Kathy Clenney, Executive Director, Barona Gaming Commission

Host:

Robert Miguel, Chairman, Ak-Chin Indian Community
W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

4:20p

Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre

Greenwood became a prosperous community in Tulsa due to the oil boom in Oklahoma and the growth of the black population. The community thrived and became a symbol of black economic success during a time of widespread discrimination and segregation. Black Wall Street was the name given to the thriving black business district located in the Greenwood neighborhood of Tulsa, Oklahoma in the early 20th century. The district was home to many black-owned businesses, including grocery stores, banks, restaurants, and other types of shops. It was a stronghold of black

economic prosperity, a symbol of resilience and strength. However, on May 31 and June 1, 1921, a violent racial massacre occurred in Tulsa. A white mob attacked the Greenwood neighborhood, killing an estimated 300 black residents and destroying many of the buildings and businesses in the area. The exact number of casualties is still unknown, as many bodies were never recovered or were buried in unmarked graves.

The Tulsa Race Massacre, as it came to be known, had a devastating impact, including the destruction of the Black Wall Street district. Many black residents were displaced and left homeless, and the economic prosperity of the community was severely set back. It took decades for the community to recover from the massacre and rebuild the businesses and institutions that had been lost. The massacre and its impact were largely ignored and suppressed by the white community for many years, but in recent years, efforts have been made to acknowledge and address the historical trauma of the event.

Panelists:

Nehemiah D. Frank, Founder and Editor-In-Chief, Black Wall Street Times (invited)

Q Ali Lansana, Director of the Center for Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation, Oklahoma State University – Tulsa (invited)

Michelle Brown Bordeaux, Program Coordinator, Greenwood Cultural Center

Hosts:

Lincoln Cochran, Black Wall Street Alliance

Jennifer Loren, Executive Producer/Host of OsiyoTV and Sr. Director of Cherokee Film

7p

Evening Reception



THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- 9a **Tours** (sign up in advance to participate in tours – registration for tours opens in late May)
- Option 1: Black Wall Street (departs at 1:00, estimated return of 3:30)**
- Option 2: Cherokee Nation’s Durbin Feeling Language Center and Cultural Center (departs at 8:30am, estimated return of 3:00)**
- On November 15, 2022, the Cherokee Nation opened its Durbin Feeling Language Center, named after Durbin Feeling who was known for being the single-largest contributor to the Cherokee language since Sequoyah. The 52,000 sq ft facility houses the entire Cherokee Nation Language Department that includes the Cherokee Immersion Charter School, the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program, and the Cherokee translation, language technology, curriculum development, and community language departments. Visit some of the facility’s 17 classrooms, a library, archive room, gymnasium, playground, cafeteria, and office space. Learn about how the Cherokee Nation is working to preserve the Cherokee language and reach their goal to expand Cherokee speakers.
- Option 3: Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s Council Oak Health Care Facility and location of planned economic development project (departs at 1:00, estimated return of 3:30)**
- Option 4: Cherokee Nation Film Studio (departs at 1:00, estimated return of 3:00)**
- Cherokee Nation Film Office launched in 2019 and became the first certified Native American film commission to open in the United States. The Cherokee Nation Film Studio creates and maintains unique, all-inclusive talent, crew and consulting online directories featuring Native American actors, extras, voice actors, crew, cultural experts, and other industry resources. In early 2022, Cherokee Nation and its businesses launched a powerful economic tool within the Tribe’s reservation and expanded its effort to help grow the film and television industries in Oklahoma when Cherokee Nation Film Office became the first tribal film commission to offer an annual \$1 million film incentive for productions filmed within its Tribe’s boundaries. The Cherokee Nation Film Office assists filmmakers worldwide who are looking to film within the Cherokee Nation and to accurately portray the lives of Native Americans in film and television. They are driven to expand the presence of Natives in the film and television industries both in front of and behind the camera.
- Join us on a tour of the Cherokee Nation Film studio, a 27,000 sq ft facility, that houses the sound stage, edit suites, control room, pro-grade audio booth, crew and cast lounges, and hair and makeup rooms.
- Option 5: Chickasaw Nation Medical Center (departs at 8:30am, estimated return of 3:00)**
- In 1980, the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility was opened, bringing healthcare to Native people living in Ada and surrounding communities. The facility was built to serve about 20,000 patients annually; however, the facility saw over 10 times that estimation resulting in long wait times and overcrowding. The Chickasaw Nation entered in to a compact with the Indian Health Service in 1994, allowing the Nation to provide healthcare that met the needs of its community. Tribal funds and an Indian Health Service joint-venture award were used to construct a new facility, help with staffing, and provide

health care programs, services, functions, and activities. This facility was the first facility to receive such an award from the Indian Health Service and is the largest health care facility in Indian Country. The health of Tribal citizens is a top priority for the Chickasaw Nation and for over 10 years ago, the Chickasaw Nation has been providing exceptional integrated care at its Medical Center in Ada, OK. The Medical Center is helping the Chickasaw Nation fulfill its mission to enhance the overall quality of life for the Chickasaw people. The goal of the Nation is to provide accessible, high-quality healthcare.

Tour the medical facility and learn how the Chickasaw Nation has been integrating and enhancing health care services to people in Southeastern OK. On this tour you will discover how the Nation provides standard and innovative services to those who may not otherwise have access to such health care. Learn how the Nation has worked to improve and enhance its facilities to better serve its people.

Breakout Sessions

9 – 10:15a

Negotiating Self-Governance Agreements

Ballroom 3

Learn from Tribal and Federal representatives on the process of negotiating Self-Governance Agreements. You will gain a better understanding on ways to plan, prepare for, and negotiate Self-Governance agreements from experts that will identify best practices, lessons learned, and share their experiences in the realm of negotiations.

Panelists:

Terri Parton, President, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Karen Fierro, Director of Self-Governance, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Matt Kallapa, Northwest Field Office Manager, DOI
Lindsay King, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Determination

Moderator:

Terra Branson-Thomas, Senior Policy Advisor, Clause Law P.L.L.C.

EMS Telemedicine Initiative

Ballroom 2

Rosebud Sioux Tribe is the first Tribal Nation to implement a Telemedicine in Motion program in South Dakota. The initiative mitigates a critical shortage of experienced paramedics by connecting a doctor or nurse via video and audio to the paramedic in the back of the ambulance.

Panelists:

Eric Emery, EMS Director, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Moderator:

Heather Washington, Self-Governance Coordinator, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Identifying Community Needs & Priorities

Ballroom 1

Many Tribal Nations that administer programs to their communities through Self-Governance have found that identifying the needs and priorities of the community is key for the delivery of services that meet the needs of their citizens. This session will share the experiences of two Tribal Nations that effectively engaged with the community and how the results of the community input guides the delivery of governmental programs.

Panelists:

Debra Danforth, Division Director, Oneida Comprehensive Health
Shawn Duran, Chief Operations Officer, Taos Pueblo

Moderator:

Candice Skenandore, Self-Governance/Grants Director, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Unwinding Medicaid

Ballroom 4

This break-out session will include a discussion with Tribal and Federal representations surrounding the current status and activities that Tribes and States are engaging in to prepare for and operationalize the unwinding of the continuous coverage requirement to minimize coverage losses. States are on different timelines for initiating Medicaid eligibility redeterminations following the end of the continuous coverage requirement on March 31, 2023 and therefore in different stages of the process. Panelists will share the latest information, steps for Tribes to engage in and best practices.

Panelists:

Yvonne Myers, ACA/Medicaid Consultant, Citizen Potawatomi Health Services
Elliott Milhollin, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker
Wendy Hildt, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Division of Tribal Affairs (invited)

Moderator:

Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist, SENSE Incorporated

Administering Tribal Appraisal Programs Through a Self-Governance Agreement: Understanding AVSO's Workload-Based Formula

Meeting Rooms 1&2

Some Tribal Nations have taken over the responsibility of carrying out the Real Estate Appraisal Services program through their Title IV Self-Governance agreements and have negotiated Memorandums of Understanding with the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO) to identify the coordination, implementation, duties, and responsibilities of the Tribe and AVSO in the operation of the Real Estate Appraisal Program. This session will provide a better understanding of AVSO's workload-based formula which was established in 2011 by a Tribal-Federal workgroup and approved by the Special Trustee for American Indians.

Presenters:

Eldred Lesansee, Associate Deputy Director, Appraisal and Valuation Services Office

Moderator:

TBD

10:15a **Break**

Breakout Sessions

10:30 – 11:45a

Recruitment and Retention of Healthcare Professionals

Ballroom 1

Rural communities often face challenges in maintaining an adequate health workforce, making it difficult to provide needed patient care or to meet staffing requirements for their facilities. Recruiting health professionals and students to open positions or to future positions is challenging and retention is even more of a daunting task given surrounding urban area competition and incentives that are not available to rural locations or small facilities. Successful efforts in both can minimize the number and duration of staff vacancies. How does recruitment affect retention? Hear how some Tribes and Federal partners are being innovative to balance the scales to minimize turnover.

Panelists:

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Stephen Stake, CEO, K'ima:w Medical Center

Jennifer Fry, Deputy Director, Office of Human Resources, IHS

Moderator:

Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist, SENSE Incorporated

Background Checks: Complying with the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act

Ballroom 2

The Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act (ICPA) is a federal law that was enacted in 1990. The purpose of the law is to protect Native American children from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by requiring background checks for individuals who work with or have regular contact with Native American children in federally-funded or Tribal programs.

Under the ICPA, individuals who seek employment or volunteer opportunities in these programs are required to undergo a background check that includes a review of their criminal history, child abuse and neglect registries, and other relevant records.

Panelists:

Debra Danforth, Division Director, Oneida Comprehensive Health

Shirl Eastep, Deputy Director, Office of Human Resources, IHS

Moderator:

Candice Skenandore, Self-Governance/Grants Director, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Tribal Sovereignty in Community Based Participatory Research

Ballroom 3

Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) is a collaborative research approach that involves community members, researchers, and other stakeholders in the research process from start to finish. The goal of CBPR is to

produce knowledge that is relevant to the needs and priorities of the community and to empower community members to use that knowledge to make positive changes in their lives.

Panelists:

Jami Bartgis, Ph. D., President/CEO, One Fire Associates, LLC

Moderator:

Terra Branson-Thomas, Senior Policy Advisor, Clause Law P.L.L.C.

Contract Support Costs

Ballroom 4

In amending the 1975 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Congress in 1988 observed that the single greatest impediment to successful implementation of the Indian Self-Determination Policy was the consistent failure of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service to pay full fixed contract support costs associated with the administration of transferred programs. Since 2014, Congress has fully funded Contract Support Costs (CSC) with an indefinite appropriation. Tribal efforts to reclassify this funding as mandatory, remains a priority as both the IHS and BIA CSC workgroups continue to collaborate on the guiding policies for more than two decades.

Panelists:

Linda Austin, Chief Operating Officer, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

Vickie Hanvey, Office of Self-Governance, DOI

Johnnita Tsabetsaye, IHS Director, Division of Contract Support Costs

Rebecca Patterson, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Monkman, LLP

Moderator:

Jennifer McLaughlin, Self-Governance Legislative Associate, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

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Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

Presenters:

TBD

Moderator:

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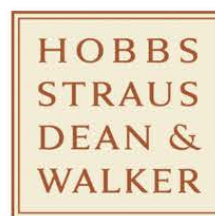
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