

TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE



2024

Conference *Agenda*

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2024 TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

2 – 6p **Registration**
Palo Verde Foyer

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7a **Registration**
Palo Verde Foyer

10a – 12p **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Tribal Self-Governance - Q&A with Tribal Leaders & Self-Governance Professionals
Acacia C&D

Bring all your questions related to Self-Governance authority! Our expert panel will share their experiences related to implementing Self-Governance authority and will answer audience questions. Also, Mara Andrews will provide an overview of her recent PhD thesis on “Critical Success Factors for Tribal Self-Governance.”

Tribal Chairman/CEO W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Chairman Tehassi Hill, Oneida Nation
President Terri Parton, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Mara Andrews, New Zealand

Moderators:

Candice Skenandore, Director of Self-Governance and Grants, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist/Policy Analyst, SENSE Incorporated

Legislative & Judicial Update

Palo Verde B

Join this session to delve into recent and proposed legislative changes and emerging policy priorities as well as significant judicial decisions.

Geoff Strommer, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
Caitrin Shuy, Director of Government Relations, National Indian Health Board
Phil Baker-Shenk, Partner, Holland & Knight, LLP
Melody McCoy, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Moderator: Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

History and Overview of Contract Support Costs

Palo Verde C

Contract support costs are a crucial aspect of Tribal Self-Governance under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, providing Tribal governments with the necessary resources to effectively administer federal programs and services for their communities. Join this session to learn more about the history of contract support costs, how these costs are calculated, and the process for disbursing the funds.

Lloyd Miller, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Monkman, LLP
Vickie Hanvey, Program Policy Analyst, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior
Jacob Aguilar, Financial Specialist, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior
Johnnita Tsabetsaye, Director, Division of Contract Support Costs, Indian Health Service
Moderator: Jacob Fowler, Self-Governance/Grants Specialist, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

The Role of the Offices of Inspector General (IG) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)-Related Oversight in Indian Country

Acacia A

Offices of Inspector General (OIGs) ensure accountability, integrity, and efficiency in the operations of the federal agencies they serve. In this session, representatives from IG offices will (1) discuss their roles, (2) share examples of investigations, and (3) discuss their role in the implementation of IIJA, which includes more than \$13 billion set aside for Indian Country.

Chris Aiello, Senior Special Agent, OIG, Environmental Protection Agency
Justin Christman, IIJA Oversight Coordinator, OIG, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Zack Gransbury, Special Agent, OIG, Department of Commerce
Erik Halvorson, Anti-Fraud Program Manager, OIG, Department of Energy
David House, Special Agent in Charge, OIG, Department of the Interior
Morning Dawn Johnson, IIJA Oversight Coordinator, OIG, DHHS
Curt Muller, Senior Advisor for Investigative Operations, OIG, DHHS
Susan Ocampo, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG, Department of Transportation
Christian Patton, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, OIG, Department of Commerce
Moderator: Tyson Johnston, Self-Governance Director, Quinault Indian Nation

11a – 12p

Update from the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy

Palo Verde A

The Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) will provide an overview of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) current initiatives that are of interest to Tribal Nations including information on the E-Rate Program for Tribal Schools and Libraries which is part of the

Universal Service Fund; the FCC's current wind down plans for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP); and the FCC's recent request for comment on adding a Missing and Endangered Persons event code to the Emergency Alert System.

Bambi Kraus (Tlingit), Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy

12p

Lunch Break (on your own)

1:30 – 3:15p

Tribal Consultation: VHA/IHS MOU Operational Plan

Palo Verde B

The Veterans Health Administration and the Indian Health Service will convene a joint Tribal Consultation on recommendations on the draft Annual Operational Plan for fiscal year 2024 and to share with you our completed fiscal year 2023 VHA-IHS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Operational Plan. This updated plan was based on collective input from a series of Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer sessions held in September and October 2022.

Christie Prairie Chicken, Director, VHA Office of Tribal Health
P. Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service
Samantha Solimeo, Co-Director, VHA Veterans Rural Health Resource Center
Clay Ward, Acting Director, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations

2 – 3:15p

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Self-Governance Basics at IHS and DOI

Palo Verde A

This session will offer a foundational understanding of Self-Governance authority within Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Department of the Interior (DOI), the legal framework and key provisions of ISDEAA, and practical guidance on navigating the Self-Governance process within IHS and the DOI, including eligibility, the negotiations process, and development of Self-Governance agreements.

Matt Kallappa, Northwest Field Office Manager, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior
Vickie Hanvey, Program Policy Analyst, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior
Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service
Chris Manydeeds, Program Analyst, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service
Moderator: Emily Christie, Health Services Policy Analyst, Cherokee Nation Health Services

The National Science Foundation: Its Mission, Funding Opportunities, and Work with Tribal Nations

Palo Verde C

Join this session to learn more about National Science Foundation's (NSF) mission, goals, and work, with a focus primarily on actions impacting Tribal Nations and discuss specific NSF funding opportunities of potential interest to Tribal Nations and the grant application process.

Regina Sievert, Program Officer, Tribal Colleges and Universities Program, Division of Equity for Excellence in STEM, National Science Foundation
Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, National Science Foundation
Moderator: Jennifer McLaughlin, Self-Governance Legislative Associate, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

What's New with Gaming? Self-Regulation and Other Hot Topics

Acacia A

Join us for an engaging discussion on the latest developments and pressing issues shaping the Indian gaming industry. Our expert panelists will delve into key topics that impact tribal casinos and regulatory frameworks, including Self-Regulation.

Jeannie Hovland, Vice-Chair, National Indian Gaming Commission
Derrick Beetso, Director, Indian Gaming and Self-Governance, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, ASU
Moderator: Travis Jansen, Deputy Director, Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium

Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Expansion

Acacia C & D

For decades, CHAP has proven effective for addressing health care delivery needs in rural Alaskan areas. The program provides education, training, and certification of Tribal community health providers to increase access to quality health care, health promotion and disease prevention services. In 2020, the nationalization of CHAP was approved. This session will discuss progress and barriers to national CHAP expansion and provide opportunities for Tribal Nations to engage in the implementation efforts.

Terri Parton, President, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Angela Thompson, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Katie Ferguson, Special Projects Officer, Cherokee Nation
Julie Seward, Program Manager, Southern Plains Tribal Health Board
Christina Peters, Tribal Community Health Provider Project Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Donna Enfield, National Community Health Aide Program Lead, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, IHS
Moderator: Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

3:15p **Break**

3:30 – 5p **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

All of Us Research Program: Engaging Tribal Leaders to Advance Health Equity through Precision Medicine

Acacia C & D

What is precision medicine and what does it mean for Tribal communities? This workshop will provide an overview of the All of Us Research Program, the nation's largest research effort that will gather data from one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research and improve health for all communities by advancing precision medicine.

Karriem S. Watson, Chief Engagement Officer, National Institutes of Health
Michael Hahn, Tribal Engagement and Outreach Branch Director, National Institutes of Health
Naomi Aspaas, Associate Director of Tribal Engagement and Outreach, National Institutes of Health
Molita Yazzie, American Indian Alaska Native Indigenous Engagement Senior Analyst, National Institutes of Health
Moderator: Candice Skenandore, Director of Self-Governance and Grants, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Self-Governance Basics at the Department of Transportation

Palo Verde A

Join this session for a foundational understanding of Self-Governance authority, the legal framework, key provisions of FAST Act, and practical guidance on navigating the Self-Governance process within the Department of Transportation.

Arlando Teller, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, Department of Transportation

Milo Booth, Tribal Affairs Director, Department of Transportation

Eldridge Onco, Senior Tribal Affairs Advisor, Department of Transportation

Moderator: Jennifer Boehm, Arizona State University

Tribal Listening Session: Non-BIA Programs' PSFAs

Palo Verde C

Join this session to discuss optimizing opportunities for including non-BIA programs in Self-Governance agreements with Tribal Nations.

Kelly Titensor, Bureau of Reclamation

Dorothy Firecloud, National Park Service

Annie Scott, Staff Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey

Jason Bruno, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration

Hillary Renick, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Eldred Lesansee, Appraisal Valuation Services Office

Moderator: Vickie Hanvey, Program Policy Analyst, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior

Health IT Modernization – Update

Acacia A

For nearly 40 years, all IHS healthcare facilities and many facilities operated by Tribal governments have relied on the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) to support everything from patient registration to insurance billing, including the patient's Electronic Health Record (EHR). Health information technology has come a long way in the past 40 years, and the IHS is modernizing how these critical systems are acquired and managed in support of health care. Join this session to learn more about HIT Modernization.

Brandy Russell, Technology and Analytics Officer, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Mitchell Thornbrugh, Chief Information Officer, Indian Health Service

Judith Roth, Chief Financial Officer, Gila River Health Care (invited)

Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist/Policy Analyst, SENSE Incorporated

Veterans Affairs: Co-Payment Exemption for American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans

Palo Verde B

American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans serve at a higher rate compared to any other demographic. To honor these Veterans and Tribal Nations as sovereign nations, eligible Native Veterans no longer have a copayment when receiving VA health care. Join this session to learn more about the copayment exemption.

Christie Prairie Chicken, Director, VHA Office of Tribal Health

Samantha Solimeo, Co-Director, VHA Veterans Rural Health Resource Center

Clay Ward, Acting Director, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations



EO 14112

SELF-DETERMINATION POLICIES OF THE LAST 50 YEARS—WHEREBY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS WORKED WITH TRIBAL NATIONS TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE AND THE GROWTH OF TRIBAL INSTITUTIONS—HAVE REVITALIZED TRIBAL ECONOMIES, REBUILT TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, AND BEGUN TO HEAL THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRIBAL NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 7a **Registration**
- 7:00 -8:30a **Grab and Go Breakfast**
Available for registered conference attendees only
Palo Verde Foyer/ Event Lawn/ South Patio
- Plenary/General Session**
Theater
- 9:00a **Opening Ceremony**
Posting of Colors, The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84, Gila River Indian Community
Opening Prayer, Robert Stone
Hoop Dance demonstration, Scott Siquah
- 9:20a **Welcome**
Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
- 9:30a **Tribal/State Relations – Coming Together to Create Water Policy for the Future**
Governor Katie Hobbs, State of Arizona
Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community
President Buu Nygren, President, Navajo Nation
- Hosts:
Tribal Chairman/CEO W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation
- 10:10a **Discussion with IHS, DOI, and DOT Leadership**
Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior
Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service
Arlando Teller, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, Department of Transportation
- Hosts:
Tribal Chairman/CEO W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation
- 11a **Ysleta del Sur Pueblo –Self-Determining Citizenship**

Premiere of *For Our People* Episode. Panel discussion following the premiere.

Governor E. Michael Silvas, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Linda Austin, Chief Operations Officer, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Martin Lopez, Department of Health and Human Services Director, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Zeke Garcia, Department of Court and Records, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Enrique Granillo, Tribal Judge, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
IHS Representative, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Indian Health Service

Hosts:

Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah
Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

11:30a

Discussion with the Biden Administration Regarding Implementation of the Executive Order 14112 & Actions Taken in Response to the Interagency Steering Group on Native American Voting Rights

Anthony Rodman, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs
Elizabeth Carr, Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Management and Budget

Hosts:

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

12:15p

Lunch Break (on your own)

2:00 – 3:15p

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Where's the Money? Tracking Funds from Appropriations to Delivery with the Tribal Government

Palo Verde C

Join us for an insightful session that delves into the intricacies of the process to disburse funds associated with Self-Governance agreements.

Jillian Curtis, Director, Office of Finance and Accounting, Indian Health Service
Willeen Yazzie, Financial Analyst, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service
Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary - Management, Department of the Interior
Rufina Villacana, Financial Specialist, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior
Moderator: Bryan Shade, Senior Associate, Lippes Mathias, LLP

Tribal Experiences Negotiating Self-Governance Agreements with the Department of Transportation

Palo Verde B

Join this session to learn more about Tribal experiences negotiating Self-Governance agreements with the Department of Transportation, including any challenges and roadblocks that they had to overcome throughout the process.

Michael Lynn, Executive Director, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Cherokee Nation
Ben Lujan, Director of Public Works, Ohkay Owingeh
Nathaniel Amdur-Clark, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Monkman, LLP
Moderator: Karen Fierro, Self-Governance Director, Ak-Chin Indian Community



EO 14112

WE [FEDERAL AGENCIES] MUST IMPROVE OUR NATION-TO-NATION RELATIONSHIPS BY REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS AND BY ADMINISTERING FUNDING IN A MANNER THAT PROVIDES TRIBAL NATIONS WITH THE GREATEST POSSIBLE AUTONOMY TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THEIR PEOPLE.

Tackling Substance Abuse & Reducing Drug Overdose Deaths in Indian Country

Palo Verde A

Join us for an impactful session focused on addressing the critical issue of substance abuse and drug overdose deaths within Indian Country. Learn more about the results from the 2023 Fentanyl and Opioid Summit, perspectives from the Indian Health Service, and Tribal experiences using opioid settlement funds.

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

Dr. Loretta Christensen, Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Service

Geoff Strommer, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker

Moderator: Candice Skenandore, Director of Self-Governance and Grants, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Key Treasury Economic and Tax Updates

Acacia A

Join this session to hear about a range of Treasury Tribal updates on the Inflation Reduction Act, Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee, new FinCen reporting, Community Reinvestment Act revised regulations, and the revised CDFI certification process.

Fatima Abbas, Director, Office of Tribal & Native Affairs, Department of the Treasury

James Colombe, Policy Advisor, Office of Tribal & Native Affairs, Department of the Treasury

Moderator: Travis Jansen, Deputy Director, Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium

The Farm Credit System: A Resource for Agriculture and Rural Development in Indian Country

Acacia C&D

Autumn Agans, Deputy Director of Regulatory Policy, Farm Credit Administration

Tyler Fish, Senior Advisor, Farm Credit Administration

Terry Hinds, Chief New Markets & Assurance Officer, Compeer Financial

Representative from CoBank

Moderator: Tyler Scribner, Senior Advisor, Farm Credit Administration

3:15p

Break

3:30 – 4:45p

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Tribal Panel: Experiences and Tribal Tips for Negotiating Self-Governance Agreements

Palo Verde A

When Tribal Nations elect to assume new programs, services, functions, or activities of IHS or DOI using Self-Governance authority, they must negotiate with the agencies to develop a compact or funding agreement. Join this session to hear experiences and practical tips for these negotiations.

President Terri Parton, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

Linda Austin, Chief Operations Officer, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

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

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

Moderator: Candice Skenandore, Director of Self-Governance and Grants, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

10 Years On! The Tiwahe Initiative

Acacia C & D

The Tiwahe Initiative was first funded in 2015. A cornerstone goal of Tiwahe is the belief in the connection among all living things, in the importance of family and community, and in a holistic approach to life. This re-visioning and re-engineering process is new and unfamiliar to many tribes, indicating a shift toward a systems approach grounded in each Tribe's history, customs, traditions, and values. Tiwahe Initiative leaders and representatives will share their 10-year learnings, innovations, and experience.

Darrell Seki, Chairman, Red Lake Nation

Vivian Korthuis, CEO, Association of Village Council Presidents

Rachel Fore, Tiwahe National Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Trish Tingle, Associate Director, Tribal Justice Support, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Anthony Riley, Division of Workforce Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Moderator: Dave Connor, Self-Governance Coordinator, Red Lake Nation

Section 105(l): Using Leases to Collateralize Construction & Leverage Loan Guarantees

Palo Verde B

Section 105(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act allows Tribal Nations to be compensated for costs incurred while carrying out select federal programs, services, functions, and activities administered under Self-Governance agreements at Tribal facilities. Opportunities available under 105(l) leases have resulted in some creative options on lease designs and use of funds, including leveraging these funds for loan guarantees and collateralization of funds for construction. Join this session to learn more about Section 105(l) agreements.

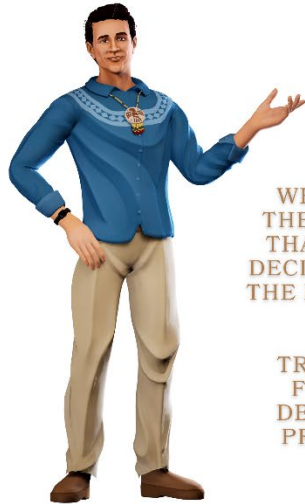
Tedd Buelow, Tribal Relations Team Lead, USDA Rural Development

Judith Wilson, Director, Office of Facilities, Property, and Safety Management, Department of the Interior

Indian Health Service Representative

Melinda White, CEO, Sage Memorial Hospital

Moderator: Geoff Strommer, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP



EO 14112

WE [FEDERAL AGENCIES] MUST RESPECT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY BY BETTER ENSURING THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT WHERE AND HOW TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. NO LESS THAN FOR ANY OTHER SOVEREIGN,

TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE IS ABOUT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY AND TO PROSPER AND FLOURISH ON THEIR OWN TERMS.

Opportunities for Tribal Nations under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Palo Verde C

Under recently enacted federal infrastructure packages, including the IRA and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Tribal Nations will now have access to over \$14 billion in direct funding and are eligible for billions more in funding through competitive grants, loans, loan guarantees, tax credits and contracts. With proper implementation, awareness, and access, funding from these recent laws could be transformative for Tribal Nations.

Join United South and Eastern Tribes' Tribal Infrastructure Development Program to learn more about how Tribal Nations can engage in Nation Rebuilding through infrastructure development opportunities under the recently enacted Inflation Reduction Act.

Liz Malerba, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund
Claire Newfeld, Associate Attorney, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
Melanie Plucinski, Tribal Infrastructure Development Policy Analyst, United South and Eastern Tribes
Moderator: Jennifer McLaughlin, Self-Governance Legislative Associate, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Tackling Substance Abuse in Indian Country (Law Enforcement Perspective)

Acacia A

Join us for an impactful session focused on addressing the critical issue of substance abuse and drug overdose deaths within Indian Country from a law enforcement perspective.

Kimberly Pribble, Field Intelligence Manager, Drug Enforcement Agency
Mike Grafton, Drug Enforcement Agency
Jesse Crabtree, Chief of Police, Gila River Indian Community
Christian Ralls, Operations Commander, Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Moderator: Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

5:30 – 8:30p

Tribal Listening Session on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Department of Energy Activities in Support of Commercial Production of High-Assay Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU)

Palo Verde A

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking feedback on its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which analyzes the impacts of the Department's proposed action to acquire high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU), a material needed to deploy advanced reactors. DOE is hosting a Tribal-only listening session to give a brief overview of HALEU, explain the

process used to analyze the proposed action and alternatives, answer questions, and gather oral comments and feedback on the draft EIS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

9 – 10a

Concurrent Sessions

Recovery Fund Compliance Update: Improve Delivery of Tribal Programs through Effective Grants Compliance

Palo Verde A

Grants management and compliance are a cornerstone of Tribal operations. Effective grant compliance can open a channel for continual awards, strengthen self-governance, and better fund Tribal programs that directly improve Tribal citizen quality of life. In this session, speakers will share their knowledge on how to maintain grant compliance and improve your grant workflow for improved delivery of services.

Jennifer Parisien, Policy Advisor, Office of Tribal & Native Affairs, Department of the Treasury

Josh Jackson, Policy Advisor, Office of Tribal & Native Affairs, Department of the Treasury

Moderator: Bryan Shade, Senior Associate, Lippes Mathias, LLP

Tribal Experiences Negotiating with Non-BIA Agencies within DOI

Palo Verde B

Join us for an insightful session that delves into the intricacies of negotiating to assume PSFAs with non-BIA agencies. Our expert panelists will share practical tips and lessons learned to help empower other Tribal governments.

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

Governor J. Michael Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo

Lisa Gassman, Chief Executive Officer, Sitka Tribe of Alaska

Dorothy FireCloud, Native American Affairs Liaison, National Park Service

Moderator: Jennifer McLaughlin, Self-Governance Legislative Associate, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Update on Medicaid Unwinding

Palo Verde C

This session will address the latest information regarding how the Medicaid eligibility redetermination process is impacting Indian country, including existing challenges, examples of successful Tribal/State partnerships and some best practices that will assist Tribes in working with their respective states.

Elliott Milhollin, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, LLC

Yvonne Myers, ACA/Medicaid Consultant, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services

Gennifer Moreau, Senior Policy Advisor, Intergovernmental Affairs, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist/Policy Analyst, SENSE Incorporated

Tribal Civics

Acacia A

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) developed a Tribal Civics curriculum to educate their citizens with a unified body of knowledge that will help them know their history and empower them to exert and protect their tribal sovereignty. The curriculum includes educational videos, lesson plans, and posters that includes tribal history, important court cases, aboriginal rights, treaty rights, self-governance and why CSKT operates the way it does. Join this session to learn what a tribal civics curriculum could look like and get ideas on how to develop one.

Jennifer Finley, Councilwoman, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Moderator: Travis Jansen, Deputy Director, Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium
Caring for Elders – Addressing Long Term Care Needs
Acacia C & D

As our communities age, ensuring quality care, support, and dignity for older adults becomes increasingly critical. Join us for an essential session dedicated to sharing Tribal experiences and common challenges addressing the long-term care needs of elderly populations.

Debbie Danforth, Health Division Director, Oneida Nation
Dave Larson, Continuum Care Director, Oneida Nation
Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Commissioner of Health Policy, Chickasaw Nation
Moderator: Candice Skenandore, Director of Self-Governance and Grants, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

10a **Break**

10:15 – 11:30a **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Implementation of Self-Determination Authority at USDA's Food and Nutrition Service
Palo Verde A

This session will provide an overview of USDA Food and Nutrition Service 's (FNS) experience implementing new self-determination authority. Participating Tribes in the demonstration will share their experience implementing individual projects.

Barbara Lopez, Senior Technical Advisor, Food and Nutrition Service
Mary Greene Trottier, FDPIR Program Director, Spirit Lake Tribe
Billy Mettebe, Food Sovereignty Project Manager, Lummi Nation
Moderator: Ashawna Miles, Self-Governance Director, Cherokee Nation

Self-Governance for Finance Professionals
Palo Verde B

Self-Governance authority offers significant benefits to Tribal governments compared to grants, including additional flexibility to reprogram funds to align with Tribal priorities. In addition, Tribal Nations have found that streamlined and reduced reporting requirements result in administrative efficiencies—allowing more funds to be used for programmatic activities. Learn more about the benefits of Self-Governance authority and how the authority differs from grant requirements.

Linda Austin, Chief Operations Officer, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist/Policy Analyst, SENSE Incorporated

Planning for a Transition of Healthcare Programs to Self-Governance
Acacia A

Join us for an informative session dedicated to planning for a transition of healthcare programs under Self-Governance. Our expert panelists will share insights, strategies, and tips to empower Tribal governments in their journey toward Self-Governance in healthcare.

Jerilyn Church, Chief Executive Officer, Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board
Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Lindsay King, Director, Office of Tribal Programs & Partnerships, Oklahoma City Area, Indian Health Service

Moderator: Candice Skenandore, Director of Self-Governance and Grants, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

VA MISSION Act – Update on the Pilot Program to Expand Health Care Access for Veterans in Rural Areas
Acacia C & D

This session will focus on the Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act Section 403, Pilot Program on Graduate Medical Education and Residency (PPGMER). MISSION 403 authorizes the Department of Veteran Affairs to reimburse the salary and benefits of 100 physician residents who do clinical rotations in covered facilities, prioritizing healthcare facilities in Indian Health Service, Tribes, and Tribal organizations. The session will cover regulations, models of reimbursement for physician residents in training programs at existing sponsoring institutions as well as new programs at covered facilities, reporting requirements, timelines for implementation and the upcoming requests for proposals.

John Byrne, D.O., Senior Advisor, Veterans Affairs Office of Academic Affiliations
Moderator: Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

Tribal Health Priorities Roundtable with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB)
Palo Verde C

NIHB will host a Tribal Health Priorities Roundtable. Join this interactive session to discuss priority health policy issues for 2024 and beyond using facilitated small group discussions. Participants will also discuss strategies to plan for a possible change in Presidential Administration and what could be achieved in the last months of 2024.

Caitrin McCarron Shuy, Director of Government Relations, National Indian Health Board
AC Locklear, Director of Federal Relations, National Indian Health Board
Winn Davis, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board

- 11:30 – 1:00p **Grab and Go Lunch**
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Palo Verde Foyer/Event Lawn/South Patio
- 1 – 5p **Plenary/General Session**
Theater
- 1p **Opening Prayer & Welcome**
Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- 1:05p **SGCETC's History of Tribal Self-Governance (video)**
- 1:15p **Native Vote**
Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Director, Indian Legal Clinic, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University

Hosts:
Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah
- 1:35p **Discussion with the Treasurer of the United States**
Chief Lynn Malerba, Treasurer of the United States

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

Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation

1:55p

Self-Governance Updates (DOI, IHS, DOT)

Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service
Matt Kallappa, Northwest Field Office Manager, Office of Self-Governance, DOI
Milo Booth, Tribal Affairs Director, Department of Transportation

Hosts:

Tribal Chairman/CEO W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation

2:40p

Yurok-Tolowa-Dee-ni' Indigenous Marine Stewardship Area

Premiere of *For Our People* Segment. Panel discussion following the premiere.

Fawn Murphy, Chairperson, Resighini Rancheria
Jaytuk Steinruck, Treasurer, Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation
Megan Rocha, Executive Director, Resighini Rancheria
Robert Hemsted, Vice Chairman, Trinidad Rancheria (invited)

Hosts:

Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah
Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

3:20p

NATIVE HEALTH's designation as a National Voter Registration Act Site

Walter Murillo, CEO, NATIVE HEALTH
P. Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service

Hosts:

Chairman Robert Miguel, Chairman, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah

3:40p

Five in Five: Increasing the Average Age of Mortality of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Members by Five Years in Five Years

Joseph Remitera, Health and Human Services Director, SRPMIC
Dr. Nancy Mangieri, Chief Public Health Officer, SRPMIC

Hosts:

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Heather Washington, Self-Governance Director, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

4:00p

Chippewa Cree Tribe – Our Language is a Spirit

Premiere of *For Our People* Segment. Panel discussion following the premiere.

Loni Taylor, Councilmember, Chippewa Cree Tribe
Dustin Whitford, Executive Director, Mahchiwminahnahtik Chippewa and Cree Language Revitalization Program
Lynette Cantrell, Cree Language Instructor
Pauline Standingrock, Cree Language Instructor

Hosts:

Jeremy Charles, Cherokee Filmmaker and Founder, Pursuit Films

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

6:30 – 9:30p

Celebrating Tribal Self-Governance Reception

Join us on the Event Lawn in the pool area for an evening of good food, entertainment, and camaraderie.

Conference attendees are invited to the reception to enjoy a special Indigenous fare buffet while enjoying the melodic tunes of live music from **Connor Chee**—Navajo award-winning pianist.

Following Connor's performance, enjoy a Hoop and Fancy Dance performance from **Scott, Sampson, and Moontee Siquah**; witness the magic of **Derek No-Sun Brown** as he offers a live painting experience; and participate in an auction for the opportunity to take home art from Derek No-Sun Brown and pottery from Robert King.

The night is just getting started as we welcome Navajo country musician Ryan Allison and his band, **Dirt Rhodes**.

DJ Rudy Indigenous will pick up after Dirt Rhodes to close out the night.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 6:30 - 9:30 PM EVENT LAWN/POOL AREA

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THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 7 – 8:30a **Grab and Go Breakfast**
Available for registered conference attendees only
Palo Verde Foyer/ Event Lawn/ South Patio
- 9a – 12p **Plenary/General Session**
- 9a **Opening Prayer**
Chance Rush
- 9:10a **PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act Update – Overview of Proposed Regulations**
Tribal Chairman/CEO W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Matt Kallappa, Northwest Field Office Manager, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior
Vickie Hanvey, Program Policy Analyst, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior

Hosts:
Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation
- 9:30a **Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Eagle Aviary**
Premier of *For Our People* Segment. Panel discussion following the premiere.

Jennifer Randell, Eagle Aviary Director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Bree Dunham, Eagle Aviary Assistant Director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Hosts:
Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Karen Fierro, Self-Governance Director, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- 10a **Future of Self-Governance Authority and Other Priorities for the Administration for Native Americans**
Patrice Kunesh, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans and Deputy Assistance Secretary for Native American Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services

Hosts:
Chris Anoatubby, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation
Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- 10:20a **Future of Self-Determination and Self-Governance Authority at USDA**
Heather Dawn Thompson, Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture (invited)
Abi Fain, Chief Legal and Policy Officer, Intertribal Agriculture Council
Kayla Gebeck Carroll, Associate, Holland & Knight, LLP

Hosts:
Chris Anoatubby, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation
Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

10:40a **10 Years On! Whanau Ora / Tiwahe – Two Ideas Birthed Independently**
Materoa Mar, CEO, Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance
Stephen Keung, Principal, Whanau Tahī USA
Cheri Goodwin, Executive Director, Red Lake Family and Children Services

Hosts:

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation
Tyson Johnston, Self-Governance Director, Quinault Indian Nation

11a **Kaw Nation – Reclaiming Culturally Significant Resources**
Premier of *For Our People* Segment. Panel discussion following the premiere.

James Pepper Henry, Vice Chair, Kaw Nation
R. Daniel Carter, Attorney General, Kaw Nation

Hosts:

Heather Washington, Self-Governance Director, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Jeremy Charles, Cherokee Filmmaker and Founder, Pursuit Films

11:30a – 1:30p **Lunch Break (on your own)**

1:30 – 2:30p **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Tribal Perspectives on CSC Policy and Litigation

Palo Verde A

Join this session to learn about and discuss Tribal perspectives on Contract Support Cost (CSC) policy at the Department of the Interior and Indian Health Service as well as updates on court cases related to CSC.

Linda Austin, Chief Operations Officer, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Rebecca Patterson, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Miller, & Monkman, LLP
Geoff Strommer, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean, & Walker, LLP

Moderator: Jennifer McLaughlin, Self-Governance Legislative Associate, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

GSA Overview- Who are we? How can we help meet your needs?

Palo Verde B

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) provides a range of services to Tribal Nations. These services include but are not limited to surplus property donations, vehicle purchases, and IT solutions. Join this session to (1) understand GSA's role with Indian Country, (2) learn how to use your ISDEAA funding through GSA's Programs, and (3) to gain an understanding of GSA Contracts available for services and products.

Jessi Jagne, Strategic Program Advisor for Tribal and Small Independent Agencies, U.S. General Services Administration

Julie Ramsey, Tribal Liaison, U.S. General Services Administration

Moderator: Candice Skenandore, Director of Self-Governance and Grants, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Purchasing Insurance on the Marketplace and Reimbursement of Medicaid Parts B and D (Tribal Sponsorship)

Palo Verde C

This session will cover what Tribal Nations should consider before deciding whether to initiate a Tribal Sponsorship program. Tribal Nations who have successfully implemented a Tribal Sponsorship program will also share their experiences.

Doneg McDonough, Health System Analytics, LLC

Brenda Teel, Executive Officer of Revenue Cycle, Chickasaw Nation

Joel Rosette, CEO, Rocky Boy Health Center

Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist/Policy Analyst, SENSE Incorporated

Osage Nation: Establishing a Tribal Census

Acacia A

The Osage Nation Congress passed a Resolution requiring an internal Osage Census to be developed and take place every 5 years. The survey had very specific questions and data that would be beneficial to planning programs and grant funding. The Osage Nation had a very robust response, over 4,500. The survey was open for two months and was available on our website electronically as well as by hard copy on request to all Osage Nation citizens. The U.S. Census suggested Osage Nation participate in a pilot project with the US Census to share data and information. An MOU is being developed as to what data and security measures will be taken. Join this session to learn more about the Osage Nation's experience.

Susan Bayro, Strategic Planning Analyst, Osage Nation

Moderator: Travis Jansen, Deputy Director, SGCETC

Moving Towards Climate Resiliency – A Tribal Experience and Federal Resources

Acacia C & D

As our planet faces unprecedented climate challenges, Tribal Nations have emerged as leaders in resilience and adaptation. This session shares the experience of the Quinault Indian Nation as it navigates the impacts of a changing climate.

Alyssa Johnston, Project Developer, Quinault Indian Nation's Community-Driven Relocation Project

Julie Burnett, Division Director, Community Services, Quinault Indian Nation

John Mosley, Branch Chief, Tribal Climate Resilience, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Moderator: Tyson Johnston, Self-Governance Director, Quinault Nation



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. ...".

2:30p **Break**

2:45 – 4p **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

GSA FOCUS GROUPS: Tribal Procurement Needs

Palo Verde A

GSA is seeking to learn from Tribal governments about their procurement needs. Join this session to share perspectives that will shape how GSA's Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) develops tribal customer service programs. The type of things GSA hopes to learn are summarized by these questions:

1. What are the biggest procurement challenges that Tribal governments face?
2. What types of purchases are the easiest to make for your Tribe, and what makes them easy for you?
3. What types of purchases are the most difficult to make?
4. How have you used GSA for purchases or leases in the past, and what were your experiences?
5. What information about a product or service do you look for before a purchase and how do you search for it?
6. Are you accustomed to vendors and service providers finding you, or do you typically find them?
7. Is it common to have face-to-face interactions with vendors or representatives?
8. Where have you typically found vendors in the past?
9. What percentage of your vendors are local, or have a location within an hour drive?

Julie Ramey, Tribal Liaison, U.S. General Services Administration

Jesse Jange, U.S. General Services Administration

Shaun Golding, Program Evaluator, U.S. General Services Administration

Update from the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative – Expanding Self-Governance in the Farm Bill and BIA Agriculture Leasing Regulations

Palo Verde B

As part of the upcoming Farm Bill negotiations, Indian Country has requested that Congress make the 638 pilot programs authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill permanent and to expand Self-Governance authority more broadly at USDA. Join this session to learn more and discuss these opportunities and to learn how you can help ensure Self-Determination and Self-Governance continue to expand at USDA. In addition, you will learn more about the implementation of changes to BIA's agriculture leasing regulations.

Carly Griffith Hovtedt, Associate Executive Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law

Grab Sovereignty with Both Hands! – Presentation from Arizona State University

Acacia A

During this session, you will explore multiple work scenarios related to Tribal Self-Governance, where it would be helpful to have a greater understanding of the law. For example, a human resources employee with a discrimination complaint, a clinic director considering the most effective delivery of healthcare services, or a land committee reviewing environmental impact of projects. Presenters will describe the Master of Legal Studies options available at ASU: Federal Indian Law, Tribal Self-Governance, and Indian Gaming.

Derrick Beetso, Director, Indian Gaming and Self-Governance, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, Arizona State University

Theresa Beaulieu, Assistant Director, Indian Legal Program, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Identifying Tribal Shares, Inherently Federal Functions, and Residual Shares

Palo Verde C

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. Join this session to learn how DOI and IHS calculate tribal shares.

Carla Mayo, Deputy Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service
Vickie Hanvey, Program Policy Analyst, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior
Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist/Policy Analyst, SENSE Incorporated

JOM Update – Bureau of Indian Education

Acacia C & D

This session will provide an update on the implementation of the JOM Modernization Act and also provide essential information on the distribution methodology for the FY25/School year 2024-2025 JOM appropriation.

Spike Bighorn, Program Manager, Office of Sovereignty in Indian Education (SIE), Bureau of Indian Education

4p

Conference Ends



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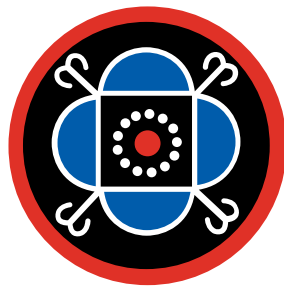
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