

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

2 – 6p Registration Open

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7a Registration Opens

9a – 12p – book signing by Norbert Hill

10:00a – 12p Concurrent Sessions

Welcome to Self-Governance Authority: General Overview and Q/A with Tribal Leaders

Palo Verde A

Legislative & Judicial Update

Palo Verde B

Geoff Strommer, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
Caitrin Shuy, Director of Congressional Relations, National Indian Health Board
Phil Baker-Shenk, 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

Panel I: History of CSC

Lloyd Miller

Panel II: CSC 101

TBD

IHS LISTENING SESSION

Acacia C & D

The Role of the Office of Inspector Generals and IJA-Related Oversight in Indian Country

Acacia A

Inspector Generals (IGs) ensure accountability, integrity, and efficiency in the operations of the federal agencies they serve. In this session, representatives from six Inspector General office will (1) provide an introduction of their roles, (2) share examples of investigations they conduct, (3) discuss their role in the implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and (4) identify how anyone can report suspected fraud, waste, and abuse of federal resources.

Curt Muller, IJA Oversight Coordinator, Office of Inspector General, Health and Human Services

Morning Dawn Johnson, IJJA Oversight Coordinator, Office of Inspector General, Health and Human Services

Justin Christman, Oversight Coordinator, Office of Inspector General, Health and Human Services

Christian Patton, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce

Zack Gransbury, Special Agent, Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce

Erik Halvorson, Anti-Fraud Program Manager, Office of Inspector General, Department of Energy

David House, Special Agent in Charge, Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior

Chris Aiello, Supervisory Special Agent, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency

Michael Sparks, Special Agent in Charge, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency

Susan Ocampo, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Transportation

Moderator: Tyson Johnston, Quinault Indian Nation

12 – 2p Lunch Break (on your own)

2 – 3:15p Concurrent Sessions

Self-Governance Basics at IHS and DOI

Palo Verde A

Tribal Consultation: VHA/IHS MOU Operational Plan

Palo Verde B

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

Palo Verde C

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency whose mission is to promote the progress of science by investing in research to expand knowledge in science, engineering and education. The overarching goals of this sessions are: 1) to further participants' knowledge of NSF's mission, goals, and work, with a focus primarily on actions impacting Tribal Nations; 2) to discuss specific NSF funding opportunities of potential interest to Tribal Nations and the grant application process; and 3) to promote productive dialogue between workshop participants and NSF personnel about the agency's work with Tribal Nations.

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, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

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

Acacia A

Jeannie Hovland, Vice-Chair, National Indian Gaming Commission

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

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 CHAP is a multidisciplinary system of mid-level behavioral, primary, and dental health professionals working alongside licensed providers to offer patients increased access to quality care 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.

Brook Bender, CHAP TAG Tribal Co-Chair (INVITED)
Terri Parton, President, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Angela Thompson, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Katie Ferguson, Cherokee Nation
Julie Seward, Southern Plains Tribal Health Board
Christina Peters, NWPaiHB
Dr. Christopher Jarvis, CHAP TAG Federal Co-Chair, Indian Health Service
Donna Enfield, CHAP TAG Secretary, Indian Health Service

Moderator: Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

3:15 – 3:30p Break

3:30 – 5p Concurrent Sessions

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

Palo Verde A

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. Staff from the All of Us Research Program will share information with and gather critical input/recommendations from Tribal leaders that will 1) support All of Us, Tribes and Tribal organizations to incorporate responsible, respectful practices and Indigenous knowledge in precision medicine research; 2) discuss research benefits for Tribal communities; 3) explore potential impacts for Tribal communities; and 4) provide information on participating in the All of Us Research Program.

Karriem S. Watson, DHSc, MS, MPH, Chief Engagement Officer, National Institutes of Health
Michael Hahn, Tribal Engagement and Outreach Branch Director, National Institutes of Health

Naomi Aspaas, BSN, RN (Diné), Associate Director of Tribal Engagement and Outreach, National Institutes of Health

Molita Yazzie, MSc, MAd (Diné), American Indian Alaska Native Indigenous Engagement Senior Analyst, National Institutes of Health

Self-Governance Basics at DOT

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

Milo Booth, Department of Transportation

Eldridge Onco, Department of Transportation

Tribal Consultation: Non-BIA Programs' PSFAs

Palo Verde C

This session discusses optimizing opportunities for including non-BIA programs in agreements with Indian Tribes participating in self-governance, without regard to the agency or office concerned. The Secretary establishes programmatic targets, after consultation with Indian Tribes participating in self-governance, to encourage bureaus of the Department to ensure that an appropriate portion of those programs are available to be included in funding agreements. The Secretary of the Interior is required to publish annually (1) a list of non-BIA programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFAs) that are eligible for inclusion in Funding Agreements negotiated under the Self-Governance Program; and (2) programmatic targets for these Bureaus.

Byron Loosle, Bureau of Land Management (INVITED)

Kelly Titensor, Bureau of Reclamation

Heidi Badaracco, Office of Natural Resources Revenue (INVITED)

Dorothy Firecloud, National Park Service (INVITED)

Scott Aikin, Fish and Wildlife Service

Chris Hammond, U.S. Geological Survey (INVITED)

Lee Frazier and Jason Bruno, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (INVITED)

Hillary Renick, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (INVITED)

Jack Lorrigan, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (INVITED)

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

Health IT Modernization – Update

Acacia A

Brandy Russell, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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

Mitch Thornbrugh, Indian Health Service

Roundtable Discussion with U.S. Semi Quincentennial Commission – Tribal Involvement in “America250” Efforts

Acacia C & D

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7a	Registration
7:30 -8:30a	Breakfast Burrito & Coffee
	Plenary/General Session <i>Theater</i>
9:00a	Opening Ceremony Posting of Colors, Gila River Indian Community Color Guard Opening Prayer - Robert Stone Hoop Dance performance – 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
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, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation
11a	Ysleta del Sur Pueblo – Ensuring Healthcare Services Keep Up with an Increasing Population – Self-Determining Citizenship and Experience with a Joint Venture Premiere of <i>For Our People</i> Episode <i>For Our People, Stories of Tribal Self-Governance & Sovereignty</i> , is a docuseries dedicated to sharing stories that demonstrate Tribal Nations’ success and innovation administering governmental programs and taking actions that improve the health and wellbeing of their citizens, culture, and communities. Join us for the premiere of a segment showcasing the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo’s success implementing its own citizenship criteria and a Joint Venture Agreement with the Indian Health Service. <u>Panel Discussion</u> 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

11:30a **Discussion with the Biden Administration Regarding Implementation of the Executive Order on Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations to Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination & Actions Taken in Response to the Interagency Steering Group on Native American Voting Rights**

Elizabeth Reese, Sr. Policy Advisory for Native Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council
Anthony Rodman, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs
Elizabeth Carr, Sr. Advisor to the Director, Office of Management and Budget

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

12:15 – 2p Lunch Break – Grab and Go – Chicken Ceaser Wrap and Veggie Wrap

2:00 – 3:15p Concurrent Sessions

Where’s the Money? Tracking Funds from Appropriations to Delivery with the Tribal Government
Palo Verde C

Jilian Curtis, Indian Health Service
Jason Freihage, Department of the Interior
Rufina Villacana, Financial Specialist, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior
Carla Mayo, Deputy Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service

Moderator: TBD

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

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

Michael Lynn, Executive Director, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Cherokee Nation (INVITED)
Kasie Nichols, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Ben Lujan, Director of Public Works, Ohkay Owingeh

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

Tackling Substance Abuse & Reducing Drug Overdose Deaths in Indian Country

Palo Verde A

Findings from the 2023 Fentanyl and Opioid Summit

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

Indian Health Service Perspectives

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

Using Settlement Funds: Tribal Experiences

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

Geoff Strommer, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker

Moderator: Candice Skenandore, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Key Treasury Economic and Tax Updates

Acacia A

TBD, Department of the Treasury

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

POWER BALANCE: Increasing Leverage in Negotiations with Federal and State Government--Lessons Learned from the Native American Experience

Acacia B&C

In this session, the presenters will: (1) break down the negotiation process into a sequence of six major steps that negotiators can master and implement; (2) introduce a methodology that blends age-old traditional Native negotiation practices with negotiation techniques that are popular today outside of Indian Country; (3) examine the “use of power” in negotiations and offer specific ways Tribes can use their unique legal and historical rights as well as political action strategies to shift the balance of power in these transactions and maximize the benefits they take home; (4) offer real life descriptions of successful win/win negotiations within Indian country and between Tribes and government agencies that illustrate the effectiveness of our approach; (5) and contrast top-down “government consultation” with “bi-lateral gov’t to gov’t negotiations”, as the preferred strategy to properly honor the “government to government” relationship between governments and Native Nations.

David Lent (Bishop Paiute), former Executive Director, Toiyabe Indian Health Program
Steven Haberfeld, Ph.D.

Moderator: TBD

3:15 – 3:30p Coffee Break

3:30 – 4:45p Concurrent 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. This session will provide practical tips for Tribal officials to prepare for these negotiations. Panelists will share their recent experiences and challenges negotiating with federal agencies.

President Teri 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, Sonosky Law Firm

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
Rod Robinson, Deputy Associate Director, Pathways to Wellness

Moderator: Dave Connor, Red Lake Nation

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

Palo Verde B

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 these options.

Tedd Buelow, Tribal Relations Team Lead, USDA Rural Development
Cody Seaton, Chief – Office of Tribal Leases, DOI
Jillian Curtis, IHS
Melinda White, CEO, Sage Memorial Hospital
Tyler Fish, Sr. Advisor, Farm Credit Administration (INVITED)

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

Opportunities for Tribal Nations under the Inflation Reduction Act

Palo Verde C

Under recently enacted federal infrastructure packages, including the Inflation Reduction Act (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 and our infrastructure.

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. Attendees will gain knowledge about what types funding are available to Tribal Nations, and how to best access these dollars. Any relevant special considerations for Tribal Nations engaging in self-governance will also be shared.

Liz Malerba, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund

Moderator: Jennifer McLaughlin, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Tackling Substance Abuse in Indian Country (Law Enforcement Perspective)

Acacia A

Drug Enforcement

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 Listening Session – Office of Nuclear Agency
Palo Verde A

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

9 – 10a Concurrent Sessions

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

Palo Verde A

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: TBD

Tribal Experiences Negotiating with Non-BIA Agencies within DOI

Palo Verde B

Tribal Chairman/CEO W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Governor J. Michael Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo
Scott Aiken, Department of the Interior (INVITED)
Charles Sam, Director, National Park Service (INVITED)

Moderator: Jennifer McLaughlin, 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.

Panelists:

Elliott Milhollin, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, LLC
Yvonne Myers, ACA/Medicaid Consultant, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services
Jim Roberts, Senior Executive Liaison, Intergovernmental Affairs, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Alice M. Weiss, Deputy Director in the Children and Adults Health Programs Group at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, 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. To cultivate well informed citizens, CSKT developed a curriculum that includes educational videos, lesson plans, and posters that includes tribal history, important court cases relevant to CSKT, aboriginal rights, treaty rights, self-governance and why CSKT operates the way it does today.

It’s important for Tribes to reaffirm their sovereignty by educating their own citizens in a more systemized matter to ensure vital information regarding their rights and responsibilities gets passed along. The Tribal Civics curriculum is owned by CSKT, and the materials can be added to and updated. In this session, Tribal Nations will learn what a tribal civics curriculum could look like for their own citizens and get ideas on how to develop one.

Julie Cajune, Educator, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
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

Debbie Danforth, Oneida Nation
Dave Larson, Continuum Care Director, Oneida Nation
Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation (INVITED)

Moderator: Candice Skenandore, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

10 – 10:15a Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:30a Concurrent Sessions

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

Palo Verde A

Barbara Lopez, Senior Technical Advisor, Food and Nutrition Service

Moderator: Ashawna Miles, Self-Governance Director, Cherokee Nation

Self-Governance for Finance Professionals

Palo Verde B

Linda Austin, Chief Operations Officer Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Kasie Nichols, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, SENSE Incorporated

Planning for a Transition of Healthcare Programs to Self-Governance

Acacia A

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, 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

Palo Verde C

Caitrin Shuy, National Indian Health Board
 AC Locklear, National Indian Health Board

11:30 – 1:15p	Lunch Break – Grab and Go option available
1:15 – 5p	Plenary/General Session <i>Theater</i>
1:15p	Opening Prayer & Welcome Robert Miguel, Chairman, Ak-Chin Indian Community
1:25p	Native Vote Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Arizona State University (INVITED)
1:50p	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 Anotubby, Chickasaw Nation
2:10p	Self-Governance Updates (DOI, IHS, DOT) Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service Sharee Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior Milo Booth, Department of Transportation Hosts: Tribal Chairman/CEO W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Lt. Governor Chris Anotubby, Chickasaw Nation
2:50p	Yurok-Tolowa-Dee-ni' Indigenous Marine Stewardship Area Premiere of <i>For Our People</i> Segment <u>Panel Discussion</u> 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
Nick Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

3:30p

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

Walter Murillo, CEO, NATIVE HEALTH
Adrian Fontes, Arizona Secretary of State (INVITED)
Benjamin P. 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

4:00p

Five in Five: Increasing the Average Age of Mortality of SRMPIC Community Members by Five Years in Five Years

In 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community launched a “Community of Care” healthcare model—a collaborative approach that spans across all government departments and focuses on its five determinants of health. Learn more about the model and its implementation.

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

Hosts:

Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Heather Washington, Self-Governance Director, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

4:20p

Chippewa Cree Tribe – Our Language is a Spirit
Premiere of *For Our People* Segment

For Our People, Stories of Tribal Self-Governance & Sovereignty, is a docuseries dedicated to sharing stories that demonstrate Tribal Nations’ success and innovation administering governmental programs and taking actions that improve the health and wellbeing of their citizens, culture, and communities. Join us for the premiere of a segment showcasing the Chippewa Cree Tribe’s efforts to preserve and revive its language.

Panel Discussion

Loni Taylor, Councilmember, Chippewa Cree Tribe
Dustin Whitford
Lynette Cantrell
Pauline Standingrock

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

6:30 – 9p

Reception

Hoop Dance Performance - Scott Siquah, Sampson Siquah, Moontee Siquah
 Connor Chee (Navajo)
 Dirt Rhodes Band (Navajo)
 Live Painting Demonstration with Derek No-Sun Brown
 Awards

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9a – 12p

Plenary/General Session

9a

Opening Prayer

President Martin Harvier, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community

9:10a

PROGRESS 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
 Sharee Freeman, Director, 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

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Panel Discussion

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

Hosts:

Robert Miguel, Chairman, Ak-Chin Indian Community
 Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

10:00a

Future of Self-Determination and Self-Governance Authority

Panel I: HHS

Patrice Kunesh, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans and Deputy Assistance Secretary for Native American Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services

Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service

Panel II: USDA

Heather Dawn Thompson, Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture (INVITED)
Native Farm Bill Coalition Representatives (TBD)

Hosts:

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

Chris Anoatubby, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation

10:40a

10 Years On! Whanau Ora / Tiwahe – Two Ideas Birthed Independently

Upon learning of New Zealand's "Whanau Ora Policy", US Ambassador to New Zealand, Tom Udall (former US Senator and Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs) connected it to BIA's "Tiwahe Initiative" exclaiming: "Two ideas birthed independently!" In 2010, Whanau Ora was enacted as Government Public policy becoming an unexpected forerunner to the Tiwahe Initiative, which was unleashed five years later in 2015. Both initiatives have a vision of families and individuals at the center and in control of services and supports they need to achieve their aspirations.

Stephen Keung, Principal, Whanau Tahī USA

Hosts:

Nickolaus Lewis, Councilmember, Lummi Nation

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

11:00a

Kaw Nation – Reclaiming Culturally Significant Resources

Premier of *For Our People* Segment

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Panel Discussion

James Pepper Henry, Vice Chair, Kaw Nation

R. Daniel Carter, Attorney General, Kaw Nation

Hosts:

Melanie Fourkiller, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Jeremy Charles, Writer, Director, & Producer, Pursuit Films

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

1:30 – 2:30p Concurrent Sessions

Tribal Perspectives on CSC Policy and Litigation

Palo Verde A

Andrew Joseph, Chairman, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (INVITED)
Linda Austin, Chief Operations Officer, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Rebecca Patterson, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Miller, & Monkman, LLP
Geoff Strommer, Managing Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean, & Walker, LLP

Moderator: TBD

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

Palo Verde B

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

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) provides a range of services to federally recognized 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.

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 a Tribe should consider before making a determination about whether to initiate a Tribal Sponsorship program. Tribes who have successfully implemented a Tribal Sponsorship program will also share their experiences.

Panelists:

Doneg McDonough, Health System Analytics, LLC
Brenda Teel, Chickasaw Nation

Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, 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

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Alyssa Johnston, Project Developer, Quinault Indian Nation’s Community-Driven Relocation Project
Julie Burnett, Division Director, Community Services
John Mosley, BIA (CONFIRMED)

Moderator: Tyson Johnston, Quinault Nation

2:30 – 2:45p Break

2:45 – 4p Concurrent Sessions

GSA FOCUS GROUPS: Tribal Procurement Needs

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Overcoming Challenges to the Expansion of Self-Determination & Self-Governance at USDA

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Native Farm Bill Coalition

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

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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

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Carla Mayo, Deputy Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Indian Health Service
Vickie Hanvey, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior

Moderator: Cyndi Ferguson, SENSE Incorporated

JOM Update – Bureau of Indian Education

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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