

# National Indian Health Board



**Tribal Caucus Briefing on the  
Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)  
Hosted by the National Indian Health Board  
March 7, 2012  
National Museum of the American Indian  
Rooms 4018 & 4019 (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

**Purpose:** As Congress begins to consider reauthorization of this life-saving program, the very important goal of this Caucus is to determine the Tribal "Ask", both for the funding and the length of the reauthorization. SDPI will expire in 2013 unless it is reauthorized.

**Who Should Attend:** Tribal Leaders, Tribal Health Directors, Tribal Health Advocates, Diabetes Stakeholder Groups

**Moderator: Buford Rolin**, National Chairman, Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee - Nashville Area Representative, National Indian Health Board Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

**Co-Moderator: Stacy A. Bohlen**, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

## Agenda

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| 1:00 pm - 1:10 pm | Welcome, Opening Prayer                       |
| 1:10 pm - 1:15 pm | Goals of meeting                              |
| 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm | History of advocacy for SDPI, current climate |
| 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm | <u>Federal Panel</u>                          |

**Dr. Griffin Rodgers**, M.D., M.A.C.P., Director,  
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and  
Kidney Disorders, National Institutes of Health

**Dr. Yvette Roubideaux**, M.D., M.P.H., Director,  
Indian Health Service

Q & A



3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Stakeholder Panel

The stakeholders form a 15-year-long advocacy coalition for the Special Diabetes Program and SDPI.

**Laura Whitton**, National Director, Government Relations, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

**Camille Nash**, National Chair, Advocacy, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

**Tekisha Dwan Everette**, Managing Director, Federal Government Affairs, American Diabetes Association

**Shondra McCage**, Chair, Awakening the Spirit, American Diabetes Association

**Anatasia Albanese-O'Neill**, National Advocacy Committee, American Diabetes Association

**Ronnie Tepp**, Consultant, National Indian Health Board

Q & A

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tribal Caucus – Closed Session for Tribal Representatives

- Review Federal and Stakeholder discussions
- Discuss program need/outcomes vs. budget and political constraints
- Assess options for Tribal “Ask” for SDPI reauthorization
- Discuss and determine process for achieving a consensus on Tribal “Ask”

