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VETERANS TRAINING SUMMIT



NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION



AGENDA

(Free Event)

June 23-24, 2017

Grand Sierra Resort | 2500 E 2nd Street | Reno, NV 89595

Phone: 775-789-2000 (room rate: \$126 + tax)

DAY 1 – JUNE 23	
7:30 a.m.	Registration on-site Advanced registration at this link: (FREE REGISTRATION): https://rns_2017.eventbrite.com
8:30am-9:00am	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Address/Moderator: Steve Sitton & Terry Bentley• Post Colors – Pyramid Lake Honor Guard• Invocation – TBD – Tribal Elder• Greetings Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada: Vinton Hawley, President
9:00am-9:15am	OTGR Update and Goals for Meeting – Terry Bentley & Steve Sitton
9:15am-9:30am	Update/Welcome from the Director, Nevada State Department of Veterans Affairs – Katherine ‘Kat’ Miller
9:30am-9:45am	Update/Welcome from Director VA Sierra Health Care System – Lisa Howard
9:45am-10:00am	Update/Welcome from the Director VBA Reno Regional Office – Sheila Jackson
10:00am-10:15am	Break

10:15am-11:15am	<p>VA 101 - Understanding VA Eligibility & Healthcare Benefits Overview - TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe some of the key aspects speaker will cover
11:15am-12:30pm	<p>VA Service Officer Basics – Understanding the Benefits – TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is a Vet? • Basic qualifications and types of discharges • Fully Developed Claim vs. Standard Claims • Developing Medical Evidence in Support of Claim (nexus)
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch – Provided by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS)
1:30pm-2:30pm	<p>Survivor Claims and Benefits - TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Dependency Indemnity Compensation? • What is death pension? • What are burial benefits? • What are accrued benefits?
2:30pm-3:30pm	<p>Special Claims – Presumptive Conditions – TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agent Orange • Gulf War • Camp Lejune • Atomic Veterans
3:30pm-3:45pm	Break
3:45pm-4:30pm	<p>Treatment for PTSD and Mental Health – TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of PTSD • Suicide Prevention – Crisis Hotline • Accessing same-day Mental Health Program
4:30pm-5:00pm	<p>Role of Tribal Veteran Representative / Tribal Veteran Service Officer – new Rule 38.CFR 14.628(b)(2) – how does this impact Tribes – Terry Bentley & Steve Sitton</p>
5:00pm – 5:05pm	Wrap Up for Day

DAY 2 – JUNE 24 8:00 a.m.	Registration on-site
8:45am-9:00am	Opening Remarks – Steve Sitton • Invocation – Tribal Elder - TBD
9:00am-10:00am	State of Nevada Veterans Benefits - TBD
10:00am-11:00am	Introduction of Federal and State Education Benefits - TBD
11:00am-11:15am	Break
11:15am-12pm	Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Program - TBD
12pm-1pm	Lunch - Provided by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS)
1:00pm-2:00pm	Improving Veteran Employment Outcomes - TBD
2:00pm-2:15pm	Break
2:15pm-3:15pm	Veteran Legal and Financial Services - TBD
3:15pm-4:30pm	Veteran Resource Booths
4:30pm	Closing Prayer – Tribal Elder Retire Flags Adjourn / Safe Travels



Veterans Training Summit – Pacific District

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

12:00pm-5:00pm	Registration open
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address/Moderator: Mary Taylor & Terry Bentley • Post Colors – Nez Perce Tribe Color Guard • Invocation – Tribal Elder • Greetings Host Tribe: Mary Jane Miles, Chairperson, Nez Perce Tribe
1:15pm – 1:30pm	OTGR Updates and Goals for Meeting – Terry Bentley
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Update/Welcome from the Administrator Idaho State DVA – David Brasuell
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Update/Welcome from Director Spokane VA Medical Center – Ron Johnson
2:00pm – 2:15pm	Update/Welcome from the Director VBA Idaho Regional Office – Kathryn Malin
2:15pm – 2:30pm	Break – Snacks provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Veteran 101 / VA Benefits Overview – Bill Heyob, Program Manager, Office of Veterans Advocacy, Idaho Division of Veterans Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a Veteran? What is county, state and federal VA? • What are the differences and how do they connect? • What are service-connected Veterans? • What are non-service connected pension benefits?
3:15pm – 4:15pm	Veteran Survivor Benefits / Memorial Affairs Benefits – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Dependency Indemnity Compensation? • What is death pension? • What are burial benefits?
4:15pm - 4:45pm	VA Home Loans / Native American Direct Loan Program - TBD
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Wrap Up for Day



Special Thanks to These Organizations:

VHA Spokane Mobile Medical Unit will be on site both days for medical care (non-emergent).

Spokane Vet Center Mobile Unit will also be on site both days for PTSD counseling.

Thursday, June 15, 2017 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

7:30am	Registration open
7:30am	Breakfast - provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
8:15am	Introduction of Guest Speakers/Moderator: Mary Taylor & Terry Bentley
8:15am – 9:00am	Social Security Administration (SSA) – Overview of Benefits – TBD
9:15am – 9:45am	Representing the Claimant – TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why and how do I protect and share information? • What is a Power of Attorney in the VA? • What does the new Final Rule for TVR's mean?
9:45am – 10:15am	Hearing Loss Benefits (Audiology) through VA – Dr. Ronda Kasper-Braithwait, Chief Audiology Service, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC And Bill Heyob – How VA service connects for hearing loss/tinnitus
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am-11:00am	Developing the Medical Evidence – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the legal standards for private records, letters, statements, etc? • Resources for establishing medical evidence
11:00am – 11:30am	Low Vision Program – Kelly Golden, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
11:30am – 12:00pm	Home Care Program – Bret Efforting, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch – provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program Quilts of Valor Presentation & Bret Bowers Update
1:00pm – 2:00pm	VA Decisions – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC's of VA Decisions • Do I NOD or go get additional evidence?
2:00pm – 3:00pm	SAMHSA & Tribal Behavioral Health – David Dickinson, Regional Administrator, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services (SAMHSA)
3:00pm-3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Understanding VA Eligibility and Healthcare Benefits – Bennett "Tray" Taylor, VA Enrollment & Eligibility, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the priority groups? • What is the Choice Program?
3:45pm – 4:15pm	Services of Vet Centers – what do they offer - TBD
4:15pm – 4:45pm	Checking in on what we have learned – Q&A – Terry Bentley



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Friday, June 16, 2017 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

7:30am	Breakfast - provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
8:00am	Introduction of Guest Speakers/Moderator: Mary Taylor & Terry Bentley
8:15am-8:45am	Women Veteran Benefits – Julie Liss, Women Veteran Coordinator, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
8:45am-9:15am	HUD/VASH Program – Stephanie Rosebrook/Serena Hinders HUD- VASH, Mann-Grandstaff VA
9:15am–9:30am	Unanswered Questions – Terry Bentley
9:30am–9:45am	Training Certificates/Challenge Coins – Terry Bentley/Mary Taylor
9:45am	Retire Flags / Adjourn / Safe Travels
	Chief Joseph Memorial Day Powwow - June 16, 17, 18 at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai



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NEZ PERCE TRIBE REGISTRATION FORM

(Free Conference Registration)

June 14-16, 2017

Clearwater River Casino | 17500 Nez Perce Road | Lewiston, ID 83501

Phone: 866-719-3885 (room rate: \$70 + tax)

Name:	
Title:	
Facility/Community	
eMail:	
Phone Number:	
Tribal Affiliation:	
Veteran (Yes/No) Era	

Please return this form to Terry Bentley by June 7, 2017

eMail: Terry.Bentley@va.gov

Fax: 541-677-3030

Phone: 541-440-1271

DAY 1: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Start: Noon

End: 5:00 pm

DAY 2: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Start: 7:30 am

End: 4:30 pm

DAY 3: Friday, June 16, 2017

Start: 7:30 am

End: 9:45 am



SAVE THE DATE



14TH JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

JULY 17-20, 2017

TENTATIVE AGENDA

MONDAY JULY 17

NPAIHB Tribal Health Directors Meeting

CRIHB – Tribal Governments Consultation Committee & Program Directors Meeting

CRIHB - Credentials Committee

TUESDAY JULY 18

Youth Track

NPAIHB Board of Director's Meeting

CRIHB Board of Director's Meeting

WED-THURS JULY 19-20

Youth Track

NPAIHB & CRIHB Joint Sessions

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ROOM BLOCK ENDS **JULY 3, 2017!**
RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS
DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED ON ROOM
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<https://www.sevenfeathers.com/>

*If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Griggs, Executive Administrative Assistant at
(503) 416-3269 or email lgriggs@npaihb.org*

SAVE THE DATE

July 18-20th, 2017

CRIHB & NPAIHB Board of Directors Invite Youth to the Youth Leadership Workshop

Who: Youth aged 13-19 years old

Where: Joint Quarterly Board Meeting, Canyonville, Oregon

Additional Information:

- +Chaperones required (Background checks are required for all adults facilitating or attending)
- +Limit of 4 youth (13-19yo) per tribe
- +Food & beverage included during workshop
- +Travel expenses **not** included

Topics Include:

- +Stick games and tournament
- +Learn and practice leadership styles
- +Introduction to social marketing
- +Make your own public service announcement (PSA)
- +Exchange ideas with California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Tribal Leaders
- +Traditional arts breakout session

Registration Opens March 14th!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YouthLeadWorkshop>

For more information contact:
Nanette Star Yandell
WEAVE-NW Project Director
nyandell@npaib.org
503-416-3254



**Northwest Portland Area
Indian Health Board**
Indian Leadership for Indian Health



David Dickinson, MA, Regional Administrator
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Region X (*Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington*)

Dear Tribal Partners,

As you know, all the States in Region X have higher than the national average suicide prevalence. In fact, three of our four States are in the top 10 nationally. The prevalence of suicide in Tribal communities in Region X continues to be higher as well, and the impacts on Tribal communities of a completed suicide are disproportionate in scale. Fortunately there have been several Garrett Lee Smith grants awarded to States and Tribes in Region X in the past several years to help communities develop prevention strategies to reduce suicides.

SAMHSA is now announcing a new funding opportunity that will be available to States, Tribes, and others to help promote the Zero Suicide initiative across entire health systems. I encourage you to review this Funding Opportunity Announcement for full details:

Cooperative Agreements to Implement Zero Suicide in Health Systems

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-17-006>

The press release for this FOA also provide SAMHSA staff contact names, emails and phone numbers for additional information.

I hope there will be successful applicants from Region X to help transform our health systems with the Zero Suicide initiative.

Sincerely,
David

David Dickinson, MA, Regional Administrator
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Region X (*Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington*)
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Behavioral Health is Essential to Health. Prevention Works. Treatment is Effective. People Recover.



Currently Recruiting

Native American Conservation Corps

Crew Members Ages 19+

Participants earn \$3,630 for their 12 week term of service in addition to a \$1,527 AmeriCorps Education Award upon the successful completion of the program

Crew meals, tent lodging and transportation included

Program begins and ends in Eugene, OR

2017 Dates

June 23 - Sept. 15



info@nwyouthcorps.org
541.349.5055

www.nwyouthcorps.org/NACC

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Native American Conservation Corps



The The Native American Conservation Corps (NACC) is specifically designed to provide hands on training and experience to Native American young adults living in the Greater Portland metropolitan area who are interested in pursuing employment with conservation corps, land and water resource management agencies, and other outdoor careers. The NACC integrates team-based work projects, education, and on-site vocational training into an experience that prioritizes personal growth, and the development of conservation work skills. Participants will develop technical skills working on a variety of conservation projects while developing the soft skills needed to be successful in the outdoor industry.



NACC participants spend 12 weeks camping, working and traveling together as a five person team. You can expect to work on physically challenging conservation projects in many kinds of weather, gaining hands on experience in the groundwork of stewardship. Each day, you will return to camp after work and participate in community activities, including meal prep, water collection and treatment, and tool maintenance, followed by a family style dinner. Evenings will be spent on various educational and recreational activities; including formal lessons taught by team members, group discussions, and stargazing around the campfire.

Overview:

- Projects take place on the Mt. Rainier Wonderland Trail in Washington.
- Participants will earn a living allowance of \$3630 for their term of service, prorated throughout the program in addition to a \$1527 AmeriCorps education award upon the successful completion of the program.
- All crew meals, tent lodging and transportation (except to/from NYC HQ) included.
- This program begins and ends at NYC offices in Eugene, O
- NACC Members must be between 19 and 24 years of age at the start of the program.



2017 Dates

June 23 - Sept. 15

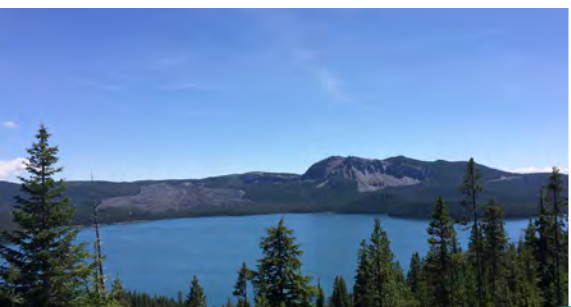
To find out more and apply visit:

www.nwyouthcorps.org/NACC

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Portland Native American Youth Community Crew **Paid Conservation Work**

Northwest Youth Corps' core purpose is to provide opportunities for youth and young adults to learn, grow, and experience success.

Positions for Ages 15-18

Youth Corps Community is a day program that allows participants to complete service projects in their own community each day and return home at night. Crews meet at a designated site every morning and evening. Members spend an average of 6 hours per day working and one hour participating in an educational lesson giving youth the opportunity to earn school credit and an educational stipend. **This Crew will be working at Fort Vancouver.**

Benefits: Up to \$1,250 (\$250 per week) and \$250 (\$50 per week) in Bonuses and earn high school credit after completion.

NYC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

2017 Dates

**Youth Corps Community Crews
Ages 15-18**

Portland Native Crew July 31 - Sept. 1

APPLY NOW

www.NWYouthCorps.org

(541) 349-5055



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

JOB POSTING – CLOSING DATE: 6/9/17

Job Title: General Office Assistant
Reports To: Administrative Officer
Salary: \$12.00-14.00/hr
Department: Administration

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt (hourly)
Classification: Regular, On-call
Location: Portland, Oregon

Job Summary: The Office Assistant will provide administrative and general support on scheduled short-term assignments or when the NPAIHB needs administrative support with short notice due to employee absence. This position will work on an as needed basis during regular office hours. The tasks may include staff support tasks at conferences and training sessions held off-site.

When working at the front desk, the Office Assistant has primary responsibility to answer a multi-line telephone system, routing callers and visitors in a courteous and professional manner, and to provide clerical support for NPAIHB staff. The Office Assistant must ensure the smooth functioning of the reception area, serve as the first contact to the general public and be the first representative of the Board to all visitors. He or she must be courteous, personable, self-motivated, and have the ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines in providing support for unspecified functions of the organization. The Office Assistant will maintain a professional relationship with all NPAIHB project staff while dealing with sensitive personnel and project information. Therefore, the Office Assistant will need to understand the importance and sensitivity of confidentiality and maintain it at all times.

Essential Functions:

1. Provide Reception Support
 - Professionally meet and greet visitors, in person, or over the telephone.
 - Ensure that security protocols are followed, including guest sign-in, and verifying maintenance calls.
 - Route telephone calls to proper departments and/or staff members; provide helpful information as needed.
 - Maintain a comfortable and tidy atmosphere for all guests and visitors in the reception area.
 - Receive package deliveries and notify intended recipient
2. Provide Office Functions and Activities Support
 - Provide general clerical assistance to Administrative Officer and specific projects as assigned
 - Provide general project support to NPAIHB projects on ad hoc and impromptu assignments and committees.
 - Perform word processing assignments.
 - Collect, sort and properly distribute all in-coming mail daily.
 - Properly route and notify designated staff of received contracts, checks, and funding announcements/applications/notices.
 - Prepare out-going mail with correct postage and place in out-going mail box.
 - Assist with conference and meeting set up tasks, as assigned
 - Maintain a clean and well-organized office environment and workspace.

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Additional Functions:

- Perform other duties and assignments as directed.
- Prepare a daily or weekly report of tasks undertaken ,completed with enough detail to inform other employees when read

Standards of Conduct:

- Consistently exhibit professional behavior and a high degree of integrity and impartiality appropriate to the responsible and confidential nature of the position.
- Consistently display professional work attire during normal business hours.
- Effectively plan, organize workload, and schedule time to meet workload demands.
- Exercise judgment and initiative in performance of duties and responsibilities.
- Work in a cooperative manner with all levels of management and with all NPAIHB staff.
- Treat NPAIHB delegates/alternates and Tribal people with dignity and respect and show consideration by communicating effectively.
- Abide by NPAIHB policies, procedures, and organizational structure.

Qualifications:

- HS Diploma or equivalent
- Experience in a Receptionist or Office Support position preferred.
- Demonstrates the ability to work effectively with American Indian people in a culturally diverse environment.
- Knowledge of MS Outlook and Word
- Ability to carry out responsibilities with a minimal amount of supervision.
- Ability to use office equipment.
- Available to work on-call as needed.

Typical Physical Activity:

Physical Demands: Frequently involves sedentary work: exerting up to 10 pounds of force and/or a negligible amount of force to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body.

Physical Requirements: Constantly requires the ability to receive detailed information through oral communications, and to make fine discrimination in sound. Constantly requires repetitive movement of the wrists, hands and/or fingers. Often requires walking or moving about to accomplish tasks. Occasionally requires standing and/or sitting for sustained periods of time. Occasionally requires ascending or descending stairs or ramps using feet and legs and/or hand and arms. Occasionally requires stooping which entails the use of the lower extremities and back muscles. Infrequently requires crouching.

Typical Environmental Conditions: The worker is frequently subject to inside environmental conditions which provide protection from weather conditions, but not necessarily from temperature changes, and is occasionally subject to outside environmental conditions.

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Travel Requirements: No travel is required.

Disclaimer: The individual must perform the essential duties and responsibilities with or without reasonable accommodation efficiently and accurately without causing a significant safety threat to self or others. The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by employees assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and or skills required of all personnel so classified.

Except as provided by Title 25, U.S.C. § 450e(b), which allows for Indian preference in hiring, the NPAIHB does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, age, sex, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Applications can be found online at www.npaihb.org

SEND RESUME AND APPLICATION TO:

Andra Wagner
Human Resources Coordinator
2121 SW Broadway, Suite 300
Portland, Oregon 97201
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Email: awagner@npaihb.org

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GOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

TRIBAL RESOURCE DIGEST

Welcome to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) tribal resource digest for the week of May 15, 2017. The purpose of this digest is to help you connect with the tools and resources you may need to do valuable work in your communities.

Camas Plant
Skokomish Community Garden
May 2017

Read more about this plant [here](#)



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Request for Photos

Please send any photos of GHWIC work (community gardens, events, team meetings, etc.) to Anisha Quiroz, AQUIROZ@cdc.gov with a short description of the photo.

Announcements

GirlTrek

Walking as a revolutionary act of self-care

“We are excited to share our official TED Talk featured today on the front page of TED.com. In the coming months millions of people (#speaklife) will be exposed to the big idea of GirlTrek through this platform. Before we prepare for what that means and what is next, we want to take a moment to say thank you. We did not stand on that stage alone. We carried the stories, love and prayers of thousands of women and countless supporters with us.

Celebrate our shared victory by watching this video below and then **sharing it through your networks.**”

-T. Morgan Dixon and Vanessa Garrison

Watch the TED Talk video [here](#).



2017 Diabetes in Indian Country Conference

HS, Tribal, and Urban SDPI grantees, clinicians, and community health providers will:

- LEARN the latest information and earn CME/CE credits*
- NETWORK with other grantees and clinicians
- SHARE best practices
- SHOWCASE their successful work in AI/AN communities

Read more [here](#).

When: **September 19-21, 2017**

Where: **Albuquerque, NM**



19th AAIP National Native American Youth Initiative

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is accepting applications for the 19th National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI), which will be held on the George Washington University campus in Washington D.C., July 1-9, 2017. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, ages 16 - 18, who have an interest in the health field and/or biomedical research are encouraged to apply. Read more [here](#).

When: **July 1-9, 2017**

Where: **Washington, DC**

Second Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition

Join us for this annual conference that brings together tribal officials, researchers, practitioners, and others to discuss the current state of Indigenous and academic scientific knowledge about Native nutrition and food science, and identify new areas of work. Read more [here](#). Register [here](#).

When: **September 18-20, 2017**

Where: **Prior Lake, MN**



Rural Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Toolkit

This toolkit provides evidence-based examples, promising models, program best practices, and resources that can be used by your organization to implement substance abuse prevention and treatment programs. Read more [here](#).



Violence and Abuse in Rural America

Violence and abuse are critical problems throughout the United States and their effects in rural America are often exacerbated by limited access to victim support services, familial connections with authority figures, and transportation barriers, among other challenges. Visit this new guide to learn ways that healthcare providers can support victims of violence, and find news, funding, and resources to support programs addressing a wide range of abuses. The guide was created by Amy Degerstrom, RHInfo information specialist, with input from Kathleen Belanger, Stephen F. Austin State University; Lenard Kaye, Maine Center on Aging; and Anna Marjavi, Futures Without Violence. Read more [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

USDA Announces \$6.3 Million in Available Funding to Combat Childhood Obesity

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today announced \$6.3 million in available funding for projects to help combat childhood obesity, which affects more than 12 million children in the United States. Funding is made through NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. Read more [here](#).

Deadline: **June 28, 2017**

American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion

The Administration for Children and Families solicits applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies that wish to compete for funds that are available to provide American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion services to infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and their families. Funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 will be available to provide American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion program services to eligible infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and their families. Read more [here](#).

Deadline: **June 16, 2017**



Rural Cooperative Development Grant, Department of Agriculture

The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas by assisting individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other business entities. Grants are awarded competitively on an annual basis to Rural Cooperative Development Centers who in turn provide technical assistance to individuals and entities. Read more [here](#).

Deadline: **June 30, 2017**



Community Assistance in Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, National Park Service

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Our national network of conservation and recreation planning professionals partners with community groups, nonprofits, tribes, and state and local governments to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreation opportunities. Project applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, or citizen groups. National Parks and other Federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations. Read more [here](#).

Deadline: **June 30, 2017**

SAMHSA Zero Suicide Grant

SAMHSA announced new funding for the Zero Suicide grant program. The purpose of this program is to implement suicide prevention and intervention programs, for individuals who are 25 years of age or older, that are designed to raise awareness of suicide, establish referral processes, and improve care and outcomes for such individuals who are at risk for suicide. Grantees will implement all components of the Zero Suicide model throughout their health system.

Eligibility: Up to \$700,000 per year for states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories. Up to \$400,000 per year for tribes and tribal organizations; community-based primary care or behavioral health care organizations; emergency departments; and local public health agencies. Total funding for the program is \$7.9 million dollars (\$2 million for tribes and tribal organizations). Length of program is up to 5 years. Read more [here](#).

Deadline: **July 18, 2017**

Webinar

NNN Webinar: "Tribal BRFSS Toolkit Presentation"

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's National Native Network and the Indian Health Services Clinical Support Center (Accredited Provider) present a webinar series: Cancer Risk Reduction in Indian Country. Recording will be available on NNN website. Register [here](#).

When: **May 23, 2017 at 3:00pm ET**



National Council of Urban Indian Health: Hepatitis C and HIV: Strategies to Improve Linkage to Care in Urban Indian Communities

Hepatitis C (Hep C) and HIV disproportionately affect American Indian and Alaska Native communities at staggering levels, although they are both preventable diseases. This webinar will provide a status of both HepC and HIV diagnosis and treatment in Indian Country to ensure awareness of the disease prevalence and reveal opportunities to provide treatment coverage to your patients. Part one will provide current information on the disease and strategies to educate medical professionals on testing and treatment, while Part 2 will provide a proposed affordable model of care (testing, treatment and coverage options) that can be utilized by urban Indian health programs and their clients. Register [here](#).

When: **May 24, 2017 at 2:00pm ET**

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Dear Tribal Representatives:

On March 31, 2017, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's (IDHW) renewal for the 1915b Idaho Behavior Health Plan waiver. This waiver included special terms and conditions agreed upon between Idaho, tribal nations in Idaho and CMS that responded to specific tribal concerns. In conjunction with that approval, we also issued a formal policy statement indicating our intent to work with tribes around future development of tribal managed care approaches to service delivery.

We are convening a workgroup consisting of representatives of Indian Health Care Providers, State Medicaid staff, and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) staff to outline the actions, resources and timelines necessary to implement a tribal managed care program consistent with federal requirements for Medicaid.

This workgroup will assist us in developing a planning report to be delivered to the Director of the IDHW and the Chairs of Tribes in Idaho and the NPAIHB no later than October 1, 2017. Following the delivery of this, Idaho will continue working collaboratively with tribes who are interested in implementing a managed care program.

If you are interested in participating on this workgroup, please contact George Gutierrez, Deputy Administrator, Division of Medicaid at george.gutierrez@dhw.idaho.gov.

We appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership with tribes in Idaho and look forward to working together to improve our system of care with your support.

Respectfully,

MATT WIMMER
Administrator

Enclosed/Attached: [Information Release MA17-02](#)



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March 31, 2017

Medicaid Information Release # MA17-02

To: All Idaho Tribes and Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs)

From: Matt Wimmer, Administrator
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Subject: Approval of Idaho Behavioral Health Plan 1915(b)(4) Waiver Renewal

CMS has approved Idaho's renewal of its 1915(b) waiver for the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare staff have worked closely with representatives from tribal sovereign nations in Idaho around special terms and conditions included with this renewal.

Due to limitations in federal authority, CMS was not able to incorporate all the elements that Idaho had agreed on with tribes into the approved waiver and special terms and conditions. To demonstrate Idaho's continued commitment to the tribes in this regard, Medicaid is releasing this formal policy statement:

Agreement to Collaborate on Indian Managed Care Entity Development.

The Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (IDHW) recognizes that Tribes have significant capabilities for managing the care of their tribal members and other Indians to achieve positive behavioral health outcomes.

IDHW will collaborate with interested Tribes in Idaho to explore and develop an approach to Tribal managed care for behavioral health services. IDHW will convene a workgroup consisting of representatives of Indian Health Care Providers (IHCP's), state Medicaid staff, and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) staff to outline the actions, resources and timelines necessary to implement an Indian Managed Care Entity (IMCE).

The initial planning report will be delivered to the Director of the IDHW and the chairs of Tribes in Idaho and the NPAIHB no later than 6 months following the approval date of the IBHP waiver renewal. Following the delivery of the initial planning report, Idaho agrees to continue working collaboratively with interested Tribes to implement an IMCE.

IDHW will make changes to the 1915(b) waiver as necessary to support the Tribes in Idaho and the implementation of an IMCE.

Exemption of Certain Property from Resources for Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility.

Idaho will disregard the property listed in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(ff) from resources for the purposes of determining the eligibility of an individual who is an Indian for medical assistance.

The IDHW is willing to enter into binding memorandums of agreement with individual tribes in Idaho reflecting these commitments, or to amend existing memorandums between the IDHW and individual tribes to incorporate these provisions at tribal request.

We thank tribes for their engagement with IDHW in this process and for their past and continued care for Idaho Medicaid participants.

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