

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

## Virtual Quarterly Board Meeting

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# Report Topics

1. QBM Highlights
2. HR/Personnel Updates
3. Office & Administration
4. Finance
5. Grant Update
6. Questions



# QBM Highlights

- Delegate of the Year
- Policy Priorities for FY 2021 / Legislative Opportunities
- Tribal Advisory Committee Updates
- Strategic Plan 2020 to 2025
- Epi / COVID-19 work
- Bylaws Update



# New Position: Deputy Director



## **Sue Steward**

- Citizen of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Current Council/Board of Directors member
- Served as NPAIHB CHAP Director
- Extensive Experience in healthcare and leadership



# Personnel Updates

OTHER INTERNAL PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS	
Birdie Wermey	Behavioral Health Program Manager
Danica Brown	Behavioral Health Program Director
Candice Jimenez	Health Policy Specialist

SEPARATIONS OR RETIREMENTS	
Corey Begay	Behavioral Health Manager
Jacqueline Left Hand Bull	Administrative Officer
Luella Azule	IP & PHIT Project Coordinator



# New Employees



**Carrie Sampson**  
CHAP Project Director



**Liz Coronado**  
Health Policy  
Specialist



**Samantha Wells**  
Temp Leg Field Organizer



**Liz Coronado**  
TOR Project Specialist



**Nick Cushman**  
ECHO Pharmacy Case Manager



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# Recognitions – 10 years of Service



**Jessica Leston**  
Clinical Programs Director



**David Stephens**  
ECHO Clinic Director



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# Special Recognition



**Erik Kakuska**  
WTD Project Specialist



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### CREATIVE SELF-EXPRESSION ENRICHES ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE



**Celena McCray (Navajo)**  
*Project Coordinator - WA DOH  
Parenting Teens & THRIVE*

For nine years, the THRIVE project has gathered Native youth together at the annual THRIVE youth conference to learn about health promotion and disease prevention with a focus on suicide prevention and mental health. Our goal of the conference is to provide youth with protective factors (i.e., healthy coping skills, positive communication, connectedness to friends/family, connectedness to culture/spirituality, etc.) as a means to address youth suicide. This year 64 Native youth representing 14 federally-recognized tribes gathered at the Portland State University Native American Student and Community Center (NASCC) in Portland, Oregon for the 9th year of the THRIVE Youth Conference on June 24-28, 2019.

Participants positively expressed themselves through five interactive workshops that incorporated AI/AN culture, traditional learning strategies, skill-building activities, and tips on healthy decision making. Special guest and Native artist, Jared Yazzie (Navajo) from the OXDX clothing line and Tommy Ghost Dog (Burns Paiute/Oglala Lakota, WeRNative Coordinator), led a NEW workshop called *Creative Design w/OXDX*. Youth created four meaningful social marketing campaigns by creating their own logos using digital designs inspired by the environment, culture, body and mind. Native youth amplified the advocacy for: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW); honoring tribal elders and sharing teachings passed down to them; reclaiming tribal identity through their ancestors and; being mindful of the environment and mother earth. These social marketing campaigns also include videos which were launched in November for Native American Heritage Month. Check the videos out at: <http://www.npaihb.org/thrive/#1461959216954-454d5e19-bb03>.



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# Employee of the Year

**Amy Franco**

Grants Management Specialist



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# Office & Administration

- Office Closed – Only Essential Staff in the Office; Project Staff Intermittently
- Staff to get COVID-19 vaccine
- Revisit Lease – Term is June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2024.
  - Attorney Opinion – July 2020
    - No early termination clause
    - Options: Negotiate termination/buy out or sublease space
  - Last year: Anticipated return to office in Spring or Summer
  - Now: Uncertain return to office; will explore options again



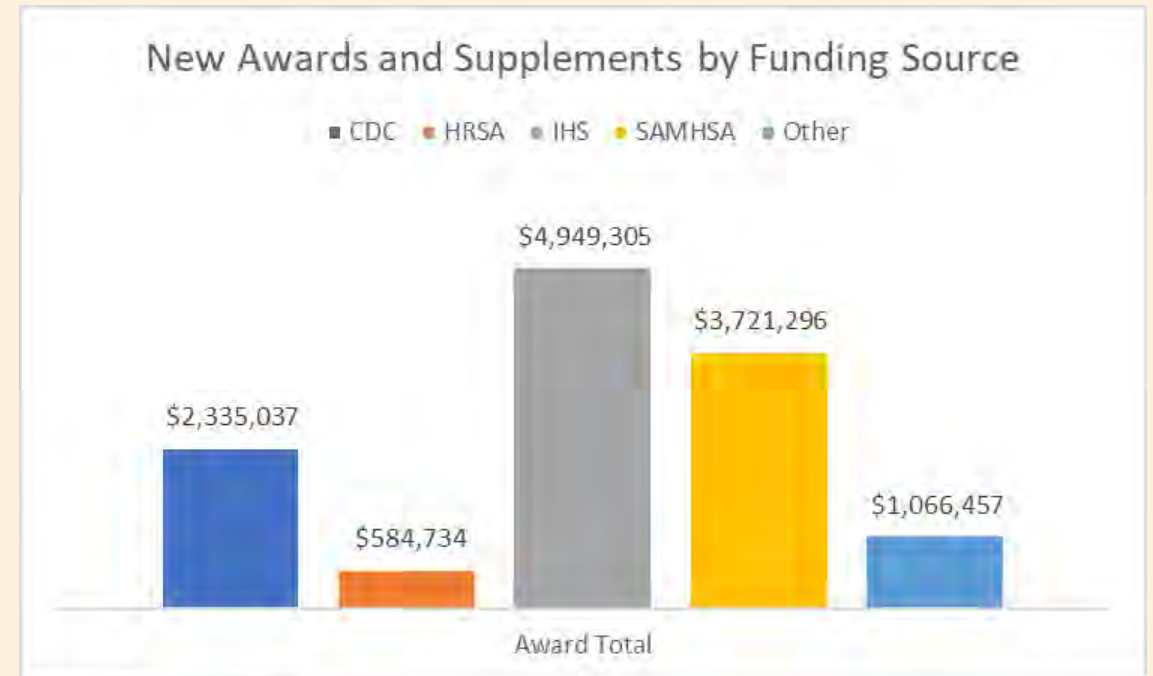
# Finance

- Continue implementation of Microix - electronic purchase order system
- FY 2021 organizational budget
- Administrative Officer (AO) retired 11/30/20. AO had oversight over Finance and Admin staff; now hiring Finance Director (position still open)
- Annual audit preparation has begun; date TBD



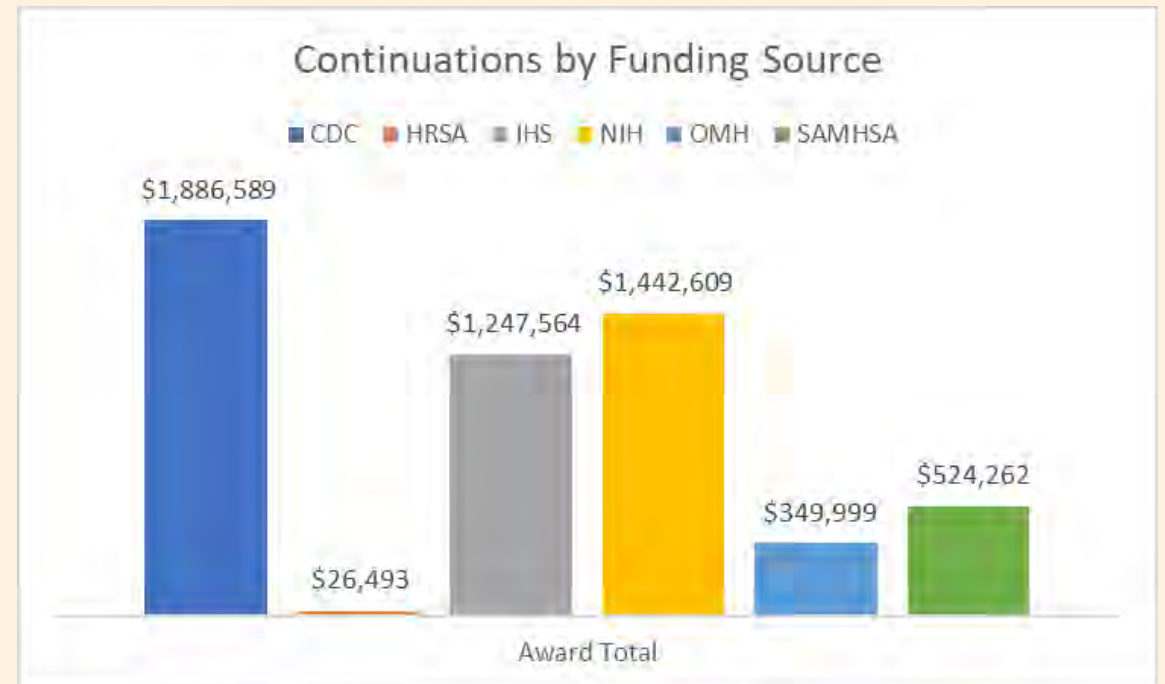
# New Awards and Supplements 2020

- In 2020, NPAIHB received nearly 13 million dollars in new awards or supplements
- These new dollars funded projects related to COVID-19 response, Environmental Health, Tribal Elders, Dental Support, Food Sovereignty, Youth Sexual Health, Tribal Opioid Response, and Behavioral Health

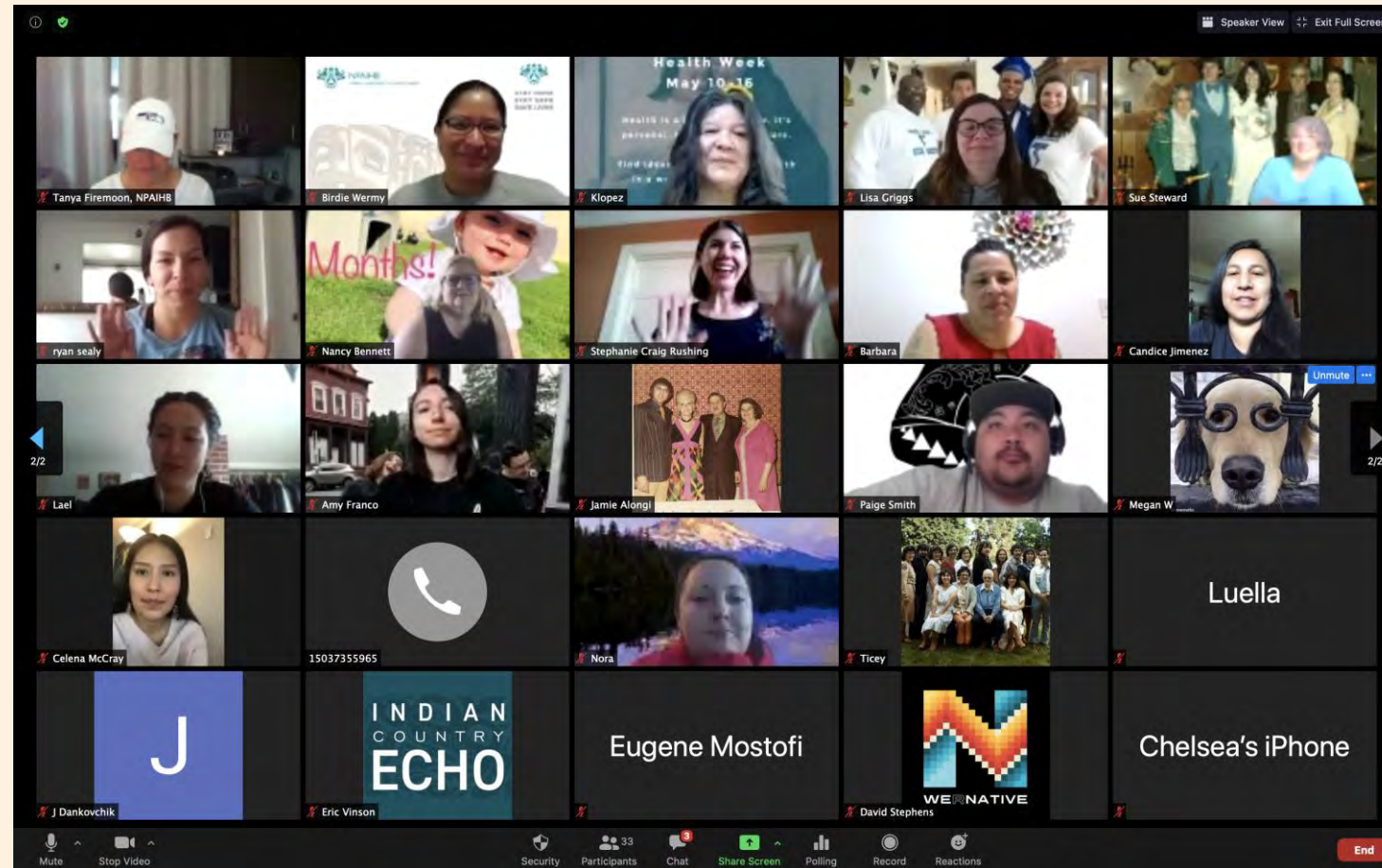


# Continuations on Existing Grants

- In 2020, NPAIHB received approximately \$5,477,000 in continued funding on existing projects
- Projects receiving continuing funding included Public Health Infrastructure and Training, the EpiCenter, THRIVE Area 4 and 2, Response Circles, Opioid-related projects, and NARCH 9 and X



# Questions...?



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