

Public Health Committee Meeting  
NPAIHB QBM July 27-29, 2021  
07/27/2021

Facilitator: Bridget Canniff  
Notes: Valorie Gaede

**Attendees (24):**

Ali Desautel, Kalispel  
Aurora Martinez, Spokane Youth Delegate  
Caroline Cruz, Warm Springs  
Chris Waterhouse, Shoshone Bannock  
Connie Whitener, Squaxin Island  
Hyllis Dauphinais, Warm Springs  
Jennifer Dickison, Quinault  
John Okemah, Tulalip  
Kaela Tayler, Makah Youth Delegate  
Katy Halverson, CTCLUSI  
Kay Culbertson, Cowlitz  
Kelly Little, Coquille  
Libby Watanabe, Snoqualmie  
Lona Johnson, Nooksack  
Maiya Martinez, Spokane Youth Delegate  
Marilyn Scott, Upper Skagit  
Nickolaus Lewis, Lummi  
Nikowa Mendez, Klamath  
Obinna Oleribe, Klamath  
Rachel Edwards, Nez Perce  
Sadie Olsen, Lummi Youth Delegate  
Sharon Stanphill, Cow Creek  
Tempest Dawson, Sauk-Suiattle  
Tom Sargent, Colville

**NPAIHB Staff/Assignees (15):**

Amy Franco  
Barbara Gladue  
Bridget Canniff  
Celeste Davis  
Dawn Rae Bankson  
Kim Calloway  
Melino Gianotti  
Olivia Whiting-Tovar  
Nancy Bennett  
Tanya Firemoon  
Ticey Mason  
Tom Weiser  
Tyanne Conner  
Valorie Gaede  
Victoria Warren-Mears

**Invited Presenter:**

Charlie Ishikawa, Kahuina Consulting

**NPAIHB Project Updates**

Nancy Bennett, Washington Public Health Improvement Project Manager

- Results of the Area of Communicable Diseases and Public Health Survey results, spring 2021, to identify assets for the prevention and control of communicable disease, surveillance, investigation and control
  - 23 responses: 13 from Washington; 8 from Oregon; 2 from Idaho
- Trainings most requested on survey:
  - Tribal Health Assessments/Tribal Health Improvement Plans
  - Indigenous Ways of Knowing: Implications for Science
  - Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Outbreak Investigation
- Public Health Strategic/Action Planning
- Link to aggregate survey results: <https://npaihb.org.box.com/s/8bz9m0b1mu8zgtw5e8nugj14gqao71gw>
- For more information, please contact Nancy at [nbennett@npaihb.org](mailto:nbennett@npaihb.org)

Victoria: We are listening to all training requests and looking into a potential on-line, on-demand NPAIHB training platform. Thanks to all the response to this survey.

Barbara Gladue, Oregon Tribal Public Health Improvement Project Manager

- Sujata Joshi, IDEA NW Project Director and Jenine Dankovchik, Program Evaluation Specialist conducted an EPI 101 training for eight tribes, NARA, and staff, covering:
  - Defining data questions
  - Epi 101 concepts
  - Presenting data that's visually pleasing and how explain bar graphs and other information in a way that's user-friendly
- The 8 participating tribes and NARA have provided feedback on draft reports and will receive their final assessment reports soon
  - Reports will be used for the next step of public health modernization action planning
- We will have a meeting in mid-August to celebrate the work of the last year as we move into the the next project phase
  - The virtual kick-off meeting at beginning of the project, in July 2020, was well attended and we're looking forward to another gathering
- Approval for extension of current state funding beyond the end of the current biennium (ended June 2021), for July to September, and then will receive another round of funding for the 2021-2023 biennium
  - NPAIHB will work with the tribes to set priorities for the next two years

Victoria Warren-Mears, Director, Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC)

Information from Tam Lutz, NPAIHB Maternal and Child Health Workgroup

Request to Public Health Committee from Amanda Bruegl, MD (Oneida and Stockbridge-Munsee Nation), Oregon Health and Science University Ob/Gyn, and Chair of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) committee on Indigenous Women's Health:

- Proposed national survey of IHS sites that provide maternity care on availability, feasibility, and functionality of telehealth
  - Unfortunately no funding to go with this request, but perhaps a trainee or fellow could undertake this as a learning opportunity
  - Would survey IHS sites only due to the committee's contract between ACOG and IHS, pending exemption or minimal risk study by an IHS IRB
  - Proposed timeline: survey to sites in January 2022, data collection in January/February, results to be presented at the Indigenous Women's Health Meeting in Albuquerque next spring, followed by a listening session
  - Request: is this something that NPAIHB would be interested in or be available to partner with ACOG to develop the survey?
  - For more information or any questions, please contact Tam Lutz, MCH Programs Director at NPAIHB, [tlutz@npaihb.org](mailto:tlutz@npaihb.org)

Olivia Whiting – Project Coordinator, Native CARS TIPCAP and Injury Prevention Project

- New staff under the Native CARS Project (Native Children Always Ride Safe) Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program (TIPCAP), funded by IHS
- Forming coalition for tribal passenger safety
- To join the coalition, learn more about child passenger or motor vehicle safety, or get certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST), please contact Olivia at [owwhiting@npaihb.org](mailto:owwhiting@npaihb.org)

Tacey Mason, Project Director, Dental Support Center

- The dental support center offers assistance to tribal dental programs at no cost, please contact for any needs:  
[tmason@npaihb.org](mailto:tmason@npaihb.org)
- Will be planning next meeting this fall, may be virtual

Celeste Davis, Environmental Public Health Programs Director

- Environmental Public Health Program is new to the Board
  - Will provide a QBM update on Wednesday, July 28
  - Have set aside funds for tribal environmental public health work
  - For more information, please contact Celeste at [cdavis@npaihb.org](mailto:cdavis@npaihb.org)

### **Tribal and Other Updates:**

Sadie Olsen, Lummi Youth Delegate and co-founder of White Swan Environmental

- Visions for the Future: A Conversation Led by Indigenous Youth
  - Holding conversations to help create dialogue and solutions
  - Youth registration (all ages and mentors also welcome) for future design clinic sessions is simple and under the current events tab at <https://www.whiteswanenvironmental.org/current-events.html>
  - Please address any questions to Sadie

### **Public Health Data Modernization Facilitated Discussion:**

Bridget Canniff, Project Director, Public Health Improvement & Training (PHIT)

- Overview of CDC 1803 award for Public Health Data Modernization
  - 2020-2021 focus on Northwest Tribal EpiCenter (NWTEC) data infrastructure, processes, analysis, and reporting to assess current state and identify opportunities for improvement, investment in tools and related training for staff
  - Current internal process includes staff task force guiding work, and gathering input from staff via survey, interviews, and upcoming workshops
  - Also asking for input from tribes to help inform how NPAIHB and the EpiCenter can more efficiently and effectively provide needed public health data to tribal health programs and tribal leaders
  - Working with Kahuina Consulting, who will facilitate today's discussion

Charlie Ishikawa, Principal, Kahuina Consulting

- Facilitated conversation about public health data modernization:
  - What data experiences do the Northwest Tribes have to share?
  - What did you learn and how did the data or information help your community make decisions or set priorities?
  - What are your aspirations, or what new data opportunities do you see or would you like to see at the Northwest Tribal EpiCenter?
- Insights from the conversation will be shared with NPAIHB staff and incorporated into NWTEC's data modernization strategy