

2023 Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference Agenda

Pre-Conference Trainings

Day One, May 1, 2023

7:00–8:00	Light Breakfast – Pre–Function Area (Cereal, fruit, pastries)
	Salmon
8:00-12:00	L0584 Continuity of Operations (COOP) for Tribal Governments Pilot Course – morning session
12:00-1:00	Light Lunch – Pre-Function Area (salad, sandwiches)
1:00-5:00	L0584 Continuity of Operations (COOP) for Tribal Governments Pilot Course -afternoon session

Pre-Conference Trainings

Day Two, May 2, 2023

7:00-8:00	Light Breakfast – Pre–Function Area (Cereal, fruit, pastries)	
	Salmon	Deer A
8:00-12:00	L0584 Continuity of Operations (COOP) for Tribal Governments Pilot Course – morning session	L0583 Emergency Management Overview for Tribal Leaders
12:00-1:00	Light Lunch – Pre-Function Area (salad, sandwiches)	
1:00-5:00	L0584 Continuity of Operations (COOP) for Tribal Governments Pilot Course -afternoon session	Deer B
		L8565 Pre-Disaster Recover Planning for Tribal Governments
4:00-5:30	Registration for Main Conference Registration Table, Pre-function Area	

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Wednesday, May 3, 2023

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast – Salmon		
	Whale		
9:00 – 9:15	<i>Opening Ceremony</i>		
9:15 – 9:30	Welcome		
	<i>Victoria Warren-Mears</i>		
	<i>Welcome from Suquamish</i>		
Session 1	COVID-19 Response: Lessons to be Learned		
9:30-10:15	<i>Dr. Thomas Weiser, Indian Health Service</i>		
10:15 – 10:30	Break -Pre-Function Area		
Session 2	Follow-up Listening Session: Priorities in Your Tribal Community to Improve Healthcare and Healthcare Access During Natural Hazard Events		
10:30 – 12:00	<i>Jamie Donatuto, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Nicole Errett, University of Washington</i>		
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch - Salmon		
	Deer A	Deer B	
Session 3	Washington COVID-19 After-Action Review	Descriptive Epidemiology of COVID-19 Infection and Vaccination Among Northwest American	
1:30 – 2:15	<i>Jessica McKee, Tribal FPHS Coordinator, Heather Erb, American Indian Health Commission</i>	<i>Indian/Alaska Native Persons</i>	
		<i>Dr. Thomas Weiser, Indian Health Service</i>	
Session 4	Provider Resources WA: A Foundational Public Health Shared Service Investment	AFN Town Hall	
2:20 – 3:05	<i>Emily Holloway, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department</i>	<i>Jim House, WASILC/CIIEP; Todd Holloway, Center for Independence</i>	
3:05 – 3:20	Break -Pre Function Area		
	Deer A	Deer B	Whale
3:20 – 5:00	Oregon Tribal / State Breakout	Idaho Tribal / State Breakout	Washington Tribal / State Breakout
	<i>Oregon tribes</i>	<i>Idaho Tribes</i>	<i>Washington tribes</i>

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Carey Palm, OHA

Jodi Fulbright, IDHW

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CONFERENCE – DAY 2

Thursday, May 4, 2023

8:00 -9:00	Breakfast - Salmon	
	Whale	
Session 5 9:00 – 11:00	Keeping the Stress from becoming Trauma	
	Darryl Tonemah	
11:00 –11:15	Break – Pre Function Area	
Session 6 11:15 – 12:00	Deer A	Deer B
	FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program	Collaborating to improve Preparedness, Response, and Prevention of Adverse Health Outcomes During Heat Waves and Wildfire Smoke
	<i>Brenna Meneghini, Jimi Hightower, FEMA Region 10</i>	<i>Cory Portner Kaitlyn Kelly, MPH; Emily O'Donnell-Pazderka, MA, MPHc; Erika Estrada; Marnie Boardman, MPH; Washington Department of Health</i>
Session 7 12:05 – 12:50	Resilient - How to Build a Strong Emergency Management Program	Partnerships to improve the Quality of Reportable Disease Data for Tribal Nations in Washington State
	<i>Figueroa, Lisa, Emergency Manager, City of Redmond, Emergency Management</i>	<i>Sujata Joshi, NPAIHB & Xichi Zhang, WA DOH</i>
12:50 – 2:15	Lunch - Salmon	

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CONFERENCE – DAY 2, continued

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Session 8

2:15 – 3:45

Deer A	Deer B
<p>A Practical Approach to Outbreak Investigation in Congregate Settings</p> <p><i>Jay Miller & Katherine Shulock, WA DOH; Ethan Bornstein, CDC; Thomas Weiser, IHS; Antoinette Ruiz & Ryan Sealy, NPAIHB</i></p>	<p>WA DOH and Tribal Training, Planning and Exercise Coordination Discussions</p> <p><i>Brian Moore, Katie Scott, Stephanie Schreiber, Austin Elliott, & Jesi Chapin; WA DOH</i></p>
<p>Communication, Collaboration, Coordination: Utilizing the Multi-Agency Coordination Group for Equitable and Accessible Resources and Shared Commitment Across the State</p> <p><i>Kristine Camper, Kristina Hansen; WA DOH</i></p>	<p>Public Health and National Weather Service Partnerships</p> <p><i>Reid Wolcott, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NOAA/National Weather Service, Erika Estrada, Washington State Department of Health Brendon Haggerty, Multnomah County Health Department</i></p>

Session 9

3:50-4:35

4:35 – 5:00

**Salmon Hall
Evening Reception Start**

5:00 – 7:00

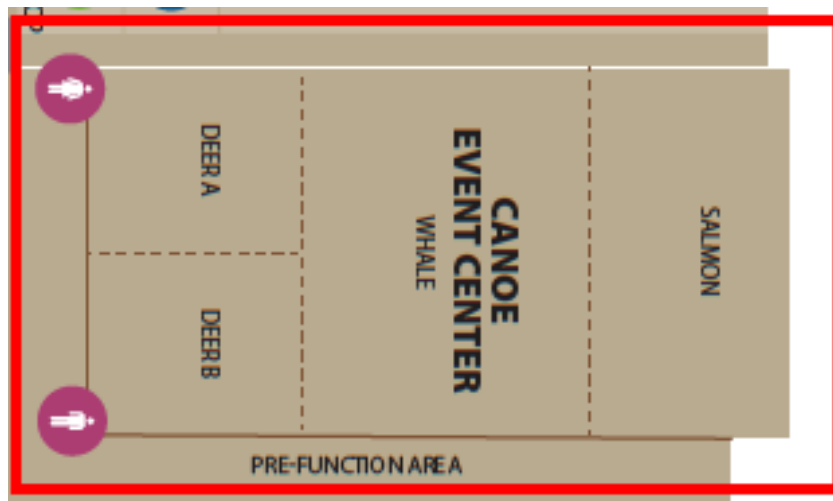
Fireside Chat
Facilitated by Victoria Warren-Mears, NWTEC Director, NPAIHB

Guest Panel:
*Dr. Umair A. Shah, Washington State Secretary of Health
Dave Baden, Interim Director of Oregon Health Authority*


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CONFERENCE – DAY 3 Friday, May 5, 2023

8:00-9:00	Breakfast - Salmon Whale
Session 10 9:00 – 10:15	Elders, Climate Events, and Indoor Safety: Risks, Strategies and Funding <i>Gillian Mittelstaedt, Tribal Healthy Homes Network</i> <i>Ashley Schmidt, Tulalip Tribes Community Health</i>
10:15 –10:30	Break – Pre-Function Area
Session 11 10:30 – 11:15	CRITFC and their Member Tribes USDA Local Food Assistance Cooperative Agreement (LFPA) <i>Buck Jones & Rachelle Begay, CRITFC; Jonalee Squeochs & Noelle Saluskin, YN Farms</i>
11:15– 11:45 30 minutes	Wrap-up Session <i>Victoria Warren-Mears</i>



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Session Descriptions for TPHEP 2023

Session 1:

COVID-19 Response: Lessons to be Learned - *Dr. Thomas Weiser, Indian Health Service*

Review of some critical actions taken during the pandemic and how preparing now could impact future performance

Session 2:

Follow-up Listening Session: Priorities in your tribal community to improve healthcare and healthcare access during natural hazard events - *Jamie Donatuto, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Nicole Errett, University of Washington*

The Cascadia Coastlines and People Research Coordination Network (CoPe) is a group of researchers from Washington and Oregon who are studying natural hazards and resilience in coastal communities (<https://cascadiacopesub.org/>). Last year we asked TPHEP participants what the priorities they had in their tribal community to improve health and healthcare access during and following natural hazard events. In this session, we will give a summary report back and then open up the session to hear your opinions on what is the same, what has shifted, and we can do about it. If you have projects that you would like to initiate, this is the space to find the resources to do so! An honorarium will be gifted for your participation.

Session 3-1:

Washington COVID-19 After-Action Review - *Jessica McKee, Tribal FPHS Coordinator, American Indian Health Commission Heather Erb, American Indian Health Commission*

A review of recommendations to Washington State from Tribes and Urban Indian Health Organizations after the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Session 3-2:

Descriptive Epidemiology of COVID-19 Infection and Vaccination Among Northwest American Indian/Alaska Native Persons – *Dr. Thomas Weiser, Indian Health Services*

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) persons has been particularly severe. This study provides the first descriptive epidemiology of COVID-19 infection and vaccination among AI/AN persons served at six Indian Health Service (IHS) ambulatory clinics in the Northwest.



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Session 4-1:

Provider Resources WA: a Foundational Public Health Shared Service Investment – *Emily Holloway, Tacoma Peirce County Health Department*

Provider ResourcesWA is an investment in shared services made possible through Foundational Public Health dollars. This purpose of this project is to promote public health prevention programs and resources.

Session 4-2:

AFN Town Hall - *Jim House, WASILC/CIEP and Todd Holloway, Center for Independence*

This will be a town hall type of discussion led by Jim House and Todd Holloway from the WASILC Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning (CIEP). Public Health and Emergency Management professionals as well as local community advocates share their perspectives on how having a strong AFN program can improve outcomes for the whole community, including marginalized populations that are disproportionately impacted before, during, and after disasters.

Tribal / State Breakouts

- **Oregon - Carey Palm** · Tribal Liaison / GIS Coordinator at State of Oregon Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program - **Julie Johnson**– OHA, **Eli Grove** – OR Dept of Human Services
- **Idaho – Jodi Fullbright**, Resource Management and Logistics Supervisor for the Public Health Preparedness & Response program, available for discussion
- **Washington -;** *Washington State Department of Health*

Session 5:

Guest Speaker – *Darryl Tonemah*

"Keeping the Stress from becoming Trauma"

1. The physiology of a stressful event
2. Tools for a stress hearty system
3. Culture as a primary tool



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Session 6-1:

FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program – *Brenna Meneghini, Jimi Hightower, FEMA Region 10*

Come learn about natural hazard mitigation and funding through the national Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities program! It's a national annual grant program designed to make communities safer from natural hazards, such as earthquakes, severe storms, etc.

Session 6-2:

Collaborating to improve Preparedness, Response, and Prevention of Adverse Health Outcomes During Heat Waves and Wildfire Smoke - *Cory Portner Kaitlyn Kelly, MPH; Emily O'Donnell-Pazderka, MA, MPHc; Erika Estrada; Marnie Boardman, MPH; Washington Department of Health*

While heat waves and wildfire smoke events are not new to Washington, the last few years have seen events that have been more intense, longer lasting, and/or more geographically extensive, resulting in more widespread exposures and population health risks. Climate change, among other factors, is increasing probabilities for these hazardous events and health risks. Emergency managers and public health officials alike face increasing demand for services during heat and smoke events. Investment in partnerships across these sectors - to develop awareness of respective roles and resources and to collaboratively plan - can increase effectiveness during response and prevent adverse health outcomes. In this session, presenters will use case studies to show how they are working across programs and agencies to develop shared awareness, guidance, action plans and resources that improve response to high heat and wildfire smoke events.

Session 7-1:

Resilient - How to Build a Strong Emergency Management Program - *Figueroa, Lisa, Emergency Manager, City of Redmond, Emergency Management*

Gain insight on how to use the frameworks and lessons learned from the COVID-19 response to build a resilient, all-hazards, emergency management program. Use the tools of communication, proper supplies, and comprehensive planning to engage your community, inform leadership, and build capacity

Session 7-2:



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Partnerships to improve the Quality of Reportable Disease Data for Tribal Nations in Washington State - *Sujata Joshi, NPAIHB & Xichi Zhang, WA DOH*

Data on reportable conditions are an important tool to identify, monitor, and respond to communicable disease outbreaks and conditions related to environmental exposures. In Washington State, data on reportable conditions are reported by various entities to a centralized electronic disease surveillance system called the Washington Disease Reporting System (WDRS). WDRS is used during outbreaks and public health emergencies to track cases, conduct outbreak management and case investigation, and generate publicly reported case counts, hospitalizations and deaths. The completeness and accuracy of the information collected WDRS, such as race and ethnicity information, affect the usability of WDRS data for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals. Inaccurate or missing demographic data will cause an unrepresented AI/AN population in notifiable conditions data used during response to an outbreak. Therefore, linking case data to tribal records is a proven way to improve data quality, disease reporting, and mortality and morbidity estimates for these communities. During this presentation, we will highlight a partnership between the Washington Department of Health and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center to address the misclassification of AI/AN people in WDRS and improve the accuracy of race data for Tribal Nations in Washington, as well as to better represent the current levels of disease and health outcomes among AI/AN populations. We will discuss the types of data currently being linked, highlight findings from linkages with Covid-19 and General Communicable Disease data, and discuss how this routine data quality improvement effort can support emergency preparedness and benefit the Washington Tribes, the Washington Department of Health, and other entities. Lastly, we will discuss future efforts and recommendations to ensure accurate and complete data for Northwest Tribes during future public health emergencies.

Session 8-1:

A Practical Approach to Outbreak Investigation in Congregate Settings - *Jay Miller & Katherine Shulock, WA DOH; Ethan Bornstein, CDC; Thomas Weiser, IHS; Antoinette Ruiz & Ryan Sealy, NPAIHB*

Communicable disease outbreaks in congregate settings pose a range of challenges for tribal, local, and state public health professionals. Published frameworks for outbreak investigation, such as those created by CDC, often focus on an approach to a new or unclear pathogen or syndrome. However, it is much more common to be investigating a known pathogen or a suspected group of pathogens, with a focus on controlling transmission and minimizing health impacts. In the first half of the session, we will review a systematic approach to outbreak investigation and address practical steps that tribal, local, and state public health professionals can take. We will cover topics such as understanding the mechanism of transmission and how this impacts an investigation, building an outbreak investigation team, data collection, identifying cases and exposed contacts, assessing the built environment in congregate settings and how this impacts an investigation, describing who is at risk, developing an outbreak hypothesis, implementing control



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measures, and communicating with a range of audiences. In the second half of the session, we will work through an interactive scenario of a shigellosis outbreak involving a casino. Participants will work in groups to identify actions they would take as the scenario unfolds. As part of the scenario, we will also ask participants to share their experiences with collaboration between tribal, local, and state public health. We will use this discussion to identify ways to improve this collaboration.

Session 8-2:

WA DOH and Tribal Training, Planning and Exercise Coordination Discussions - *Brian Moore, Katie Scott, Stephanie Schreiber, Austin Elliott, & Jesi Chapin; WA DOH*

The Washington State Department of Health's (DOH) Executive Office of Resiliency and Health Security's (ORHS) Training, Planning and Exercise team will be hosting and facilitating discussions with tribal members to identify how ORHS can support tribal public health emergency preparedness and response efforts. These discussions will be an open forum to discuss ideas in preparedness, identifying barriers and needs, and sharing opportunities in training, planning, and exercise that tribal members can leverage to increase their response capabilities.

Session 9-1:

Communication, Collaboration, Coordination: Utilizing the Multi-Agency Coordination Group for Equitable and Accessible Resources and Shared Commitment Across the State - *Kristine Camper, Kristina Hansen; WA DOH*

The Healthcare Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (MAC-G) was developed due to the increasing need to address and prioritize policies and actions to mitigate the healthcare capacity surge and Crisis Standards of Care in Washington State. The participating regional and State agencies, associations and organizations formed this Group with the inherent respect of ICS and local structures. The Healthcare MAC-G continues to provide support in accessing resources and discover solutions to ongoing challenges in the health care system across the State for COVID-19 and for all-hazards.

Session 9-2:

Public Health and National Weather Service Partnerships - *Reid Wolcott, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NOAA/National Weather Service Erika Estrada, Washington State Department of Health Brendon Haggerty, Multnomah County Health Department*

As the National Weather Service (NWS) strives towards building a Weather-Ready Nation, enhancing service equity, and streamlining operations, it must look to partner with agencies that share similar missions in order to protect the lives of those in our communities. The NWS must develop partnerships with currently underutilized state, local, and tribal public health agencies in order



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to achieve that mission. We explore the numerous ways the NWS and public health agencies can partner to prepare for and respond to weather-sensitive health risks, align and amplify messaging, improve awareness and interpretation of information during weather events, and much more. We will explore practical examples of collaboration between the NWS and public health agencies, many of which stemmed from the tragic loss of over 150 lives during the summer of 2021, with the vast majority associated with the June 2021 PNW 'Heat Dome' event.

Fireside Chat

This informal regional session is where tribes and their state partners can share information, raise topics for discussion, and learn from one another. The agenda is completely open. If you have any questions you'd like to pose to the group or any issues you'd like to bring up for discussion, you can speak up during the session, write down your question or comment on the back of the blue cards that are available at the registration desk. Bring your completed blue card to the registration desk or turn it in to any staff member or planning committee member at the beginning of the Fireside Chat. This is an evening reception from 5:00 – 7:00 PM Thursday. Hot & Cold Hors d'Oeuvres will be served to begin at 4:30; discussion begins at 5:00.

Session 10:

Elders, Climate Events, and Indoor Safety: Risks, Strategies, and Funding - Gillian Mittelstaedt, Tribal Healthy Homes Network
Ashley Schmidt, Tulalip Tribes Community Health

Climate events, especially wildfires and extreme heat, put Tribal Elders at heightened risk of heart attack, stroke, or asthma attack. As Elders spend significant time indoors, this is where their exposure to smoke and heat-related air pollution is most likely to occur. In this session, we will explore three topics: 1) How climate events affect indoor air quality and the biological factors that contribute to Elder's increased susceptibility; 2) What preventive strategies can be employed to reduce risk, from technology interventions to public health and resident-education interventions; 3) Where funding can be found to implement these strategies. Throughout the session, we will share highlights of Tulalip Community Health efforts, including their Elders' Climate-Ready survey results, along with research from a national Tribal survey of smoke-ready strategies.

Session 11:

CRITFC and their Member Tribes USDA Local Food Assistance Cooperative Agreement (LFPA) - Buck Jones & Rachelle Begay, CRITFC; Jonalee Squeochs & Noelle Saluskin, YN Farms



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The COVID pandemic already highlighted what we already knew amongst ourselves that healthy, nutritious, and culturally relevant food was an issue. We partnered with a non-Tribal organization to provide culturally relevant food boxes to our communities, but the end goal was for the tribes to restore food sovereignty for their community. When the USDA Local Food Purchasing Assistance Grant opportunity was announced, CRITFC applied on behalf of the member tribes and the tribal community residing at the IL-TFAS along the river. In the grant, we identified working with local native food producers and tribal fishers and hunters to help supplement the products for the food boxes. One of the vendors we want to highlight and will utilize for the grant is Yakama Nation Farms in Wapato, WA. The Yakama Nation, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the tribes along the Columbia River will all be utilizing products from Yakama Nation Farms. We've had planning meetings with our Tribes and are in the process to sign contracts and statements of work and start distribution in May of 2023. Yakama Nation also received a LFPA award and allowed us to use their portion of fund for the members along the river.