

2023 Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference



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Updating the
STORY

Welcome from Suquamish Tribe



Observations

- The real tangible benefits of being together.
- The benefits of honest dialogue
 - Focus on collaboration
 - Focus on tribal sovereignty
 - Focus on all parties being at the table.
- Nothing About Us without Us.
- We shouldn't meet once a disaster has started (late business card exchange)

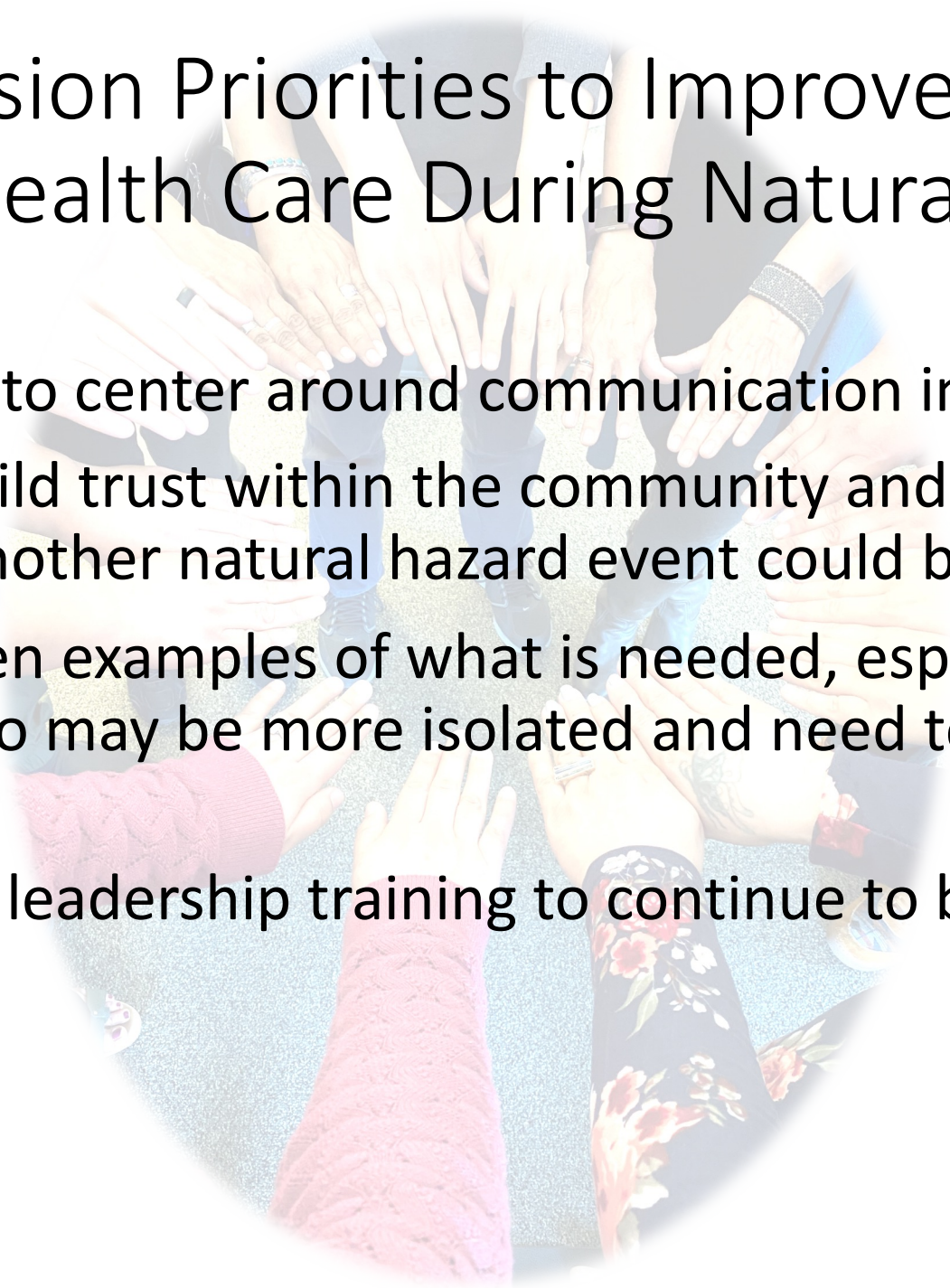


Covid -19 Response Lessons to be Learned

- Even though many locations were short staffed at the beginning of the pandemic a successful emergency response was stood up.
- Tribal nations pulled together to make sure that vaccines were delivered to Tribes with resources in place and then distributed across the region.
- Data collection systems were not robust, but IHS was able to collect case data locally.
 - We were able to use state data locally
 - Improvements should be made now for the future.

Listening Session Priorities to Improve Healthcare Access and Health Care During Natural Hazard Events

- Themes seemed to center around communication in many cases
- Continuing to build trust within the community and plan for the uncertain that another natural hazard event could bring
- Community driven examples of what is needed, especially for those communities who may be more isolated and need to depend on their own resources.
- Need to develop leadership training to continue to build skills confidence.

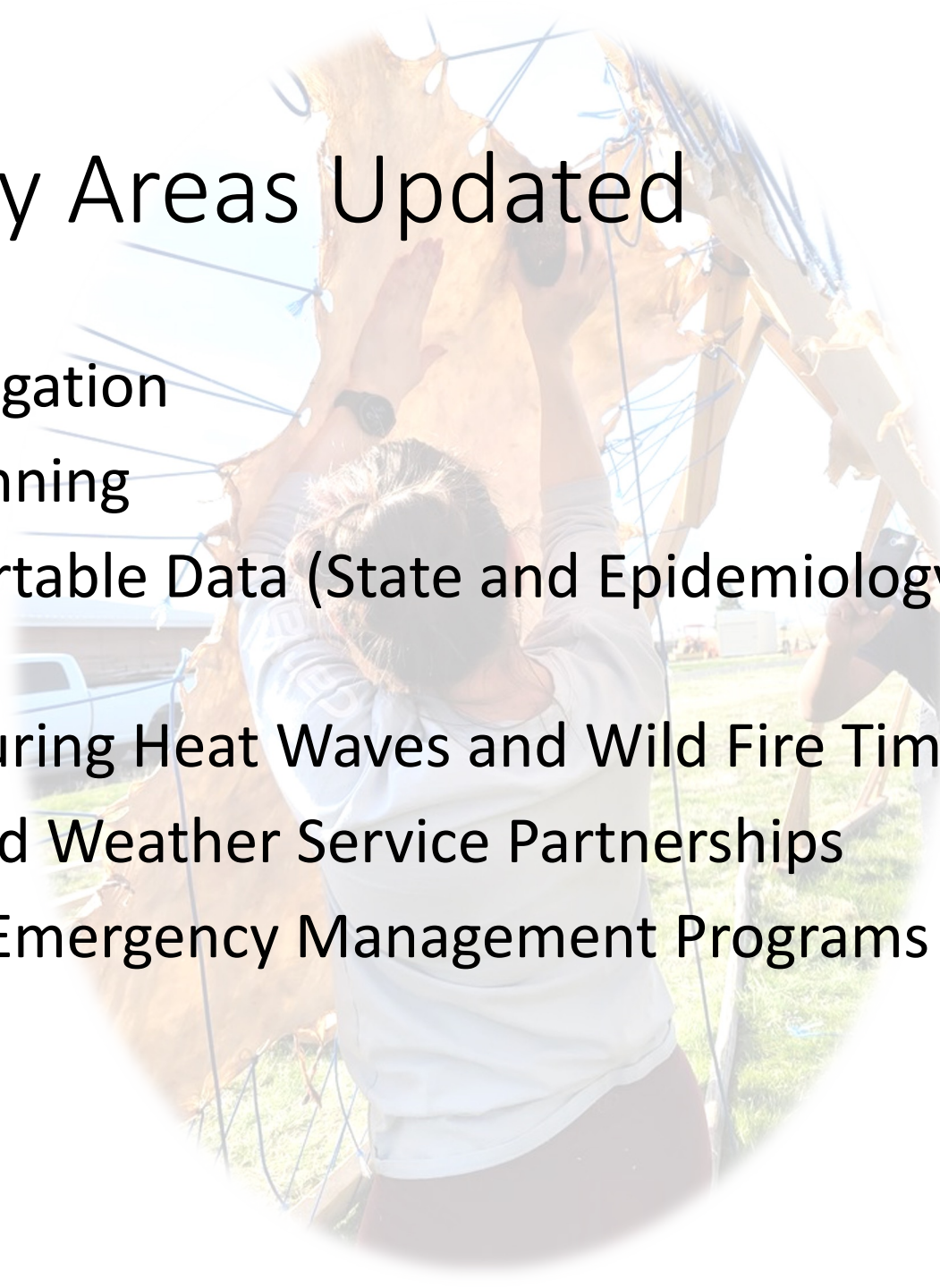


Keeping Stress from Becoming Trauma

- Dr. Darryl Tonemah: Dptonemah@gmail.com
- When things change, they change
- Culture is key
- We need to find safe communities
- We need to develop Programs that are Safe
- Trauma is about constriction; healing is about expansion.
- You're not going to change the fruit until we change the root.

Competency Areas Updated

- Outbreak Investigation
- After Action Planning
- Enhancing Reportable Data (State and Epidemiology Center Partnerships)
- Collaboration During Heat Waves and Wild Fire Times
- Public Health and Weather Service Partnerships
- Building Strong Emergency Management Programs



State Fireside Chat



- Learned about vision for the future for Oregon and Washington.
- Learned that developing the workforce is a key concern in the next 5 to 10 years.
- Learned that there are amazing analogies to playing to where the puck is going. We need to play to where we are next needed.

Today's Sessions



Your Important Take Aways

