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Oklahoma Area | Bryan Warner | Deputy Principal Chief | Cherokee Nation | TAC Chair

Bryan Warner is the Deputy Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Prior to June 2019, he has served on the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council for District 6, a position he held since 2015. Mr. Warner holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Northeastern State University and a Master of Education degree from East Central University. He is employed at Carl Albert State College and has served as a full-time science instructor and is now Sallisaw Campus Director. Mr. Warner's civic and volunteer experience includes time served as Ward 3 City Commission for the City of Sallisaw, leading local youth in church, as well as coaching youth league baseball and football. He also works closely with the Sallisaw MainStreet Organization, is a member of Sallisaw Lions Club, and is on the board of directors for Sallisaw Youth League and the Sallisaw Youth and Recreation Commission.



Leslie Ann Dauphin, PhD | Director | National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Public Health Infrastructure Center serves as the connection point between the agency and state, local, and territorial jurisdictions; Tribes; and CDC's public health partners. The center ensures that our country's public health infrastructure has the people, services, and systems needed to promote and protect health in every U.S. community (all 50 states, the U.S. Territories, Tribes, and freely associated states).

Prior to leading the public health infrastructure center, Dr. Dauphin served in a number of leadership roles across CDC. Most recently, she served as director of the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services. Dr. Dauphin's leadership was instrumental to CDC's response to laboratory safety events in 2014 and in the creation and successful stand up of the Office of Laboratory Science and Safety, where she served as deputy director. Previously, she served as acting Director for the Office of Science and Deputy Associate Director for Laboratory Science within the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. A trained laboratory scientist, Dr. Dauphin specialized in bioterrorism and emerging threats including anthrax as a research microbiologist and Response Team Coordinator for CDC's 24/7 laboratory response to bioterrorism threats in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Dauphin has also served in leadership roles on CDC's COVID-19 response.

Dr. Dauphin received her doctoral degree in Microbiology from North Carolina State University. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army, where she was a paratrooper under the 18th Airborne Corps. She received the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal for her service in Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm.

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CAPT Damion Killsback, PharmD, MPH | Director | Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Damion has over 20 years of experience in clinical pharmacy, public health and administration, and work dedicated to AI/AN healthcare, health policy, and public health issues. Most recently, Damion served as the Chief Executive Officer for the Northern Cheyenne Service Unit in the Indian Health Service. His previous leadership roles include the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) acting director for the Division of Policy and Data and the AI/AN Policy Lead. He later became the Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs and lead of the Tribal Affairs Team. There, Damion helped establish the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee and served as OMH's Tribal Liaison on all Tribal Affairs activities including the HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, the Interdepartmental Council on Native American Affairs, and the Missing Murdered Indigenous Persons Work Group.

CAPT Killsback received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Montana and his Masters in Public Health from American Public University in Charles Town, West Virginia. He makes his home near his Northern Cheyenne Community as a proud member of the Northern Cheyenne Nation and a direct descendant of Chief Dull Knife. He is the oldest of six, and son of Jacqueline Limpy Tang. He is married to his beautiful wife and partner, Danelle, and they have four children: Dalayah (27), Konner (25), Kamden (10), and Hattie (8).

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National At-Large | Sharon Stanphill, MD | Chief Health Officer | Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center

Dr. Sharon Stanphill is the Chief Health Officer for the Cow Creek Health & Wellness Center (CCH&WC). The CCH&WC employs 70 staff members and operates 2 primary medical care clinics, a comprehensive behavioral health department including both in-house and tele-psychiatry and therapy services, a prevention specialist and trauma-informed care/resiliency coordinator. The medical teams are supported by laboratory, radiology, medical nutritional therapy, intensive diabetes prevention and treatment program along with many other community programs. In FY 2020, she stood up a robust public health department to address the pandemic and begin to modernize Public health efforts within the Tribe.

Joining the CCH&WC in October 1997, as a preventive care practitioner and dietitian/certified diabetes educator, Dr. Stanphill assisted with coordinating the Southern Oregon Tribal Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) consortium and served on the National Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Diabetes Demonstration Projects Steering Committee during the formative years of the SDPI.

She has been a delegate, representing the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board for the past 22 years and has been honored to receive the Delegate of the Year Award twice by her peers.

Dr. Stanphill serves on several Portland Area Indian Health Services committees and was appointed by the Portland Area Indian Health Services as the Portland Area Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, CDC Tribal Advisory Committee and CMS Tribal Advisory Committee representing all 43 Tribal Nations of the Northwest.

Her special interest in assuring information technology is of the highest quality. She works to assure Oregon's Tribal Nations are included in the State's expansion of health information technology having served previously on the State of Oregon's Governor's Health Information Technology Office of Health (HITOC) Advisory Committee. She has most recently become a member of the Criminal Justice Commission IMPACT Committee appointed in 2019 and the Governor's Task Force on Universal Healthcare in 2020. Dr. Stanphill is the Cow Creek's tribal representative for all healthcare related State of Oregon SB770 consultations.

Within Douglas County, Oregon, she serves on various committees including the local Coordinated Care Organization, Umpqua Health Alliance, Board of Directors and the local hospital Mercy Medical Center Foundation Board.

Dr. Stanphill received her Master of Public Health in Nutrition degree and Doctorate of Public Health in Preventive Medicine in 1993 from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. She is married to her husband Jim for 36 years and they have 3 grown children who all have graduated from George Fox University and are living and working in the greater Portland, Oregon area.

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Nirav Shah, MD, JD | Principal Deputy Director | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

As Principal Deputy Director, Dr. Shah is involved with CDC's work around data modernization, public health preparedness and response, laboratories, and communications.

Prior to this role, Dr. Shah served as the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, leading the state public health agency. In particular, he led the State of Maine's public health response to COVID-19, managing a cross-disciplinary team of state employees and serving as the primary public communicator during the crisis.

In addition to COVID-19, Dr. Shah also led several key initiatives in Maine. One involves the State's efforts to mitigate the public health effects of climate change. Another focuses on reducing the dangers posed by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances / Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFAS/PFOA) chemicals in Maine's environment.

From 2015-2019, Dr. Shah served as the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. Among his key initiatives were lowering the blood lead poisoning action level to align with that of the U.S. CDC, launching an effort to study and ultimately reduce disparities in maternal mortality in Illinois, and organize the state's response to the opioid crisis.

Dr. Shah served for nearly two years as President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). He has also been awarded four honorary doctorates in recognition of his work leading the State of Maine's response to COVID-19 (University of New England, 2021; University of Southern Maine, 2022; Colby College, 2022; Bates College, 2022).

Earlier in his career, Dr. Shah worked for the Cambodian Ministry of Health as an economist and epidemiologist. There, he assisted the governmental hospital system with budgeting and cost-effectiveness analysis. He also investigated infectious disease outbreaks such as dengue fever and drug-resistant malaria. He was also involved in Cambodia's response to SARS and avian influenza.

Dr. Shah holds a Doctor of Medicine and Juris Doctor from The University of Chicago.

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Debra Houry, MD, MPH | Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director for Program and Science | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Debra Houry, MD, MPH, is the Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director for Program and Science at CDC. In this role, she is responsible for establishing, strengthening, and maintaining collaboration and coordination across CDC's national centers including infectious diseases, chronic disease, environmental health, injury prevention, and public health infrastructure. She also provides overall direction to, and coordination of, the scientific and medical programs. Dr. Houry also serves as the Designated Federal Officer for the Advisory Committee to the CDC Director, working directly with private and public sector constituents to prioritize CDC's activities and address key areas including data modernization and health disparities. As a board-certified emergency physician, she has seen firsthand the impact of infectious diseases, chronic health conditions, and injuries on individuals, families, and communities and strives to address and prevent challenges with implementable, evidence-based practices.

Prior to this role, Dr. Houry served for nearly two years (2021-2023) as CDC's acting Principal Deputy Director, overseeing improvements to lab quality, updating global health strategy and governance, and elevating cross-cutting initiatives across the agency such as social determinants and mental health. She was also a key leader in the CDC Moving Forward reorganization process for the agency. From 2014-2021, Dr. Houry served as the Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the CDC. Under her leadership, the budget increased from \$150 to \$714 million with expansion of multiple programs. Other notable achievements under her leadership included releasing the CDC Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Chronic Pain, acquiring the management of the Drug Free Communities program encompassing 700 local coalitions, expanding the National Violent Death Reporting System from 18 to 50 states, and standing up new funding lines in adverse childhood experiences, suicide, drowning, and firearm violence prevention.

She previously served as vice chair and tenured associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and as associate professor in the Rollins School of Public Health. Dr. Houry also served as an attending physician at Grady Memorial Hospital in the emergency department and in the medication assisted treatment clinic for opioid use disorder.

Dr. Houry has participated on numerous public health boards and committees and is an alum of Leadership Atlanta and the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program. She has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed publications, is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, and has received numerous awards throughout her career including the APHA Jay Drotman award, US Department of Health and Human Services Group Award for Service to America, and the AMA Award for Outstanding Government Service.

Dr. Houry received her MD and MPH degrees from Tulane University and completed her residency training in emergency medicine at Denver Health Medical Center.

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Veteran Color Guard

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians recently established a Veterans Services Program, which oversees the Veteran Color Guard, made up of Tribal members who served in the military. The Color Guard carries and presents the flags and Tribal staff at ceremonies or gatherings in which they are requested.

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Jesse Jackson, M.Ed

Jesse Jackson serves as the Education Programs Officer for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Jesse holds a master's degree in education administration from Concordia University in Portland, and two cum laude undergraduate degrees from Oregon State University in anthropology and education. Jesse is also a former middle school and high school principal. Jesse is a Cow Creek Umpqua Tribal citizen, and oversees both the Education and Cultural Resources departments.



Michael Rondeau

Michael Rondeau serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Tribal Administrator for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Michael is a Cow Creek Umpqua Tribal citizen, and has worked for his Tribe for 38 years. A historian of Tribal families and cultural knowledge, Michael has overseen growth of the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribal services to include multiple medical and behavioral health clinic locations, robust housing programs, and establishment of early-childhood education for Tribal children. He has been a primary planner at all phases of Tribal economic expansion beginning with Cow Creek Bingo Center in 1992 to today's award-winning and nationally recognized Seven Feathers Casino Resort.



Jennifer Bryant

Jennifer Bryant serves as the Cultural Resources Manager for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Jennifer is a Cow Creek Umpqua Tribal citizen, and has worked for her Tribe for 7 years. Jennifer oversees the organization and planning of Cow Creek Umpqua cultural events such as Huckleberry Gathering and Pow Wow, as well as sharing traditional arts and techniques with Tribal families through regular classes and offerings.

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Jim Kucik, PhD, MPH | Senior Health Scientist and Lead of the STLT Implementation and Coordination Team | Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Jim Kucik, PhD, MPH, is a senior health scientist and lead of the STLT Implementation and Coordination Team in the Technology Implementation Office within the Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology (OPHDST) at CDC. The team works across OPHDST and CDC to coordinate efforts to accelerate data modernization with state, tribal, local, and territorial public health partners and ensure alignment with CDC's Data Modernization Initiative and Public Health Data Strategy. He has extensive experience in leadership roles at CDC spanning public health policy research and development and the practice of population-based surveillance. He received a PhD in Health and Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, an MPH with a focus in epidemiology from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, and an AB in political science from Brown University.



Kyle Nicholls Cobb, MS | Deputy Director of the Data Policy and Standards Division | Office for Public Health Data, Surveillance, Technology | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Kyle Nicholls Cobb, MS, currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Data Policy and Standards Division (DPSD) in the Office for Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technologies (OPHDST) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Prior to this position, she served as the Deputy Director of the Standards Division in the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT (ONC). While at ONC, Ms. Cobb also served as the Certification & Testing Division's Tools & Testing Branch Chief where she led conformance testing for 21st Century Cures Act health IT certification requirements including United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) and Standardized API for patient and population services criterion. Ms. Cobb has nearly 20 years of experience in health and health IT policy, quality improvement, and information architecture and design. Ms. Cobb has led and participated in multiple electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) development projects for both the CDC and Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In addition to her measure development experience, Ms. Cobb also led consensus development standards projects at the National Quality Forums (NQF) where she provided subject matter expert for electronic clinical quality measures, behavioral health, and patient-reported outcomes.

Ms. Cobb holds a bachelor's degree from the New School for Social Research, Eugene Lang College and a Master of Science from Simmons University.

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Ann O'Connor | MPA | Director of the Program Strategy & Accountability Office (acting) | National Center for STLT Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure Center | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Ms. O'Connor has over 30 years of federal government service as a leader dedicated to improving the Nation's health and welfare through program stewardship and in strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of programs in a variety of federal agencies. She has developed and implemented effective strategic plans, and ensured the success of major programmatic, policy, communications and evaluation efforts throughout her career.

Ms. O'Connor has held various senior leadership positions at CDC including as the deputy in the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity (DNPAO) in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; as the CDC Associate Director for Program; and as the policy and communications lead in the Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Response (now known as the Office of Readiness and Response). During COVID-19, she served as a senior leader on multiple task forces. Prior to joining CDC, as part of the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Ms. O'Connor directed national policy and program evaluations on issues of national significance on the effectiveness and efficiency of programs for Congress, the Secretary and program leadership. She served in a similar role at the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Craig Thomas, PhD, MS | Director | Division of Population Health | National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

In this role, he directs a broad portfolio of cross-cutting programs and applied research activities aimed at preventing chronic disease, reducing health disparities, and improving population health across the lifespan. Program areas include Alzheimer's disease, aging, arthritis, chronic disease awareness and education, epilepsy, lupus, excessive alcohol use, tribal health (Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country), social determinants of health, and applied epidemiology and prevention research. In addition, Dr. Thomas oversees the collection and reporting of population health data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and PLACES' small area prevalence estimates of chronic diseases and associated risk factors.

Dr. Thomas joined CDC in 1998 serving in leadership positions for a variety of public health programs including CDC's HIV and AIDS Prevention Program, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, National Public Health Accreditation, and the PHHS Block Grant. In addition, he has participated in CDC's emergency responses to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the H1N1 Pandemic in 2009, and the COVID-19 Response.

Dr. Thomas brings over 35 years of experience working with state, local, and tribal public health agencies, academia, healthcare and behavioral health providers, national partner organizations, and other federal agencies to address and improve population health. He earned a PhD in social psychology and applied research methods from Claremont Graduate University, a MS in developmental psychology from California State University Fullerton, and a BA in biological sciences from the University of California Irvine.



National At-Large | Connie Barker | Chickasaw Nation | Tribal Legislator | TAC Co-Chair

Connie Barker is a Tribal Legislator for the Chickasaw Nation. She has served the Pickens District since 2008 and has previously held both Secretary and Chairperson positions. Mrs. Barker is a member of the Legislative, Human Resources, Education, Health, and Tribal Historical Preservation committees, as well as the Tribal Co-Chair for the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, a national committee dedicated to the treatment and prevention of diabetes in Indian Country. She currently serves as Health Committee Chair and serves on multiple other committees. Mrs. Barker is a graduate of Murray State College and an Honor Graduate of the first Leadership Love County Class of 2004.

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Julie Johnson | Tribal Affairs Director | Oregon Health Authority

Julie is an enrolled member of the Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and has four daughters who are members of the Burns Paiute Tribe. Julie has been committed to working with the tribal people of Oregon for the last 28 years.

Julie has worked for the Oregon Health Authority for almost 10 years, first as a Tribal Liaison for Addictions and Mental Health and now as the Tribal Affairs Director. She honors the government-to-government relationship with the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon. In her role she provides direction to OHA staff and programs to support the work of the Tribes and the Urban Indian Health Program in all areas of health.

Before coming to the state, she worked for the Burns Paiute Tribe for 13 years, and for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for 5 years prior to that. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, sewing and dancing at powwows.



Sue Steward | Citizen of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians | Deputy Director | Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

Sue is a citizen of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. She is the NPAIHB Deputy Director. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Science in Health Leadership from Western Governors University. Sue is a Board member of OHSU.

She has worked within the tribal health system for over 35 years. She was a CHP and CHAP Director in Alaska with oversight of 5 remote clinics. She has a passion to see CHAP Expansion continue to thrive in the Northwest to educate and employ high quality, culturally competent tribal community health providers who will care for our Northwest tribal people in the respectful, traditionally relevant way they deserve. She has a personal mission to foster and develop American Indian/Alaska Native people who will become future tribal leaders.

When not working, Sue and her husband Jim enjoy spending time with their kids and grandchildren on their small farm in southern Oregon. They also enjoy hiking, kayaking, fishing, attending tribal events and traveling.

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Kathy Gallagher | Acting Director | Office of Budget Policy and Appropriations | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Kathy Gallagher is serving as Acting Director of CDC's Office of Appropriations. Kathy has 24 years of experience serving in various policy positions across the agency including five years as the OA Deputy Director.

Kathy began working at CDC in 1999 and is currently the Associate Director for Policy in the Office on Smoking and Health. She also served in policy leadership roles across the agency including Acting Deputy Director for Strategy and Operations in the Coronavirus and Other Respiratory Viruses Division, Associate Director for Policy for Center for Preparedness and Response, Deputy Director for the Appropriations Office, Associate Director for Policy and Communication for the Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, Legislation and Partnership Team Lead for the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and as the Policy lead for the Office of Internal Security following the 9/11 and anthrax attacks for which she received the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service. Kathy also deployed to support multiple emergency responses including as the policy unit lead for the 2014 Ebola and COVID-19 responses.

Kathy has a degree in Sociology from the University of Georgia and in History of Technology and Society from Georgia Tech. She and her husband have one daughter and Kathy loves to cook (not bake).



Danna Drum, MDiv | Local and Tribal Public Health Manager | Public Health Division | Oregon Health Authority

Danna Drum is the Local and Tribal Public Health Manager at the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division where she works with Oregon's 33 local public health authorities, nine federally-recognized Tribes and the federally-designated Urban Indian Program. She leads the Public Health Division's work to uphold the agency's government-to-government relationship with Tribes. She has been involved in public health modernization work with the Tribes in Oregon since the beginning.

Danna is also ordained clergy in the United Methodist Church. She earned a Master of Divinity from Boston University and her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has over 25 years of experience working in local and state government, long-term care, and local churches. While originally from North Carolina, Danna has lived and served in rural and urban Oregon since 1999.

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Jessica Hamner, MPH | Community Health and Family Services Manager | Coquille Indian Tribe

Jessica Hamner, MPH is the Community Health and Family Services Manager for the Coquille Indian Tribe, where she oversees the health and wellness divisions work to promote public health and prioritize disease prevention within a framework that recognizes, values, and elevates the importance of Tribal culture within the modernized public health system. With a background in health promotion and equity, over the course of her career she has held senior public health positions at the local, state, and tribal level including as Director of Tobacco Control for the State of Tennessee and as a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Project Director. Ms. Hamner serves as a representative on several public health related boards and committees, and as a site visitor for the Public Health Accreditation Board. She resides with her husband and children in Coos Bay, Oregon.



LT Patrick Kollars | Public Health Manager | Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

LT Kollars is a member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma Health and Sciences Center. He was commissioned with United States Public Health Service in 2016 and was stationed at cow creek health and wellness and Haskell Indian Health center prior to taking over the manager position in April 2023.

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Barbara Gladue | Enrolled Member | Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Little Shell, Sioux, and Caucasians

Hello, my name is Barbara Gladue. I am an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Little Shell, Sioux, and Caucasians. My upbringing in Great Falls, Montana, in Blackfeet territory next to the Buffalo Jumps, has instilled in me a unique cultural heritage that I am proud to share.

My upbringing was multigenerational, rooted in the traditions of hunting and gathering, living off the land as much as possible. I'm a proud mother to three girls: Tristan, Milagros, and Esperanza. When I'm not volunteering as a basketball and volleyball coach for my daughter's teams at the NAYA Family Center, you'll find me indulging in my hobbies of whitewater rafting, hiking, and crafting. But my true passion, my love, is FOOD! I find joy in cooking, and of course, in eating.

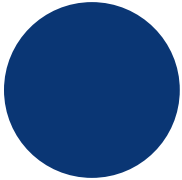
In 2000, I made the move to Portland. I furthered my education at PCC and PSU, earning an AAOT and a BA degree. My journey has equipped me with a lifetime of traditional and spiritual knowledge, and over a decade of experience in family engagement, advocacy, case management, training, and technical assistance within Indian Country. I look forward to our paths crossing soon.



Adrienne Gill, MPH | Quality and Performance Improvement Team Lead | Partnerships and Performance Improvement Branch | Division of Partnership Support | National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

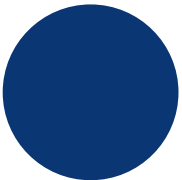
Adrienne Gill is the Quality and Performance Improvement Team Lead in the Partnerships and Performance Improvement Branch with CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce. She plays key roles in numerous public health initiatives, including leading efforts in supporting continuous improvement of the health department accreditation program, serving as a member of the Healthy People 2030 Public Health Infrastructure Workgroup, and collaborating with national partners on public health performance improvement workforce development. She has previous experience as an emergency management specialist at CDC conducting agency-wide strategic planning for public health emergencies. Adrienne has a Bachelor of Science from Duke University and a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

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Patricia (Tish) Foster | (Hopi/Tewa) | Project Coordinator | Diabetes Treatment & Prevention Program | NARA NW

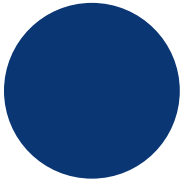
Patricia (Tish) Foster (Hopi/Tewa) is the Project Coordinator for the NARA NW Diabetes Treatment & Prevention Program in Portland, OR. Tish has over 25 years of experience working at NARA NW and has been involved in the Special Diabetes Program for Indians grant programs, including the NARA NW DPP, since 2005. She has been a certified Traditional Health Worker since 2015. She also has served as the Digital Retinal Imager at NARA NW for the IHS/Joslin Vision Network Teleophthalmology Program since 2010. In August 2013 she received the Portland Area IHS Recognition of Excellence Award for exceptional performance in the provision of diabetic retinopathy screening to the patients at NARA. In 2019 she became a Certified Lifestyle Coach for the National Diabetes Prevention Program. She leads efforts to culturally adapt National Diabetes Prevention Program materials and curricula utilized at NARA NW.



Alison Goerl | Registered Dietitian | Director of the Chronic Disease and Public Health Modernization Programs | NARA NW

Alison Goerl is a Registered Dietitian and the Director of the Chronic Disease and Public Health Modernization Programs at NARA NW in Portland, OR. She did her undergraduate work at Oregon State University and her dietetic internship at Oregon Health Sciences University. She has been working in diabetes treatment and prevention at NARA NW as part of the SDPI for twenty years. Over the last two decades Alison has presented at many national conferences sharing diabetes best practices and evidenced based interventions with other Tribal, IHS, and Urban Indian Programs. She is leading integration efforts targeting prevention, screening and chronic disease management into primary care and behavioral health at NARA NW. In addition to diabetes, she also oversees programs related to the early detection of breast, cervical and colorectal cancer, and hypertension control/prevention of cardiovascular disease at NARA NW. She is leading public health modernization efforts for the agency in partnership with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon.

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Kelle Adamek-Little, RDN | Chief Operating Officer | Health and Wellness Division | Coquille Indian Tribe

Kelle has been employed by the Coquille Indian Tribe since June 1999. She is currently the Coquille Tribe's Health and Wellness Division's Chief Operating Officer and provides leadership and management oversight for primary medical care, pharmacy, dental, public health and human services for American Indian/Alaskan Native, employees of the Coquille Indian Tribe and the public.

Kelle's academic training includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Nutrition and Nutrition Management from Oregon State University in 1991, and completion of a Dietetic Internship at Hines VA Medical Center in Chicago IL 1991-1992. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in public health.

Kelle serves as an alternate Delegate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Senior Leadership Team Coquille Indian Tribe, Nasomah Health Group Board of Directors, Chairperson for the CIT Health Advisory Committee, Tribal Representative for the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board and Chairperson of the Portland Area Community Health Aide Program Certification Board.



Jason Stiener | Tribal Medicaid Policy Analyst | Oregon Health Authority

Jason Stiener has served at the Tribal Medicaid Policy analyst at the Oregon Health Authority since 2018. Prior to joining OHA, he served at the National Council of Urban Indian Health and the Seattle Indian Health Board. He provides policy and operations support for Tribal and Urban Indian Medicaid programs. Jason also assists OHA staff in following the agency's Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Policy. Beginning in 2009, he served as a member of the Medicare and Medicaid Policy Committee, which provided technical assistance to the CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group.

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Dr. Michelle Papali'i, PhD, MS | Senior Science & Strategy Lead, Program Implementation, Division of Diabetes Translation | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Michelle Papali'i, PhD, MS, is the Senior Science & Strategy Lead in the Program Implementation Branch in the Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Papali'i has over 12 years of experience leading chronic disease prevention programs and research studies at the local, state, and national levels. She specializes in research, evaluation, and program activities with Indigenous and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities, as well as other racial and ethnic minority groups. As Senior Science & Strategy Lead, Dr. Papali'i provides strategic direction on priorities to help scale diabetes prevention efforts and advance health equity, including applying scientific and health equity principles in program structure and delivery, expanding public payer coverage, setting up sustainable program delivery networks, and strengthening the capacity of the diabetes prevention workforce. Since January 2024, Dr. Papali'i has served as the Acting Team Lead for DDT's Tribal, Regional, and Territorial Support Team, providing leadership, support, and direction for team members and the team's portfolio of diabetes prevention and management work with tribes, tribal health boards, and the freely associated states and territories in the Pacific and Caribbean.

Dr. Papali'i also contributes to center- and division-level efforts to ensure health equity is at the center of CDC and DDT's work. She is a current member of DDT's Health Equity Action Team. Previously, she served as co-chair of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's (NCCDPHP's) Health Equity Council, was a member of NCCDPHP's Health Equity Task Force, and completed a 120-day appointment to CDC's Office of Science to support the implementation of the agency's CORE Health Equity Science and Intervention Strategy.

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Tim Vredenburg | Director of Forest Management | Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Tim Vredenburg is from the Roseburg area. He graduated from Georgetown College with a B.S. degree in Environmental Science. He went to graduate school at Oregon State where his area of emphasis was wildlife management, silviculture and policy.

In 2000 he joined Biological Information Specialists as a wildlife specialist becoming president of the Company in 2004. Through B.I.S, Inc., Tim worked with state, federal, private, and tribal landowners on issues involving threatened, endangered and special status species and advises landowners on management related activities.

From 2006 to 2012 Tim served as the Coquille Indian Tribe's Director of Land, Resources and Environmental Services. He managed a Forestry Program and represented the Tribe on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service review teams. He served as a member of the Governor's Federal Forest Advisory Committee. During the development of the BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revision he worked with the Cooperator's Work Group and was the only "non-federal" member of the BLM State Director's steering committee.

In the fall of 2012, he went to work for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, as their Director of Forest Management. In his current capacity he is working to develop an expanded forest land base that will provide for the cultural and economic wellbeing for many generations to come. He manages the tribe's forest management program and offers support on a variety of government affairs issues. He currently lives west of Roseburg with his wife, Darcy, and their three children, Owen, Emma and Asher.



Dr. Yulia Carroll | Associate Director for Science | Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

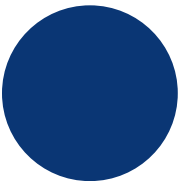
Dr. Yulia Carroll is the Associate Director for Science at the CDC Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice. The Division wildfire activities integrate risk communication, emergency response, applied epidemiology and exposure assessment, and data science into all aspects of the disaster management cycle - prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. A prime example of CDC's wildfire collaborations is its engagement with the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC), an inter-governmental committee of Federal, state, tribal, county, and municipal government officials convened by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Defense, and Homeland Security dedicated to consistent implementation of wildland fire policies, goals, and management activities.

Presenter Biographies



Colby Gonzales, AA | Fisheries Program Manager | Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribes of Indians

Colby Gonzales is the Fisheries Program Manager for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. He has an associate's degree in Fisheries Technology from Mt. Hood Community College. From 2009-2022 Colby worked in the Oregon state hatchery system for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in multiple positions from a laborer to a hatchery manager. In 2022, he joined the Fisheries Program for the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe. The Tribe's fisheries Program includes a subsistence fishing program, species and population monitoring, stream and riparian habitat restoration, and artificial production programs. The Fisheries Program also works closely with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on co-management of fisheries in the Tribe's area of interest and partners with agencies and conservation organizations on native species restoration projects.



Brian Boswell P.E. | General Manager Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative

Brian Boswell is the General Manager for Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative (UIUC), a division of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

Brian has spent his career in the utility sector. A licensed professional engineer in Oregon, he is a graduate of California State University Chico with degree in Civil Engineering. In 2003, Brian aided the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe with the initial developments for infrastructure and engineering for a municipal utility company. The project was a first in Indian Country in many ways. Once constructed, Brian was brought on permanently to develop the operations of UIUC. In 2007, he became the first employee of UIUC, which has since grown to 22 employees.

A member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Brian has strived to implement state of the art technology for water and wastewater treatment for the Tribal community.

Brian's passion for serving the community has led him to sit on the board for the Oregon Rural Electrical Cooperative Association (ORECA) helping Oregon cooperatives tackle the difficult issues facing electrical utilities. Brian also sits on the Pacific Power Clean Energy Engagement Panel for Oregon Tribes to assist in developing policies for Pacific Northwest Tribes who seek to explore energy projects. Locally, Brian is on the board for the Community Cancer Center of Roseburg.

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Rachel West, PhD | Preparedness and External Partnerships Lead | National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS) | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Her role focuses on supporting wastewater surveillance through efficient outbreak response and preparation and sustained engagement with external partners and the public. She works to learn from and serve tribal communities in their wastewater surveillance efforts. She joined the CDC as a Presidential Management Fellow after her post-doctoral work in global health security. Her PhD was completed in molecular microbiology and immunology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Heidi Cox, MPH | Public Health Analyst | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Heidi Cox joined R3SB's National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS) as a Public Health Analyst in September 2022. Previously Heidi was an ORISE Fellow supporting the COVID-19 response with the former STLT health department section. She has a B.S and MPH from Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA. Heidi is a Community Engagement member of the NCEZID Health Equity Advisory Committee since January 2023, and is a Technical Monitor for the CDC's wastewater program.