

Ms. Victoria Kitcheyan is an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. She is currently serving as Tribal Council Treasurer. She also serves on a variety of tribal, regional, and national healthcare committees and boards.

Victoria's current Indian health care work began on July 23, 2015, the moment the Omaha Winnebago Indian Health Service Unit lost its eligibility to participate in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Reimbursement Program. Her personal commitment to this work is driven, in part, by a personal loss. One of her family members lost her life at the Omaha Winnebago Hospital, and that death was reported by CMS, as "highly questionable" and "possibly unnecessary."

This experience, and Victoria's long-term commitment to the health and welfare of her fellow tribal members, has led her to become a vocal and well-informed advocate for systematic changes to the Indian Health Service. Her efforts to improve the overall health care outcomes for all tribal people is well know.

Victoria takes great pride in her tribal advocacy work and will continue to carry the sacred message of all Native people.