

Esther Lucero, MPP

Chief Executive Officer of the Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB) and the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI)

Esther Lucero (Navajo/Latina) became the Chief Executive Officer of the Seattle Indian Health Board in November 2015. Ms. Lucero came to SIHB from the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health in San Francisco, where she was the Director of Programs and Strategic Development. She has dedicated her work to promote policy change for Urban American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) using a multi-media approach. She is a trained digital storytelling facilitator and the founder of the NAHC Media Center, in Oakland, CA, where the use of culturally specific digital storytelling has been instrumental in changing the public view of urban AI/ANs. Ms. Lucero received both her Bachelor of Arts degree in Native American Studies and Master of Public Policy from Mills College. She brings to the SIHB her experience and training in public policy coupled with her robust experience in state and national level health policy work, including extensive knowledge of federally qualified health centers, and urban Indian health issues.