



**Seattle Indian Health Board**

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## **Esther Lucero (Dinè), MPP**

### **Chief Executive Officer of the Seattle Indian Health Board**

Esther joined the Seattle Indian Health Board in 2015, with the goal of uplifting the organization's longstanding dedication to the urban Indian community in health and human services, workforce development, public policy, and research. Since then she has increased the operating budget by \$11 million, a 79% increase and completed a full reorganization. She has built a team-based environment and established an Executive team to lead the charge toward the implementation of the first of its kind, Indigenous Knowledge Informed System of Care.

In recent years, Seattle Indian Health Board has increased its prominence locally and nationally. Esther currently serves on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Advisory Committee for Women's Services and the SAMHSA Region X Opioid Taskforce. In Washington State, she serves on the Governor's Behavioral Health Taskforce, is a delegate to the American Indian Health Commission, and a delegate to the Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council. Locally, she serves as the co-chair for King County Accountable Community of Health: HealthierHere's governing board, serves on the Native Communities Committee under the leadership of City Councilmember Debora Juarez, and has been appointed by Mayor Jenny Durkan, to the City of Seattle's Community Police Commission.

Esther's passion and advocacy for Native health, transformative approaches to indigenous research and evaluation, and Federal Indian Law and policy has made her a leader in health policy and system change in the region and nationally.