

Teresa Sanchez

Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc., Board Member

An ardent champion for improving Native American health care, Sanchez has been a member of the Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (RSBCIHI) Board of Directors since 2010 and served as the board president from 2016 to 2018. The organization delivers multi-disciplinary health care, dental, behavioral health, diabetes prevention and other services aligned with tribal cultural values to more than 18,000 clients at seven clinics stretching from Barstow to the Torres-Martinez Indian Reservation. Sanchez previously worked for RSBCIHI's Purchased and Referred Care Department for eight years.

While serving on the Board of Directors, Sanchez has testified before Congress and met with numerous federal lawmakers in her work to help shape national health care policy for Indian Country, including efforts to secure more equitable health care funding for the nearly 725,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives who live in California.

Sanchez is a member of the Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group with the federal Indian Health Service; a former delegate of the California Area Tribal Advisory Committee for the California Area Indian Health Service; former delegate of the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee and a board member of the Sacramento-based California Rural Indian Health Board, where she is also an appointee to a subcommittee exploring the impact of the opioid crisis on native populations.