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of
LARRY CURLEY, MPA

Larry Curley is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. He received his education at the University of Arizona where he received his Masters Degree in Public Administration and a Certificate in Gerontology. In addition, he attended the University of New Mexico where he undertook his Doctoral studies in Political Science and went to Brandeis University where he also undertook a doctoral program at the Heller School of Advanced Social Studies. He has worked in the field of aging and health care for over 40 years starting out as a planner at an Area Agency on Aging in Pima County, Arizona where he was instrumental in establishing a County Public Fiduciary program; He was also a lobbyist in Washington, DC during which he successfully advocated for the passage of “*Title VI of the Older Americans Act*,” an amendment which he drafted; he also directed one of the five largest Head Start programs in the country when he directed the Navajo Nation’s Head Start program; Served as the Nursing Home Administrator of tribal long term care facility; a hospital administrator in northern Nevada; he has served on many commissions, boards, and was a college instructor at the University of Nevada-Reno and Eastern Washington University. Twice he was appointed as the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Health under two different administrations and was named Indian Health Service’s “*CEO of the Year*” in 2014. In 2018, he was named as the Assistant Dean of the Four Corners Region for the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine and served as the Public representative on the American College of Physicians Clinical Practices Committee. Prior to being selected as the Executive Director of the National Indian Council on Aging, he served as the Director of Program Development for the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services in northwest New Mexico.