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Mnicoujou Lakota, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe



Tribal Health, Chief Executive - 15 years of Executive Management experience in Tribal Ambulatory Healthcare, Public Health Administration, and Tribal Health Policy. Proven ability to balance strategic decisions and financial discipline with a hands-on approach to leadership, resulting in Board of Director, employee, stakeholder, and service recipient satisfaction. Demonstrated experience and expertise in change management, capital projects, and team building.

Core Competencies

- Thought Leadership
- Strategic Planning & Execution
- Health System Optimization
- Operational Improvement
- Tribal & Intergovernmental Advocacy
- Fiscal Management & Revenue Growth
- Communication & Engagement
- Organizational Restructuring

EXPERIENCE

**Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board,
President/Chief Executive Officer**

Rapid City, SD 2/2012 – Present

- The President/CEO is responsible for the overall functionality and operational performance of a 501(C) (3), P.L. 93-638 Title 1 Tribal Organization on behalf of 17 Federally Recognized Tribes & 1 IHS service area encompassing the four states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa serving more than 150,000 American Indians/Alaskan Natives. Provide strategic leadership to Great Plains Public Health programs, including the Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center, and provide Intergovernmental, Tribal Health Policy advocacy and technical assistance. Responsible for the operational management of GPTLHB Oyate Health Center, a tribal ambulatory health center, providing primary care, behavioral health, dental, optometry, pharmacy, imaging, laboratory, and rehabilitative services to over 25,000 AI/AN in the Black Hills of South Dakota.
- Led area-wide initiative on behalf of the Great Plains tribes to evaluate programs, functions, services, and activities of the Great Plains IHS area office. Develop and implement area-wide needs assessment for the tribes in the Great Plains region to determine priorities for greater tribal control of the Great Plains IHS area.
- Implemented a plan in response to the area tribes' needs assessment and grew the GPTLHB portfolio of Federal awards, Contracts, and Sub-awards from 19 programs in F.Y. 2018 to an established a cost-effective and time-efficient administration of 27 programs in tribal epidemiology, health promotion/disease prevention, behavioral health, maternal & child

health, health professions development, tribal health administration technical assistance, and Indian Health policy and advocacy in 2022.

- Successfully planned and negotiated two separate P.L. 93-638 Title I contracts to assume management of the Indian Health Service Rapid City Service Unit under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) on behalf of the Oglala, Cheyenne River Rosebud Sioux Tribes.
- Initiated a change management initiative following the assumption to implement an organizational restructuring of administrative functions, rebranding, and facilitation of changes to the Mission, Vision, and Values Statements of the GPTLHB to reflect changing public health and direct healthcare priorities of the Great Plains tribes.
- Developed workforce to meet the growing public health needs of the Great Plains area and Oyate Health Center. GPTLHB direct hires, interpersonal agreements, and Commission Corps MOAs grew from 57 employees in 2018 to 334 in F.Y. 2022, in addition to increasing contractors, volunteers, and student interns.
- Increased access to care at Oyate Health Center from 73,462 ambulatory visits in 2020 to 132,130 ambulatory visits in F.Y. 2022, reflecting an 80% increase in annual visits.
- Completed assessment of current financial management processes to ensure fiscal capacity, managing approximately \$7,300,000 in grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and other revenue streams to manage a total annual budget of \$95,000,000+ effectively. Updated financial policies and procedures, ensuring sound financial and business practices resulting in an unqualified opinion for nine consecutive years from annual independent audits. Launched a strategic initiative to modernize and integrate fiscal and operational technologies to accommodate expansion.
- Advanced an area-wide Emergency Response Center to support the Great Plains tribal efforts to mitigate Covid-19. Established three Covid -19 shelters/and alternative care sites to address immediate surges in the community to provide safe quarantine space for multi-generational households and the unhoused population in Pennington County. Established the third clinic at the Oyate Health Center to test and treat Covid -19 in the A.I. population in Pennington County.

American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan, Inc.,

Executive Director

Detroit, MI 7/2007 - 2/2012

- Managing Director for 501(C) (3) non-profit Urban Indian Health Program (UIHP). Implemented the development, planning, management, and evaluation of comprehensive primary care services and other programs, including maternal & infant healthcare, diabetes & other chronic diseases prevention, management & treatment, health promotion, and disease prevention, immunizations, HIV activities, mental health, out-patient substance abuse treatment, parenting support and youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs prevention.
- Accountable for the fiscal administration of several federal, regional, state, and city grants, contracts, and subcontracts, including several with complex budgets, with varying fiscal calendars. Awards include UIH Title V contract, UIH 4 in 1 grant, UIH Special Diabetes Program, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - Circles of Care, & Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention, Administration for Native Americans - Healthy Families Program, Access to Recovery and Healthy Start programs.
- Worked closely with the Board President and Executive Committee to reassess organization by-laws, strategic plan, and mission statement to prepare for the long-term goal of obtaining

HRSA 330 funding and implementing standards that meet accreditation requirements for the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAHC).

- Developed multiple partnerships with Federal, State, Tribal and local officials and organizations to maximize opportunities to address the public health needs and other health disparities in the Urban Indian populations while striving to achieve improved epidemiological outcomes.
 - Increased revenue and expanded capacity of Federal, State, County, and private insurance resources from one insurer to seven. Developed in-house billing to coordinate patient benefits, ensure compliance, and implement processes to support third-party collection. Established protocols to ensure Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance payers' requirements and conditions of participation are met.
 - Was responsible for recruitment and supervision of staff to ensure personnel development and quality HIPPA-compliant services. Provide direction to a 50+ team of staff, contractors, interns, and over 120 students and volunteers, including 7 Executive Staff, 11 Managers, several physicians, advanced practitioners, Ph.D. Researchers, Masters level health educators, and behavioral health professionals.
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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

School of Social Work, Child Welfare Fellow

MSW December 2006

Management of Human Services Major, Interpersonal Practice Minor

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

MSU School of Social Work & College of Arts & Letters

BSW, with Honors, May 2005

Social Work Major, American Indian Studies Specialization

CERTIFICATES

Executive Development Leadership Program

July 2008

Three-month certification program incorporated critical topics such as Financing Healthcare, Budgets and Financing, Conflict Resolution, Critical Thinking, Negotiation, Law, Integrity and Ethics, and more. The ELDP certificate program is designed for Indian healthcare executives that work in Federal, Tribal, or Urban settings.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service Tribal Technical Advisory Group (CMS TTAG)

December 2013- present

HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee – Great Plains Technical Assistant

February 2012 – present

The South Dakota Healthcare Solutions Coalition – Co-Chair

South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard established a multi-agency coalition to explore the potential of Medicaid Expansion in South Dakota. October 2015 – December 2016

CDC National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Office of Tribal Affairs Think Tank

July 2011 – September 2018

Urban Indian Health Institute Advisory Board

A national epidemiology center focusing on the urban American Indian/Alaskan Native population Spring 2011 – February 2012

National Council of Urban Indian Health Board Workgroup established by IHS Director, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux to develop policy recommendations for IHS to confer with urban Indian health programs - Co-chair September 2010- May 2011

Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHHR), University of Michigan

Community Engagement Coordinating Council Member

January 2009 – February 2012

Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Detroit Neighborhood Health Study Community Advisory Board

May 2008 – January 2010

The University of Michigan, School of Social Work, Board of Governors

January 2008 – February 2012

SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

2014 Church, J., Ekechi, C. O., Hoss, A. and Larson, A. J. (2015).

Tribal Water Rights: Exploring Dam Construction in Indian Country. The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, 43: 60–63. doi:10.1111/jlme.12218, Atlanta, GA

2011 Church, J. L., Chapleski, E.E., Momper, S. L., Louise, T., Marcus, J., Tauilili, D., Mueller-Williams, A.C., Lyons, D., Fox, N., Eusani, N., & Stonefish, M. (2011, January).

American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeast Michigan (Detroit) Circles of Care Gda?shkitoomi Systems of Care Logic Model. Poster presented at the SAMHSA Circles of Care IV meeting, Nashville, TN.

2011 Church, J. L., Chapleski, E.E., Momper, S. L., Louise, T., Marcus, J., Tauilili, D., Mueller-Williams, A.C., Lyons, D., Fox, N., Eusani, N., & Stonefish, M. (2011, January).

American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeast Michigan (Detroit) Circles of Care Gda?shkitoomi Concept Model: Gizhemanitou (Creator). Poster presented at the SAMHSA Circles of Care IV meeting, Nashville, TN.

2010 Momper, S.L., Mueller-Williams, A.C., Lerma, T.D., Chapleski, E.E., & Church, J.L. (2010, May). *Process Methodology for Assessing Available and Culturally Sensitive Prevention and Treatment Services for Urban American Indians. The International Network for Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development Conference, Poulsbo, WA.*

PRESENTATIONS

2020 Families USA Conference, Washington DC "Achieving Maternal Health Equity: Let's Advance Solutions That Serve A Changing Nation" January 23, 2020

National Indian Health Board Annual Consumer Conference, 2016 Achieving and Sustaining Quality Health Care in Indian Country, Scottsdale, Arizona "Fireside Chat – State Efforts to Expand Medicaid and how Tribes Can be Involved" September 21, 2016

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc., Access To Care Policy Forum, Sioux Falls, SD "Working to provide access to quality health care for all South Dakotans to help eliminate health and cancer disparities." August 25, 2016

National Institute of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Forum on Heart, Lung, and Sleep Disorders in American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Youth, Bethesda, MD "Advancing Heart, Lung, and Sleep Disorder Research among American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Children and Adolescents" August 2-3, 2016

National Indian Health Board Annual Consumer Conference, Native Health 2015: Policy, Advocacy and the Business of Medicine, Washington, DC
Plenary Speaker - South Dakota Medicaid Expansion Concept September 23, 2015

Network for Public Health Law, American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics & The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - 2014 National Public Health Law Conference: Intersection of Law, Policy and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
Panel - Tribal Environmental Public Health: Prevention via Law, Policy & Practice October 17, 2014

Intertribal Buffalo Council, 2013 National Conference, Las Vegas, NV
Keynote Speaker - "Traditional foods for Nutritional Healing" December 12, 2013

University of North Dakota, 11th Annual American Indian Health Research Conference, Grand Forks, ND
Keynote Speaker - "Public Health in Tribal Communities" November 4, 2013

Robert Wood Johnson, Urban Indian Health Summit Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
Panel Speaker – Actualizing Health Care Reform for Urban Indians January 13, 2011

University of Michigan, School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, MI
Institute for Research on Women and Gender.
A roundtable on Native American culture, gender & healing October 14-15, 2010

National Indian Health Board Consumer Conference,
CMS Day Plenary Session - Panel Speaker - Sioux Falls, SD
CHIP "Shared Grantee Outreach and Education Experiences" September 22, 2010

University of Michigan, School of Social Work
Keynote Speaker – Summer 2010 Commencement

August 7, 2010

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

National Indian Health Board, Regional Impact Award – September 2019
Pays tribute to an individual whose work has contributed to improving American Indian/Alaska Native health care or affected change on an area or region.

University of Michigan, School of Social Work Distinguished Alumni Award – October 2017
Recognizes alums whose achievements exemplify the values of the School of Social Work and who have made an extraordinary impact on the profession, the community, or Social Work education.

National Indian Health Board, Regional Impact Award – September 2014
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State of Michigan - November 2011
Tribute of acknowledgment presented by 12th District Office of State Representative Rashida Tlaib for "hard work, dedication and leadership, public service on behalf of Native Americans and their families in Southeastern MI."

National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) National Diversity Subcommittee Certificate Award – May 2010
For the development of culturally relevant co-parenting education materials & support systems

Key Partner Award from Michigan State University Extension - October 2009 *Annual Key Partner Award given to individuals or group MSU Extension partners*

ACADEMIC AWARDS

University of Michigan, School of Social Work Child Welfare Fellowship – August 2005

Michigan State University, Office of Provost Academic Achievement Recognition - Spring 2005

One of seven National and International Scholarship Winners acknowledged Commencement Convocation.

Lucille Barber Award – May 2005

Awarded to a BSW graduate for exemplary scholarship in the MSU School of Social Work at the Undergraduate Commencement 2005

Morris K. Udall Scholarship - April 2004

One of 80 nationally selected scholars

Emma Shore-Thornton Endowment Award - April 2004

Outstanding MSU American Indian Scholar

STATE/NATIONAL MEDIA & PRESS

Here and Now, Producer, Alexander Tuerk, Host, Robin Young. "Native American Leaders Act To Take COVID-19 Seriously As Cases Surge In The Great Plains" NPR and WBUR Boston, Boston, MA. November 26 2020. Radio.

Politics & Public Policy, Reporter, Strubinger, Lee. "COVID-19 Hits South Dakota Communities of Color At Higher Rate", South Dakota Public Broadcasting, Rapid City, SD. July 16 2020. Radio.

Politics & Public Policy, Reporter, Strubinger, Lee. "Rapid City Civic Center Transformed into Shelter for People Sick, Homeless", South Dakota Public Broadcasting, Rapid City, SD. May 8 2020. Radio.

Lockett, Chynna. Rapid City, S.D. "Caravan honors Indian Health Service workers" **National Native News. Nativenews.net**, 27. Apr. 2020, Web.

On Call with the Prairie Doc®. Co-producer, Ginger Thomson. South Dakota Public Broadcasting. SDPBS, Brookings, SD. February 27 2020. Television.

Walker, Mark. *Fed Up With Deaths, Native Americans Want to Run Their Own Health Care* " **New York Times**, October 19 2019. Publication

Native America Calling Radio Show Senior Producer, Monica Braine. **Taking control of health care**. Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, Albuquerque, NM. August 28 2018. Radio.

Frosh, Dan. "Indian Health Service to End Some Care at South Dakota Hospital." **Wall Street Journal**, July 28, 2017. Publication

Subbaraman, Nidhi. "The Tribe That's Suing The U.S. Government To Keep Its Promises" **BuzzFeed.com. BuzzFeed News**, 17. Nov. 2016, Web.

Native America Calling Radio Show Senior Producer, Monica Braine. Health care on the chopping block. Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, Albuquerque, NM. November 17 2016. Radio.

Ferguson, Dana. "Tribal leaders call on IHS for answers," **ArugusLeader.com** Published 7:26 p.m. ET June 22, 2016, | Updated 7:31 a.m. ET June 23, 2016 Web.

"**Native health officials cautiously optimistic on IHS reform efforts.**" Prod. Stewart Huntington KOTA, ABC. Rapid City, SD. | Posted: Wed 4:49 p.m., May 25, 2016, | Updated: Wed 5:47 p.m., May 25, 2016. Television.

South Dakota Focus: S.D. Healthcare Solutions Coalition. Prod. Stephanie Rissler. South Dakota Public Broadcasting. SDPBS, Vermillion, SD. January 28 2016. Television.

Ferguson, Dana. "Medicaid expansion work continues as clock winds down", **ArugusLeader.com** Published 6:30 p.m. CT April 6, 2016 | Updated 8:34 p.m. CT April 6, 2016 Web.

Ferguson, Dana & Mark Walker. "Ahead of meeting with IHS head, tribal leaders air grievances" **ArugusLeader.com** Published 5:55 p.m. CT April 3, 2016. Web.

Ferguson, Dana. "Feds deal blow to Rosebud IHS hospital", **ArugusLeader.com** Published 1:01 p.m. CT March 1, 2016 | Updated 8:31 p.m. CT March 1, 2016. Web.

Native America Calling Radio Show Senior Producer, Monica Braine. Problems with Indian Health Service. Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, Albuquerque, NM. February 12 2016. Radio.

South Dakota Focus: S.D. Healthcare Solutions Coalition. Prod. Stephanie Rissler. South Dakota Public Broadcasting. SDPBS, Vermillion, SD. January 28 2016. Television.

Associated Press. "South Dakota Medicaid plan would boost Native American care." **Rapid City Journal**, October 22 2015. Print.

Native America Calling Radio Show Senior Producer, Monica Braine. Proposed F.Y. 2015 Federal Budget - IHS, Contract Support Costs impact on the Great Plains. Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, Albuquerque, NM. March 31 2014. Radio.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

U.S. House of Representatives, Invited Witness. The House Committee on Natural Resources. **H.R. 5406, the "Helping Ensure Accountability, Leadership, and Trust in Tribal Healthcare Act (HEALTTH) Act"**. Washington DC. July 12, 2016.

U.S. Senate, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Oversight Hearing, Listening Session Testimony, **"Reexamining the Substandard Quality of Indian Health Care in the Great Plains"**. Washington DC February 03, 2016

N.D. 2015 Senate Human Services Committee, Oral Testimony, **"SB 2163, A bill relating to regulation of health benefit exchange assisters; and to provide a penalty."** Bismarck, ND January 21, 2015