

**NICKOLAUS D. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN
NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD**

Juts-kadim' (Nickolaus Dee Lewis) is a tribal citizen of the Lummi Nation in Washington State and Chairman of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB).

He is a proud veteran serving 8 honorable years in the U.S. Navy (2000 to 2008), and the father of three children: Ethan Lewis, Nickolaus Lewis III, and Tyray Lewis. Mr. Lewis is the grandson of the late Chief Sa-hum-kun (Donald Lewis) of the Lummi Nation, and believes that as his grandson he must honor his name by serving his people as his grandfather has done before him. Mr. Lewis also believes that as an elected leader of the Lummi Nation, his primary job is to serve the people. This belief has driven his work uplifting health equity and connecting resources to tribal citizens on and off tribal reservations. Mr. Lewis is committed to ensuring local, state and federal partners continue to prioritize Indian Country and ensure federal trust and treaty obligations to tribal nations are met through government-to-government relationship.

Mr. Lewis currently serves as Councilmember of the Lummi Indian Business Council. He has served on multiple national and state boards and committees, tribal and non-tribal, with a focus on a diversity of health-related advocacy areas. These include serving as the Portland Area Representative to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, National-at-large Member to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), and as Vice Chair of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB).

Prior to his service on Tribal Council, Mr. Lewis worked as a juvenile and adult probation officer where he helped create the first Swift, Certain, and Fair Probation Model for a Native American Tribe, inspired by HOPE Probation in Hawaii. This model was called Lummi Chinqinst Probation, as "Chinqinst" translates to "Beginning to be on the right path."