

Community Health Representatives Policy Summit II

“Gaining Momentum through Policy Action”

September 29-30, 2016 | Twin Arrows Casino Resort | Flagstaff, Arizona

Background and Overview

CHR Policy Summit I - On September 1, 2015, Tribal Community Health Representative (CHR) Programs from across Arizona came together in Flagstaff, Arizona to participate in the ***Community Health Representative (CHR) Policy Summit: Certification, Reimbursement and Sustainability for Healthy Communities***. The CHR programs discussed three very important policy topics related to health care reform:

- Voluntary Certification of CHRs
- Mechanism to Finance CHRs through Medicaid and
- Further Integration of CHRs into Health Care Delivery

CHR Policy Summit II - This year's Policy Summit II brings together CHRs, tribal leaders, tribal health advocates, Indian health officials and other stakeholders to continue policy discussions that may impact the Tribal CHR workforce in Arizona. The summit will focus on the following objectives:

1. Provide updates on state and federal policy being considered for the CHR workforce,
2. Seek input from Tribes regarding the State of Arizona's Voluntary Certification process,
3. Highlight and share best practices and innovative Tribal CHR program efforts, and
4. Promote CHR advocacy and determine next steps to continue to advance the CHR workforce.



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Keynote Speaker

Donald Warne, MD, MPH | Dr. Warne is Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Health in the College of Health Professions at North Dakota State University, and he is the Senior Policy Advisor to the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board. He oversees the only Master of Public Health in the nation with an American Indian Public Health specialization. Dr. Warne is a member of the *Oglala Lakota* tribe from Pine Ridge, SD and comes from a long line of traditional healers and medicine men. He received his MD from Stanford University School of Medicine and his MPH from Harvard School of Public Health. His work experience includes several years as a primary care physician with the Gila River Health Care Corporation in Arizona; Staff Clinician with the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Disorders / NIH; Indian Legal Program Faculty with the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University; Health Policy Research Director for Inter Tribal Council of Arizona; and Executive Director of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board.

Travel Assistance

Travel assistance is limited - In an effort to get as many tribal representatives to this event, we are providing travel assistance in the form of hotel rooms for the nights of Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29. Requests from the first 20 CHR related staff will be considered, and may include requests from; 1) CHR supervisors and directors, 2) CHRs and 3) tribal health department directors.

First come first served - Please indicate if you are traveling as a team and are willing to share a hotel room so more CHR programs and individuals may be covered. *Deadline to request a hotel room is August 19, 2016.* Check-in will be Sept 28, 2016 and checkout is on Sept 30, 2016. Contact Lydia Enriquez for travel assistance at 602-542-5725.

Room Reservations

Twin Arrows Resort Casino | 22181 Resort Boulevard, Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

Phone: (928) 856-7200

If you are paying on your own, please call the resort by **September 7, 2016**, and mention the booking number “3575” to receive the special negotiated rate of \$89 per night + 13% sale and lodging tax.



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Day 1: Thursday, September 29, 2016 (Tentative Agenda)

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| 7:00 AM | Registration |
| 8:00 AM | Welcome/Blessing/Introductions |
| 8:25 AM | Recognition of Planning Committee and Summit Sponsors/Partners |
| 8:30 AM | Opening Remarks |
| 9:00 AM | Keynote Address: Dr. Donald Warne, MD, MPH |
| 10:00 AM | BREAK |
| 10:15 AM | Update: National Indian Health Service Community Health Aide Program Policy |
| 11:15 AM | Update: Arizona’s CHW/CHR Voluntary Certification: Process Benefits & Next Steps |
| 12:15 AM | Lunch (Provided) |
| 1:15 AM | Financing and Sustainability of CHR Services |
| 2:15 AM | Tribal Panel: CHR Program Best Practices |
| 3:15 AM | BREAK |
| 3:30 AM | World Café |
| 5:00 PM | End of Day 1 |

Day 2: Friday, September 30, 2016 (Tentative Agenda)

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| 7:30 AM | Breakfast (Provided) |
| 8:30 AM | Concurrent CHR Training Workshops |
| 10:00 AM | BREAK |
| 10:15 AM | CHR Support: Advocate for your CHR Program! |
| 11:15 AM | Call to Action |
| 12:00 PM | Closing Remarks |
| 12:10 PM | Closing Blessing |



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Registration Form

You may also register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-health-representatives-policy-summit-ii-tickets-26453207255>

NAME _____ TITLE _____

TRIBE/AGENCY _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ TELEPHONE _____

Do you need travel assistance? YES / NO _____

Send registration form(s) to: Lydia Enriquez, Administrative Assistant

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Questions:

Please call the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care at (602) 542-5725.

This event is planned in collaboration with the:

- Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care,
- Arizona Community Health Workers Association,
- Arizona Department of Health Services,
- Hualapai CHR Program, Hualapai Health Education & Wellness Program,
- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.,
- Navajo Nation CHR Program, and the
- Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona.

The financial sponsors of the Summit are the:

- Arizona Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program,
- ADHS Office of Chronic Disease CHW Program,
- Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area,
- Hualapai Tribe, and the
- Rural Women’s Health Network.

