

2026 SASP/DVP National Grantee Meeting

OCTOBER 6-7, 2026

IHS HQ- ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

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Registration: 8:00am-9:00am

IHS Headquarters, Main Floor

5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DAY 1 & 2

- On arrival, please check-in with IHS Headquarters Security.
- All attendees must sign-in, show a valid ID and proceed through metal detectors.
- Backpack and purses will be scanned and are subject to search.
- Attendees will be escorted into the building by IHS Area Project Officers.
- There will be NO PARKING available at IHS Headquarters.

*Due to the added security, please plan to arrive at the meeting location early. Allow for extra travel time to the venue, as well as security and registration check-in.



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TIME

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9:00am-9:30am

Opening Blessing

Glorinda Segay, DBH

Director

Division of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service

Welcome Remarks

R. Kim Hartwig, MD

Director of Strategic Initiatives

Indian Health Service

Meeting Housekeeping Items

Audrey Solimon, MPH

Branch Chief, Behavioral Health Initiatives Branch

Division of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service

9:30am-10:15am

"Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)"

Presenter: Bobbi Jo Peltier, MS, MPA

Behavioral Health Aide Specialist

Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)

Division of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service

Description: This session will provide an overview of the Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) and an update on CHAP national expansion.

10:15am-10:30am

BREAK

10:30am-11:45am

DVP/FHC Grantee Presentations

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“Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Forensic (SAFE) Program”

Presenter: Jennifer Sigmon, BSN, RN

Forensic Nurse Program Coordinator

Program: Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority FHC

Description: This session will discuss the development and strengthening of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ Forensic “SAFE” Project.

“Advocacy-Driven SANE Services at the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center”

Presenters: Lydia Biehr, MSN, FNP, APNP-BC

Family Nurse Practitioner

SANE Coordinator/SANE RN

and

Katy Bermke

Care Coordinator/Victim Advocate

Programs: Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center Circles of Care Program DVP & FHC

Description: This session will provide an overview of the Circles of Strength Program, highlight the importance of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services in the Milwaukee community, and explore the unique partnerships that strengthen and expand prevention efforts.

11:45am-1:00pm

LUNCH (on your own)

1:00pm-2:00pm

“Sihasin: Sustainable Approach to Suicide Prevention and Awareness”

Presenter: Andy Deal, MPH

Health Promotion Disease Prevention Coordinator

Program: Fort Defiance SPIP

Description: This session will explore culturally responsive, community-based strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention that strengthen protective factors within Indigenous communities. It will also identify evidence-based and practice-based programs, networks and resources that support individuals and families experiencing mental health crisis.



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"Tribal Partner Cohort for Behavioral Health Services – Program Evaluation"

Presenter: David Paschane, PhD

National Data Coordinator

Division of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service

Description: This session will provide an overview of the year 4 data analysis and discuss what to expect for the year 5 evaluation

3:15pm-3:30pm

Ice Breaker

3:30pm-4:15pm

"Balance and Bloom: Journey to Wholeness Conference Outcomes, Participant Voices & Program Evaluation"

Presenter: Florence Miera, LCSW

Behavioral Health Director

Program: Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc., SPIP

Description: This presentation highlights the Balance and Bloom: Journey to Wholeness Conference Series, hosted by Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc. The two-part series brought communities together to learn, connect, and strengthen culturally grounded approaches to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. We'll share key highlights, participant feedback, and evaluation findings that demonstrate the power of prevention rooted in culture, connection, and community.

4:15pm-4:30pm

Closing Remarks

Scott Zander, M.Ed.

Area Project Officer, Behavioral Health Initiatives Branch

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"From Challenge to Community Action: Addressing Substance Use and Opioid Challenges in Indian Country Through the Community Opioid Intervention Prevention Program (COIPP)"

Presenter: Alleyne Toya, MS

Public Health Advisor

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Branch

Division of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service

Description: This session will provide an overview of the alcohol, substance use, and opioid-related challenges affecting Indian Country from the perspective of the Community Opioid Intervention Prevention Program (COIPP). Overview of the COIPP program, the strategies, and initiatives we have supported, and how these efforts are helping Tribal communities address prevention, treatment, recovery, and aftercare, as well as community partnerships.

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BREAK

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SAPTA/SPIP Grantee Presentations

"Connection, Culture, & Certification - A Full Circle Approach to Recovery"

Presenters: Ashley Weiss, LCSW

Substance Use Program Coordinator

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Cathleen Garrity, CADC-CAS
Substance Abuse Counselor

Program: Feather River Tribal Health, Inc SAPTA

Description: This session will discuss integrating cultural practices into a Substance Use Program to strengthen the ability to support and serve tribal communities. A holistic, wraparound, and strength-based approach meets patients where they are while fostering trust, connection, empowerment, and gratitude. It will also highlight the journey, including accomplishments, lessons learned from challenges, and strategies for long-term sustainability.

"Culture, Connection, and Hope: A Community Approach to Suicide Prevention on St. Paul Island"

Presenter: April Kushin

Director, Department of Healing and Wellness

Program: Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island SPIP

Description: This session will discuss their efforts with social emotional learning in schools, HOPE squad, community connection such as wellness groups/camps, and clinical supports such as LPC and partnership with healthcare.

"Healing of the Canoe Customization at Puyallup"

Presenter: Danelle Reed, PhD

Director of Kwawachee Behavioral Health & Wellness

Program: Puyallup Tribe of Indians SPIP

Description: This session highlights the Healing of the Canoe: Puyallup's Tribal journey of coming together, honoring their elders, and celebrating their healing traditions. It also shares how over several decades they have customized their HP/DP outreach materials to be grounded in ancestral knowing and translated to include their Twulshootseed language and best practice billable behavioral health interventions.

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"Exploring Forensic Healthcare"

Presenter: Nicole Stahlman, MN, RN, SANE-A, AFN-BC, SANE-P, FNE-A/P
Forensic Nurse Consultant

Division of Nursing Services, Indian Health Service

Description: This session will provide data/statistics on rates of domestic violence/sexual assault, stigma and barriers to healthcare, utilizing culture to reduce stigma and address barriers, and IHS' Best Practices including trauma-informed approach, FHC's multidisciplinary approach: SART/MDT/CCRT.

2:00pm-2:15pm

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"Beyond Compliance: Building Strong Partnerships for Successful Grants Management"

Presenters: Marsha Brookins

Director

Division of Grants Management, Indian Health Service

and

Jami Bjorndahl

Acting Grants Management Officer/Grants Management Specialist

Division of Grants Management, Indian Health Service

Description: This session will explore practical strategies for successful HHS grant management, from award through closeout. This session will highlight shared responsibilities, grant lifecycle best practices, common compliance issues, no-cost extensions, and effective grant closeout. Participants will also learn how to build strong, productive partnerships with their Grants Management Specialist.

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