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R. Kim Hartwig, M.D.
Director of Strategic Initiatives

Dr. R. Kim Hartwig, a Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) board certified family physician, recently joined the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as director of strategic initiatives for the Indian Health Service. In this role, she collaborates across HHS and IHS to advance creative, community driven solutions that elevate tribal health and improve clinical outcomes. Her approach centers holistic healing and cultural grounding, connecting clinical care with traditional practices and Indigenous knowledge, while addressing the historic harms that have shaped health for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Born and raised in Lapwai, Idaho, on the Nez Perce Reservation, Dr. Hartwig became the first female Nimiipuu physician after earning her M.D. from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 2003. She served as medical director for Nimiipuu Health (2019–2024), leading quality improvements, regional collaboration, and public health outreach during COVID-19. Her prior experience also includes serving as medical director at Benewah Medical Center, practicing at Providence Medical Group in Spokane, Washington, and owning and operating Hartwig Health, PLLC.

Dr. Hartwig contributes to regional and national efforts through board service, including membership on the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians board and the Alzheimer's Association leadership committee, and remains a committed advocate for culturally rooted, accessible care across Indian Country.



Katy Bermke
Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center

Katy Bermke is an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and serves as a Victim Advocate and Care Coordinator at the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center located in Milwaukee, WI. She is dedicated to supporting individuals and families as they navigate complex systems and connect with resources that meet their unique needs.

As an advocate, Katy provides support to individuals impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of trauma. She assists with safety planning, resource navigation, referrals, and coordination of services while advocating alongside clients and ensuring their voices remain at the center of the process. Her approach focuses on meeting people where they are, building trust, and providing culturally responsive, compassionate support.

Katy is passionate about strengthening advocacy within the Native community and incorporating culture, community, and connection into the work she does. She is currently pursuing a degree in Legal Studies, with an interest in Family and Immigration Law, with the goal of continuing to expand her ability to advocate for and empower individuals and families.

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Lydia Biehr, BSN, MSN, APNP
Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center

Lydia Biehr is a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner with RN and APNP licensure in the State of Wisconsin. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Saint Xavier University in Chicago and her Master of Science in Nursing from Alverno College in Milwaukee. She received her SANE training in 2023 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee STARS Program (Successful Training and Retention of SANE's).

Lydia has dedicated more than 10 years to serving the patients and community of the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center (GLIHC), providing comprehensive health care to urban Native Americans residing in the Milwaukee area.

In her current roles as a Family Nurse Practitioner, SANE Nurse and Program Coordinator and Medical Clinic Manager, Lydia brings a unique combination of clinical experience, leadership, and advocacy to her work. As a Primary Care Provider, she focuses on preventive care, health maintenance, and comprehensive care across the lifespan. As a SANE Nurse, she is passionate about providing trauma-informed care to patients who have experienced sexual assault and helping ensure they receive appropriate medical care, support, and resources during an incredibly difficult time.

She is honored to serve this community and is grateful for the opportunity to build lasting relationships with the patients and families who entrust her with their care.



Marsha Brookins, M.Ed.
IHS Division of Grants Management

Marsha Brookins serves as Director of the Division of Grants Management and Chief Grants Management Officer for the Indian Health Service (IHS), a role she has held since April 2022. She provides leadership and oversight for the administration of IHS financial assistance awards, including grants and cooperative agreements, supporting more than 30 programs and approximately \$250 million in annual awards.

With 26 years of federal service across three agencies, Marsha brings extensive experience in federal financial assistance management, performance management, and professional development. Her contributions to the federal grants management profession include service on a professional certification board for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and contributing to the national Financial Assistance Management Career Roadmap.

Marsha holds a bachelor's degree in business marketing and a master's degree in education with a concentration in curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Drawing on her combined expertise in grants management and education, she has delivered training on performance measurement, grants monitoring, capacity building, and professional development. Beyond her federal service, Marsha is committed to community engagement and volunteers with organizations focused on strengthening individuals and families.

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Jami Bjorndahl
IHS Division of Grants Management

Jami serves as a Grants Management Specialist with the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Grants Management, where she manages a grant portfolio and leads the Division's Grants Management Policy team. In this role, she communicates policy updates and grant requirements while providing guidance to IHS award recipients and colleagues.

With more than 10 years of federal experience, Jami brings a broad perspective to grants management, having worked across programmatic and administrative grants functions, as well as human resources, special projects, and operations and planning. She is passionate about grants and their ability to create meaningful opportunities, strengthen communities, and support lasting change.

Outside of work, Jami enjoys teaching tai chi, participating in animal rescue, and spending time with her nieces and nephews.



Andy Deal, MPH
Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc.

Andy is from Tohatchi, New Mexico, and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. He currently serves as the Health Promotion Disease Prevention Coordinator and Project Director for the Indian Health Service's Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Grant at Tsehootsooi Medical Center, Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. (FDIHB, Inc.) Mr. Deal earned his Master of Public Health degree from the University of Kansas Medical Center, specializing in Health Promotion and Health Education. His extensive experience in health promotion across tribal, state, and federal sectors has provided him with numerous opportunities to assist various Indigenous populations in improving their health and addressing their needs. He has built a strong foundation for a suicide prevention program by creating effective health education and training initiatives aimed at youth, adults, and community members within the FDIHB, Inc. service area.



Cathleen Garrity, CADC-DAS
Feather River Tribal Health, Inc.

Cathleen Garrity has been in the SUD field for the past twenty-three years starting with residential treatment in the trenches, to outpatient services and MAT.

Being in this field has been her passion and purpose. There is nothing more rewarding than watching and supporting people in the community as they give themselves a chance for a better way of life. Cathleen is honored to see people stay clean and sober, having healthy relationships with family and their children, as well as becoming employable and productive members in their community.

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April Kushin
Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island

April serves as the Healing and Wellness Director for the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, where she has been honored to serve the Unangax community since 2011. For the past four years, she has led the Department of Healing and Wellness, supporting a team of 14 and overseeing federal grants and programs including elders and youth focused programs, food security, victim services, and behavioral health services. Her work includes oversight of the Indian Health Service Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention (SPIP) Program. She brings to her work a deep respect for culture, community, and the importance of connection in healing. She is committed to supporting programs that recognize the strengths of community and create opportunities for individuals and families to heal, connect, and thrive.



Florence Miera, LCSW
Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos Inc.

Florence Miera is the Behavioral Health Service Director of Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos Inc. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 20 years of experience providing trauma informed care to many pueblos, tribes and communities and throughout New Mexico. She approaches her clinical work with compassion, ethical care and respect for the complexity of each person's lived experience.

Her specialties include bringing prevention, case-management and clinical therapist together under one roof to better serve individuals, their families and communities who are impacted by suicide, interpersonal violence, mental health and prolonged exposure to stressful and overwhelming environments.

Florence provides a safe and respectful environment where healing, connection and growth can occur at a pace that is appropriate for each individual, family and community.



David Paschane, Ph.D.
IHS Division of Behavioral Health

David is a Health Science Administrator, serving as the National Data Coordinator for the behavioral health mission of the Indian Health Service (IHS). He is a member of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and a military veteran. He brings to IHS more than 30 years of transformation and executive leadership across HHS, VA, FEMA, private industry, and academia. He has over 10 years of part-time and 20 years of ad hoc experience in behavioral health interventions among drug users, inmates, soldiers, veterans, unemployed, and others. He has held major leadership and advisory roles in federal and state policy, healthcare operations, analytics, technology modernization and AI applications, research translation, contracting, interagency governance, and human outcomes.

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Bobbi Jo Peltier, MS
IHS Division of Behavioral Health

Bobbi Jo Peltier, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, is the Public Health Advisor-Behavioral Health Aide Program of the Indian Health Service. As the Behavioral Health Specialist for CHAP, Ms. Peltier serves as the principal liaison between the DBH and the OCPS regarding the coordination of the BHA Program. She directs and advises on the development, implementation, maintenance, and evaluation of the mid-level behavioral professionals working alongside licensed providers to offer patients increased access to quality care within the BHA Program.

Ms. Peltier joined the OCPS DBH team in January 2023 and has been working with the IHS for 29 years, 20 of those years working in some capacity for behavioral health. Prior to her current position, she served as the Great Plains Area Deputy Director for Behavioral Health for 7 years. She earned her undergraduate degree in Human Services and Gerontology from Northern State University and completed her master's degree in public policy at the University of South Dakota. Her specialization is Healthcare Management.



Danelle Reed, PhD
Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Danelle Reed is a proud member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and she has served her tribe in behavioral health for more than 22 years and recently accepted a new position as the Director of Kwawachee Behavioral Health & Wellness division. She was born and raised in the greater Seattle area until age 10 years when her mom moved them back to the reservation. She earned a BA in Psychology from the University of Washington (Seattle) and went on to earn her Masters and Doctoral degrees from the University of South Dakota in Clinical Psychology. She trains the clinical teams on historical and intergenerational trauma, impacts of colonization, tribal sovereignty, culture, strength, resilience and the importance of practicing from a lens of cultural humility when working with AI/AN clients. Dr. Reed also integrates tribal language and cultural practice in services as they are essential foundations to promote and restore health, healing and wellness in Indian Country.



Jennifer Sigmon, BSN
Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

Jennifer Sigmon, BSN, RN, has dedicated her career to caring for individuals during some of life's most difficult moments. She began her healthcare journey as a Certified Nursing Assistant in 2009 before transitioning to emergency nursing in 2014 at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority. Her experience caring for patients and families in the Emergency Department shaped her passion for trauma-informed and forensic nursing.

Jennifer earned her Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from Southwestern Community College in 2022 and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Capella

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University in 2023. She became a Forensic Nurse Examiner and later accepted the role of Forensic Nursing Program Coordinator, where she has developed and enhanced policies and procedures while continuing to provide direct patient care and collaborate across departments to ensure trauma survivors receive care aligned with national standards.

Jennifer is passionate about education, compassionate care, and creating environments where individuals impacted by trauma feel heard, supported, and valued.



**Nicole Stahlmann, MN, RN, SANE-A, AFN-BC, SANE-P, FNE-A/P
IHS Division of Nursing Services**

Nicole Stahlmann, MN, RN, SANE-A, AFN-BC, SANE-P, FNE-A/P, serves as the forensic nursing consultant with the Division of Nursing Services, Indian Health Service (IHS) Headquarters. Prior to her work with IHS, she served as a forensic nursing specialist with the International Association of Forensic Nurses and was the clinical program manager for the District of Columbia Forensic Nurse Examiners. Stahlmann was an emergency department nurse and adjunct instructor, teaching both undergraduate and master prepared students at Georgetown University. She continues to practice clinically, providing care for patients who have experienced violence.



**Alleyne Toya, MS
IHS Division of Behavioral Health**

Alleyne Toya, MS, is a Public Health Advisor in the Division of Behavioral Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Branch, with more than 17 years of leadership experience in behavioral health and human services. Her career spans federal, healthcare, community, and educational settings, where she has led programs focused on behavioral health integration, substance use prevention and treatment, program development, and quality improvement. Ms. Toya holds a Master of Science in Counseling, with specializations in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling, as well as Forensic Health Care and Chemical Dependency. Based in El Paso, Texas, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her partner and their three dogs.



**Ashley Weiss, LCSW
Feather River Tribal Health, Inc.**

Ashley Weiss, LCSW, has spent over a decade serving Indigenous communities in both clinical and non-clinical settings. She has worked closely with cultural liaisons from local Maidu tribes to provide holistic treatment for suicide prevention and tribal opioid use. As the Director of the Wellness Center at Feather River Tribal Health, she oversees a diverse staff of clinical professionals, behavioral health clinicians, and community health workers, providing individualized treatment for substance use disorders. Ashley is committed to creating culturally grounded healing spaces where individuals can connect, recover, and thrive.

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Amanda Bradley, MBA
SASP/DVP Area Project Officer, Oklahoma City Area

Amanda Bradley is an enrolled tribal citizen of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and has worked in public health for over 21 years. She is a Health System Specialist for the Indian Health Service, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Division of Behavioral Health. She has been serving as the Oklahoma City Area Project Officer for the Substance Abuse Suicide Prevention (SASP) and the Domestic Violence Prevention (DVP) programs since 2017. Previously, Amanda worked at the Oklahoma State Department of Health serving in different roles throughout her twelve-year tenure. She holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and a Master of Business Administration from the Mid-America Christian University.



Elisa Bruns, MPA
SASP/DVP Area Project Officer, Alaska Area

Elisa was born in Anchorage, AK and attended the University of Washington in Seattle, WA where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology before returning to Anchorage. Elisa also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Alaska Southeast. In her career, Elisa has worked with several Alaska Native organizations, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the Indian Health Service. Her work experience has centered around behavioral health programs and grant related work, with a focus on project management, process improvement and grant management. Since 2016, Elisa has served as the Indian Health Service Project Officer for Alaska Area SASP and DVP grant projects. She resides in Anchorage, AK with her family.



Elsie Joe, MPA
SASP/DVP Area Project Officer, Albuquerque, Navajo, Nashville, Phoenix & Tucson Areas

Elsie J. Joe an enrolled member of the Dine' Nation, is from Shiprock, New Mexico. Elsie is of the Bit'ahnii (Within Her Cover) Clan, born for Nash t'ezhii A'shi,i, (Zuni Salt) Clan, maternal grandfather is of the Ozei T'aahchiini (Hopi Red Forehead) Clan and paternal grandfather is the Kin Yaa Ani,i, (Towering House) Clan. Elsie is a Health System Specialist, Area Project Officer for the Albuquerque, Navajo, Nashville, Phoenix and Tucson Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas. Elsie began her 25+ year career at Shiprock IHS, Northern Navajo Medical Center, Billings Area Office and presently at IHS HQ. Elsie obtained her Master of Public Administration with an Emphasis in Health Care Management from Grand Canyon University. Elsie enjoys gardening and attending Native American art shows and traveling with friends and family.

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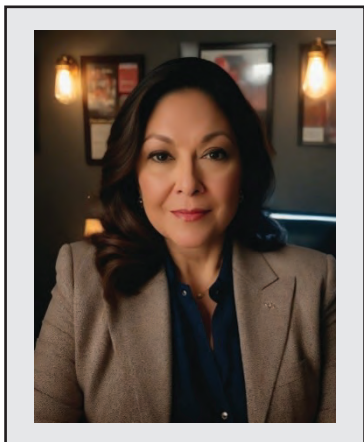
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Glorinda Segay, DBH
Director of Division of Behavioral Health

Dr. Glorinda Segay is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation in the Southwest. She is a fluent Navajo Speaker. She is of the Tsejikini (Two-Rocks-Sit-Together) Clan and born for Todecheenie (Bitter Water) Clan. Her maternal grandparents are of the Tabaaha (Edge Water) Clan and her paternal grandparents are of the Honaghaanee (One-Who-Walks-Around) Clan. She is of the Tseyah (Segay) bloodline. She was born and raised in Blue Canyon, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation.

She received her Doctor of Behavioral Health from Arizona State University. Her clinical experience includes completing a 4-year residency at Chinle Comprehensive Health Healthcare Facilities and practiced at Sage Memorial Hospital and Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services-Fort Defiance Outpatient Treatment Center. Dr. Segay began her career at the Indian Health Service in 2020 as the Director for the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH). Prior to that, she served as the Division Director for Navajo Nation Department of Health, which she was appointed by then Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye.



Audrey Solimon, MPH
Behavioral Health Initiatives Branch Chief

Ms. Audrey Solimon currently serves as the Behavioral Health Initiatives Branch Chief within the IHS Division of Behavioral Health. Ms. Solimon provides leadership, administration, and implementation of behavioral health initiatives and grant programs and activities. Previously, Ms. Solimon served as the National Program Coordinator for the Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention (SASP) and Domestic Violence Prevention (DVP) programs and provided national program management, leadership on program development, and coordinated regional technical assistance efforts for each of the 12 IHS Areas from 2016 to 2023. From 2012 to 2015, she began her career in federal service at the IHS Albuquerque Area Office in the Division of Clinical Quality. Prior to that, Ms. Solimon served as a Senior Public Health Advisor at the National Indian Health Board and was responsible for the management of public health initiatives. Ms. Solimon also conducted academic research on public health issues and access to health care within American Indian communities in New Mexico. She is an enrolled Tribal member of the Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico and holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, with a minor in Biology and a Master in Public Health from the University of New Mexico Department of Family & Community Medicine. She also holds a certificate in Program Management from Cornell University.

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Sarah Tiger
SASP/DVP Area Project Officer, Urban Areas

Sarah Tiger is an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma and holds a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration from Southwestern College and a Master of Legal Studies in Indigenous Peoples Law from the University of Oklahoma. A notable highlight of her career with the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) was her service as an HHS federal detailee to the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children in 2021. In this role, she worked alongside fellow federal detailees to support the Commission's work and contributed to its 2024 final report and recommendations, which helped inform the Native Children's Commission Implementation Act introduced in 2026.



Jeremy Willie
SASP/DVP Area Project Officer, California and Great Plains Areas

Jeremy Willie, Health System Specialist with the Indian Health Service Headquarters, Division of Behavioral Health, is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. Jeremy serves as the Area Project Officer for 18 DVP, FHC, SASP and SAPTA grantees in the California and Great Plains Areas. He also serves as the Interim Program Official for the Behavioral Health Integration Initiative (BH2I) grant program. He has worked in the Public Health/Behavioral Health field for the last 20 years, working with the Navajo Nation and with the Indian Health Service-Navajo Area before transitioning to IHS Headquarters. Mr. Willie graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Scott Zander, M.Ed
SASP/DVP Area Project Officer, Bemidji, Billings and Portland Areas

Mr. Scott Zander, an enrolled member of the Aaniiih (White Clay/Gros Ventre) tribe, was born and raised on the Fort Belknap Reservation located in northcentral Montana. He has a M.Ed in School Counseling from Montana State University and continues to be a school counselor at heart. Mr. Zander has been with the Division of Behavioral Health for over seven years as a Health System Specialist. He is currently serving as the Area Project Officer for the SASP/DVP grantees in the Bemidji, Billings and Portland IHS Areas. Mr. Zander's hobbies include going to the gym, hiking and going to as many concerts as his wallet allows.