



Commission on Native Children
Friday, January 27, 2023
11am-1pm AKT / 1-3pm MT / 2-4pm CT / 3-5pm ET

Virtual Hearing: Wellness and Unintentional Injury Prevention

Overview: This panel will examine innovative opportunities to promote wellness for Native children and youth and trends in unintentional injuries and injury prevention in Native communities. Successful community-based approaches to reduce unintentional injuries and holistic approaches to wellness within the healthcare contest will be highlighted as effective means to address these issues. The panelists will provide practice-based, academic and research perspectives on opportunities and challenges to improve health outcomes for Native children.

- Introductions and welcome (5 minutes) Co-Chair Tami DeCoteau
- Invocation (3 minutes)
- Review of Commission Norms (2 minutes) Co-Chair DeCoteau

The Commission will adhere to the following norms in all interactions:

- To incorporate ceremony and/or prayer to begin each meeting
- To recognize and celebrate what is working
- To respect all ideas
- To be mindful of each person's own behavior and reactions so as not to repeat trauma behaviors
- To promote healing
- To ensure there is a community-organized closing event at hearings
- To treat others as they want to be treated
- To not take offense and observe without judgment
- To pause before decision
- To have fearless, honest dialogue
- To be flexible
- To hear all voices
- To learn from story
- To be respectful of time

- Overview of Commission and goals of meeting (5 minutes) Co-Chair DeCoteau
 - **Dr. Daniel Calac**, Chief Medical Officer of Indian Health Council, Inc., Principal Investigator with the California Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH), Committee on Native American Child Health (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
 - **Holly Billie**, retired Indian Health Service and Center for Disease Control Subject Matter Expert on Injury Prevention (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
 - **Dr. Amy Elliott**, Chief Clinical Research Officer, Avera Research Institute, Joint Appointment with the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
- Cross-Cutting Recommendations from Witnesses (20 minutes) Co-Chair DeCoteau
- Questions and discussion (22 minutes) Co-Chair DeCoteau
- Wrap up (3 minutes) Co-Chair DeCoteau

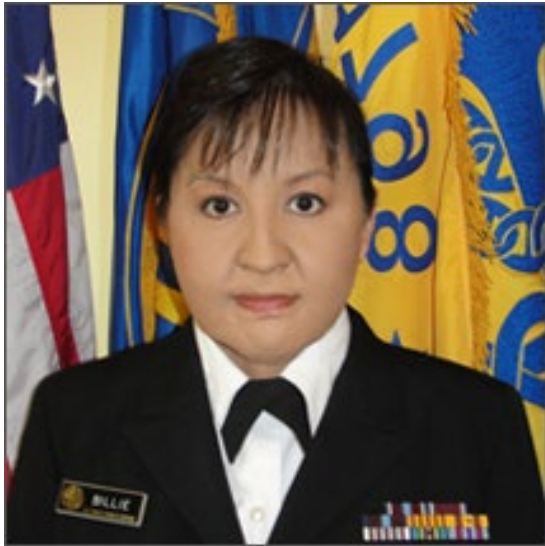


Dr. Daniel J. Calac

Since 2003, Calac has served as CMO of Indian Health Council, Inc. (IHC), a consortium of nine tribes located in North County San Diego. IHC provides on-site and outreach services and programs to nearly 5,000 clients and provides over 20,000 visits per year. He went on to receive his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and did both internship and residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the Combined Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Residency Program at the University of Southern California/Los Angeles County (USC-LAC). He is an Indian Health Service Scholarship recipient and has completed his service obligation of 4 years and an additional 14 years at the Indian Health

Council. Calac also serves his community by contracting part-time with The Elizabeth Hospice, providing hospice care and emotional support to both the terminally ill and their family members. He has served on the Advisory Board of Directors for California State University San Marcos and as a Governance Board Member, for a local All Tribes Charter School located on the Rincon Indian Reservation, and as an NIAAA Advisory Council member from 2015-2020.

He served as a co-principal investigator for the Preventing Underage Drinking by Southwest Indians Program sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). Currently, he is a Principal Investigator with the California Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) whose goals are to increase the quantity and quality of research on the health of Native Americans in California and to increase the number of Native American students and faculty in California universities. He has served as the Principal Investigator for this project for the past 5 years and is committed to the fundamental mission of the project. He plays an active role in projects, some as Dual-PI, and his commitment is to further enhance them by providing shadowing/mentoring sessions for those students involved in the NARCH program and its individual projects.



Holly Billie

Holly Billie is Dine' (Navajo) from southern Utah. A retired Captain in the US Public Health Service, Holly served in the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 30 years. Serving as a subject matter expert on tribal injury prevention, Holly provided leadership for national initiatives, consultation, and technical assistance on injury prevention matters involving epidemiology and surveillance, special projects and studies, partnerships, and training for federal, state, and tribal agencies. Holly has published articles in peer-reviewed journals and provided presentations at many national and international conferences.



Dr. Amy Elliott

Dr. Elliott is a Clinical Psychologist and the Chief Clinical Research Officer for Avera Health and a Professor/Co-Division Chief for the Department of Pediatrics, University of South Dakota School of Medicine. Dr. Elliott has been an NIH-funded investigator for over 20 years and has over 100 peer-reviewed articles, most in maternal child health. Dr. Elliott was the Principal Investigator for the Safe Passage Study United States clinical sites and the founding Principal Investigator for the NIMHD-funded Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health. Dr. Elliott and colleagues are very experienced in collaborating across varied locations and vast distances, leading start-ups of large-scale community-based research studies, and taking the

results of these studies and translating in to interventions and policy change.