

**Methamphetamine Abuse in  
American Indian and Alaska Native Populations**

**Embassy Suites at Chevy Chase Pavilion  
Washington, DC**

**September 20 & 21, 2007**

**Agenda**

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**Day One – September 20, 2007**

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m.                      Registration**

**9:00 – 9:45 a.m.                      Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

*Timothy P. Condon, Ph.D.  
Deputy Director  
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*

*Charles North, M.D.  
Chief Medical Officer (Acting)  
Indian Health Service, Albuquerque Area  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)*

*Wilson M. Compton, III, M.D.  
Director  
Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research  
NIDA*

*Raymond Daw, M.A.  
Director  
Nanizhoozhi Center, Inc.*

**Meeting Goals and Overview**

*Kathy Etz, Ph.D.  
Social Science Analyst  
Epidemiology Research Branch  
Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research  
NIDA*

*R. Dale Walker, M.D.*  
*Director*  
*One Sky National Resource Center for American Indian/Alaska*  
*Native Substance Abuse Services*

**9:45 – 10:15 a.m.**

**I. Overview of the Problem and Federal Program Response**

The Tribal Perspective: Defining the Problem

*Heather Thompson*

*Director*

*Intergovernmental Affairs*

*National Congress of American Indians*

**Discussion**

**10:15 – 10:45 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:45 – 11:15 a.m.**

Federal Program Response: Overview of Activities

*Wilbur Woodis, M.A., NCC*

*Management Analyst*

*Indian Health Service*

*HHS*

**11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**II. Characterizing Methamphetamine Abuse: Reports From Available Data**

Our Native Methamphetamine Crisis

*R. Dale Walker, M.D.*

*Director*

*One Sky National Resource Center for American Indian/Alaska*

*Native Substance Abuse Services*

Methamphetamine Use Among American Indians and Alaska Natives: Findings from the National Survey on Drug Abuse and Health

*James D. Colliver, Ph.D.*

*Statistician*

*Office of Applied Studies*

*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*

Methamphetamine Use Among American Indians and Alaska Natives: Report from AddHealth

*Bonita Iritani, M.A.*

*Associate Research Scientist*

*Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)*

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch (on your own)**

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**II. Characterizing Methamphetamine Abuse: Reports From Available Data (continued)**

American Indian Methamphetamine Use: Report  
*Frederick Beauvais, Ph.D.*  
*Senior Research Scientist*  
*Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research*  
*University of Colorado*

Methamphetamine Use: Recent Data from Southwestern Tribes  
*John Walkup, M.D.*  
*Associate Professor*  
*Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions*

*Allison Barlow, M.A., M.P.H.*  
*Assistant Director*  
*Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health,*  
*Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH)*

Patterns of Methamphetamine and Other Drug Abuse  
*Philip May, Ph.D.*  
*Senior Research Scientist*  
*Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions*  
*University of New Mexico*

**Discussion**

**3:00 – 3:15 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:15 – 5:00 p.m.**

**III. Characterizing Methamphetamine Abuse: Challenges**

Methamphetamine-Related Patient Visits: Billings Area  
*Kathy Masis, M.D.*  
*Behavioral Health Physician*  
*Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council*  
*Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP)*

Regional Variation in Methamphetamine Abuse: New Mexico  
*Michael Bogenschutz, M.D.*  
*Associate Professor*  
*University of New Mexico*

Phoenix Area Tribal Epidemiology Center: Limitations in Data and  
Data Sources

*Zeenat Mahal, M.D., Ph.D.,*

*Director*

*Epidemiological Center, Phoenix Area*

*Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.*

Drug Abuse Epidemiology in the Tribal Context:

Compromises and Lessons Learned

*Paul G. Spicer, Ph.D.*

*Associate Professor of Psychiatry*

*American Indian and Alaska Native Programs*

*University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center*

**Discussion**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

**Day Two – September 21, 2007**

**9:00 – 9:15 a.m.**

**Introduction**

**9:15 – 9:45 a.m.**

**IV. Existing Infrastructure for Data Collection and Methodology**

Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) Data

*Michael Gomez*

*Program Manager*

*Indian Health Performance Evaluation System*

*Indian Health Service*

*HHS*

**9:45 – 10:15 a.m.**

**V. Brief Reports: Ongoing and Upcoming Data Collection**

Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP)

*Victoria Warren-Mears, Ph.D, R.D.*

*Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board*

*Tribal Epidemiology Center*

CTN Supplements Overview

*Michael Bogenschutz, M.D.*

*Associate Professor*

*University of New Mexico*

CTN Supplement: Portland

*William Lambert, Ph.D.*

*Associate Professor*

*Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental  
Toxicology*

*Oregon Health and Science University*

**10:15 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**VI. Brief Reports: Ongoing and Upcoming Data Collection**

Law Enforcement Data

*Mario Redlegs*

*National Drug Coordinator*

*Office of Justice Services*

*Bureau of Indian Affairs*

*U.S. Department of the Interior*

Tribal Epidemiology Centers  
*John Dellinger, Ph.D.*  
*Professor*  
*Great Lakes Tribal Epidemiology Center*

*Victoria Warren-Mears, Ph.D, R.D.*  
*Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board*  
*Tribal Epidemiology Center*

Data Collection in LA County  
*Daniel Dickerson, D.O.*  
*Addiction Psychiatrist*  
*University of California, Los Angeles*

Data Collection in Midwestern Tribes  
*Les Whitbeck, Ph.D.*  
*Professor*  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Phoenix Area Tribal Epidemiology Center  
*Zeenat Mahal, M.D., Ph.D.*  
*Director*  
*Epidemiological Center, Phoenix Area*  
*Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.*

### **General Discussion of Ongoing Data Collection Efforts**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

### **VII. Discussion, Conclusions, Next Steps**

*Paul G. Spicer, Ph.D.*  
*Associate Professor of Psychiatry*  
*American Indian and Alaska Native Programs*  
*University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center*

*Kathy Etz, Ph.D.*  
*Social Science Analyst*  
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*Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research*  
*NIDA*

**1:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment**