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St. Paul, Minnesota

**Afternoon Breakout**

June 30, 2015

1:30 – 4:00 pm

**Tribal Communities Responding: Shaping an Agenda for Resilience**

**Description:** From history to the present, it is only right to highlight the resilience of tribal communities and the ways in which we are coming together to build hope and health despite adversity. From across Indian Country, this group of presenters will provide participants with tools to promote cultural strength and mental wellness for youth, women, veterans, and others in the interest of creating trauma-informed tribal communities.

**Policy Applications:** The information shared in this session will inform policies to prevent community violence, address trauma, bolster protective factors, and proactively assess health impacts, as well as programs that offer healing to veterans and victims of adverse childhood experiences.

**Co-Facilitators:**

President Jon Greendeer, Ho Chunk Nation  
Whitney Sawney, Cherokee Nation

**PRESENTATIONS:**

***Tribal Veterans and the Preferences for PTSD Treatment and Healing***

Greg Urquhart, Washington State University/ Cherokee Nation  
Matthew Hale, Washington State University/ Cherokee Nation

***Promoting Community & Cultural Resilience to Prevent Violence in Indigenous Communities***

Dr. Catherine Burnette, Tulane University

***Health in All Policies: An Approach to Advancing Health Equity in Indian Country***

Melanie Plucinski, MPH, American Indian Cancer Foundation/ Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

***Putting Our Minds Together to Address Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences***

Dr. Deana Around Him, National Institutes of Health Clinical Center/ Cherokee Nation