

## Tribal Partners Session: Speaker Bios

**Vicki Lowe**, a descendant of the Jamestown S’Klallam and Bella Coola First Nations, began working in the Jamestown Tribes Health Program and has seen this program through many changes in the world of healthcare. In July of 2015, Ms. Lowe became the Executive Director of the AIHC. Working with the AIHC, she has utilized her vast knowledge of the Indian Health Care Delivery System, state and federal regulations that govern the Indian Health, to implement statewide strategies supporting Tribal and Urban Indian health programs. Some of these efforts include:

- Developed Tribal Assister Project and Indian Health Care Reform Manual for Washington State
- Ensure Tribal engagement and inclusion in Medicaid Transformation
- Help with drafting and passage of the Washington Indian Health Improvement Act (2019) and the Washington Indian Behavioral Health Act (2020)

Ms. Lowe is also very involved in the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Community. She has been part of the Jamestown Canoe Family since 2009, pulling in the Tribe’s canoe since 2012. She supports singing and drumming, language, weaving classes and other culture programs. In 2012, she was honored as the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s Volunteer of the Year. She has five children and seven grandchildren.

**Councilman Marilyn Scott** has served the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe as an elected official for more than 30 years, and as a tribal delegate on the Northwest Washington Indian Health Board for many years. The tribal health board has served the five tribes of Whatcom and Skagit Counties to improve the health disparities of tribal communities, and reorganized to align with North Sound ACH to expand its work to include the eight tribes within the five counties of the North Sound Region. Marilyn is an active advocate within local, regional and state health care organization workgroups to have the involvement of the tribal health care delivery system included.

**Dr. Dan Barbara** is the Health and Human Services Director at the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Nespalem, Washington. Dr. Barbara has decades of experience in the design, funding, and administration of complex health service and social service programs and agencies and has worked in support of Native American Tribes for many years. He has extensive experience in health services and population health policy development and implementation at the local and national level, health services diplomacy, and negotiations.

**Jessica Small**, DNP-FNP, works for the Chehalis Tribe and is a recent graduate of the WSU Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. Jessica has worked in Tribal Health Clinics for the last 11 years and has partnered with state and federal agencies to benefit the tribal communities she serves.

**Santana Rabang** is Assistant to the Executive Director and Video Producer at Children of the Setting Sun Productions. She also is a student at Northwest Indian College.(Lummi, Nooksack, First Nations Shxwhay Village).