Public-Private Collaborations in Rural Health Tribal Health Funders Workshop

Marriott Bethesda Downtown at Marriott HQ Dallas and Atlanta Rooms (Second floor) 7707 Woodmont Avenue Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (Closest Metro Stop: Bethesda 7450 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Gather and Greet
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks This keynote will provide an essential framework for working with Tribal nations on health care projects, moving beyond conventional approaches to focus on building authentic, respectful, and sustainable partnerships. The address will highlight the foundational principle of Tribal sovereignty—recognizing Tribal nations as self-governing entities with the inherent right to determine their own health priorities and systems. We'll explore the critical role of cultural humility, the importance of listening to and learning from Tribal leaders and communities, and the necessity of co-creating solutions that honor traditional knowledge and address community-specific needs.
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Ongoing Needs: Workforce Development This session will highlight programs that address the critical workforce challenges facing tribal health systems and Native communities. Presentations will focus on innovative solutions aimed at recruiting and training a dedicated healthcare workforce.
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Break and Informal Networking
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Building Bridges: Fostering Meaningful Partnerships This panel will feature a panel discussion of two successful tribal community- foundation partnerships and key lessons learned and how these models can inform future efforts.
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mindful Engagement: Pro Tips for Effective Collaboration This session will provide practical guidance for those seeking to work respectfully and effectively with Tribal entities. Attendees will gain insight into best practices for building trusting, mutually beneficial partnerships that respect cultural protocols and lead to sustainable, community-led solutions. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of the "why" and "how" of effective Tribal partnerships, empowering them to become better allies and collaborators in this vital work.

Workshop Wrap-Up

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting Adjourns