

American Public Health Association 142nd Annual Meeting
Tribal Health and Academic Health Departments: Current Status & Next Steps

The American Public Health Association's *Health Administration Section* and the *American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Caucus* welcome you to an Interactive Invited Work Session (Session 3360.0), from 2:30-4pm on Monday, 17th November, on **Tribal Health and Academic Health Departments: Current Status & Next Steps**. This ground-breaking session will be held at the 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in New Orleans, LA. The session will feature a panel discussion with three nationally known experts on this important topic, as well as full group discussion to consider the themes addressed by the panelists.

Featured Presenters:

- **Ashley Tuomi, DHSc** – Tribal Health
- **C. William Keck, MD, MPH** – The Academic Health Department
- **Donald Warne, MD, MPH** – The Intersection of Tribal Health and the Academic Health Department Concept

The goal of this session is to explore the evolving state of tribal/native peoples' health in the U.S. and the growing concept of the Academic Health Department (AHD) – and where they intersect with one another. Health service organization and delivery in tribal health entities is complex due to issues related to funding, governance, health disparities, political forces, unique attributes such as sovereignty, and national health insurance reform. The AHD concept potentially offers efficiencies and opportunities for shared learning through practice and research. Panelists for this exciting session will discuss: 1) *the unique nature of tribal health departments and the challenges they face*, 2) *the AHD model and what it offers to health departments, academic institutions, and community health*, and 3) *bringing tribal health and the AHD concept together with a focus on accreditation concerns and capacity building*. This session will explore the state of tribal health, further define the AHD model, act as a work session to generate workable collaborative solutions, and generate evidence-based practice approaches through practice-based evidence shared by participants. Data collected at this session will be used by the Health Administration Section to assist tribal-AHD collaboration beyond the Annual Meeting. *The panel presenters will be followed by a facilitated large group discussion. The proceedings from this discussion and the main points of the panelists will be disseminated to all participants post-conference in an effort to carry the work forward.*

Please join us and let us know you are coming with an RSVP (and any questions) to Nathan.boucher@touro.edu. Those who RSVP prior to November 15th will be entered into a drawing to win one of four **\$25 Amazon gift cards**, which will be distributed at the end of the session on November 17th to those who are present and participate.

We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues on Monday, November 17th at the APHA Annual Meeting in New Orleans!