



2026 Biennial Tribal and State Health Leaders Summit

High-Level Agenda for the week:

- Monday 9/14: Tribal and State Leaders Health Summit
- Tuesday 9/15: WA Tribal Opioid Fentanyl Taskforce Summit
- Wednesday 9/16: Tribal Behavioral Health Focused Day
- Thursday 9/17: Tribal Public Health Focused Day
- Friday 9/18: Food Sovereignty Gathering and Closing

Monday, September 14, 2026

Day 1: Tribal and State Leaders Biennial Health (Indigenous Knowledge: Culture is Prevention)

Time	Topic	Speakers, Presenters
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Summit Check-in	AIHC staff/consultants
9:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Opening: posting of colors, welcome/blessing; summit intro	Squaxin Island Tribe and AIHC leadership
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Native Youth Leadership Panel	Moderated by: Peggen Frank
11:00 am to 12:00 PM	Legislative and State Agency Panel	Moderated by: Native Youth Leadership Committee
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch	--
1:00 pm to 2:30 PM	American Indian Healthcare Delivery Plan 30 th Anniversary Roundtable	Facilitated by: AIHC (Jen? Vicki?)
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Discussion Groups	Facilitated by: AIHC
	Topic 1 (30 mins)	
	Topic 2 (30 mins)	
	Topic 3 (30 mins)	
4:00 to 4:30 pm	2027/2028 Biennium Priorities review	Vicki Lowe
4:30 to 6:00 pm	Break	--
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Evening Reception Presentation of the 2026 Lou Schmitz Community Connections Award	AIHC Executive Committee

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Day 2: 4th Annual WA Tribal Opioid and Fentanyl Taskforce Summit (Indigenous Knowledge: We are telling stories that heal)

Time	Topic	Speakers, Presenters
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Welcome and Blessing Breakfast served	Squaxin Island Tribe
9:00 AM to 9:30 am	WTOF Taskforce Opening	WTOF Taskforce Co-Chairs
9:30 am to 11:00 AM	Lived/Living Experience Panel	Moderated by: Cindy Gamble
11:00 am to 12:00 PM	Updates from WTOF Workgroups	WTOF Workgroup Chairs
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch	--

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Discussion Groups	Facilitated by: Workgroups
	Topic 1 (30 mins) Continuum of Care	
	Topic 2 (30 mins) Community Response	
	Topic 3 (30 mins) Family and Community Services	
	Topic 4 (30 mins) Housing and Wraparound Services	
	Topic 5 (30) Public Safety and the Justice System	
3:30 to 4:30 pm	WTOF Taskforce Meeting to set priorities and action items for upcoming year	Vicki Lowe
4:30 to 6:00 pm	Break	--
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	MAYBE Culture Night	Squaxin Island Tribe

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Day 3: Tribal Behavioral Health Focus (Indigenous Knowledge: We don't give up on our people)

Time	Topic	Speakers, Presenters
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Welcome and Blessing Breakfast served	Squaxin Island Tribe
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Youth Leadership Panel – NYS Review	Moderated by: Kathryn Akeah
10:30 am to 12:00 PM	Behavioral Health Panel	Moderated by: Rose BlueBack
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch	--
1:00 pm to 1:30 PM	Presentation: Strategic Plan Elements	Presented by: Kathryn Akeah
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Keynote Presentation: Culturally Grounded Assessment tool and training plan	Presented by: Dr. Danica Brown
3:00 to 4:30 pm	Interactive Discussion: Strategic Plan Systems	Facilitated by: AIHC
4:30 to 6:00 pm	Break	--
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	SLO-GLO-Venture	AIHC Events Team

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Day 4: Tribal Public Health Focus (Indigenous Knowledge: It's our community; these are our people.)

Time	Topic	Speakers, Presenters
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Welcome and Blessing Breakfast served	Squaxin Island Tribe
9:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Welcome and Intros to Tribal Public Health Day	AIHC
9:30 am to 10:30 am	Notifiable Conditions	Moderated by: Amber Arndt
10:30 am to 12:00 pm	Emergency Response Panel	Moderated by: Amber Arndt
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch	--

1:00 pm to 1:30 PM	Interactive Game: Where is that Document	Facilitated by: AIHC
1:30 to 3:00 PM	Talking Circle: Environmental Public Health	Facilitated by: Faith Turk
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	FPHS Budget and Legislative Priorities	Presented and Facilitated by Andrew Shogren and Steve Kutz with guest presenter Jamie Bodden
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Tribal Public Health Priorities Review	Presented by Vicki Lowe, Jessica McKee, and Faith Turk
4:30 to 6:00 pm	Break	--
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Book Club meeting with Kara Briggs, Author of Rivers in my Veins	AIHC Events Team

Friday, September 18, 2026

Day 5: Indigenous Food Sovereignty Gathering (Indigenous Knowledge: Our roots belong where we began)

Time	Topic	Speakers, Presenters
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Welcome and Blessing Breakfast served	Squaxin Island Tribe
9:00 AM to 10:00 am	Coastal JAM Recipe Book AIHC Food Sovereignty Program	Presented by: Faith Turk
10:00 am to 11:00 am	TBD: Medicine Making	Facilitated by: TBD
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	TBD: History of Traditional Foods and Access to Cultural Foods and Traditions	Facilitated by: TBD
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Sovereign Soup Bags Seed Bank BINGO Closing	Facilitated by: Faith Turk
1:00 pm	END OF SUMMIT	