INDIGENOUS CANCER BURDENS AND SOLUTIONS. TRUST COMMUNITY WISDOM.

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Kris Rhodes of the Bad River and Fond du Lac Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa earned a Master’s of Public Health degree in Public Health Administration & Policy and a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Community Health Education both from the University of Minnesota. Her professional work has focused on improving the health of American Indian and Alaskan Native health communities always with a community-led focus. She has developed tribal and urban health programs and resources with a strong focus on evaluation and research in order to develop an evidence base for what works in Native communities. She is the CEO of the American Indian Cancer Foundation, a national organization dedicated to capacity building solutions based in tribal wisdom to eliminate cancer burdens faced by American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Ms. Rhodes will share available data on American Indian and Alaska Native cancer incidence and mortality by region. She will share how the American Indian Cancer Foundation is working with partners across Indian Country to change cancer outcomes by addressing the identified barriers and solutions based on a combination of community wisdom, traditional teachings, and scientific knowledge.

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