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**NWRPCA Spring Summit**  
+ Annual Membership Meeting

**Make your way True North!**  
**Join us in Anchorage, Alaska from May 19-21**

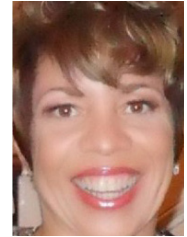
*The NWRPCA Spring Summit, formerly the Spring Primary Care Conference, includes the same carefully curated content that event attendees have come to expect of all NWRPCA conferences plus innovative new workshops, peer learning, and skills-enhancing opportunities for Region X.*

# Plenary Speakers

## **Ernia Hughes**

*Director - Office of Northern Health Services (ONHS), Bureau of Primary Health Care Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*

Ernia Hughes is director of ONHS at the Bureau of Primary Health Care, part of HRSA. Hughes oversees program monitoring and assistance activities for more than 700 Federally Qualified Health Centers, with a grant portfolio of about \$2 billion. Hughes previously served as director in HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce, where she led the National Practitioner Data Bank. Prior to federal service, Hughes was the administrator of the Center for Maternal and Fetal Medicine at Johns Hopkins Medicine/Howard County General Hospital in Columbia, Maryland.



## **Joe Gallegos**

*Senior VP of Western Operations, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)*

Joe has been with NACHC for over 10 years, serving as the Senior Vice President of Western Operations. Prior to that, Joe has held a number of leadership positions in the state of New Mexico, including serving as the CEO of the Health Centers of Northern New Mexico for over 11 years.



## **Father Michael Oleksa**

The Reverend Dr. Michael James Oleksa has spent the last 35 years in Alaska, serving as village priest, university professor, consultant on intercultural relations and communications, and authoring several books on Alaska Native cultures and history. A 1969 graduate of Georgetown University and of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Father Oleksa earned his doctoral degree in Presov, Slovakia, in 1988. His four-part PBS television series, *Communicating Across Cultures*, has been widely acclaimed.



# Conference Schedule

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

- CHC 101 with Seth Doyle, NWRPCA Director of Strategic Initiatives
- Conference tracks in Governance, Operations/Finance, Population/Rural Health, and Workforce/HR
- Membership Luncheon and Annual Awards Ceremony
- Breaks with Exhibitors
- Welcome Reception

## MONDAY, MAY 20

- HRSA update with Ernia Hughes, Director - Office of Northern Health Services, Bureau of Primary Care
- NACHC update with Joe Gallegos, Sr. Vice President for Western Operations
- General Plenary with Father Michael Oleksa
- Conference tracks in Operations, Finance, Population/Rural Health, and Workforce/HR
- Mental Health First Aid Training & Certification
- Breaks with Exhibitors
- CHC Tour at Alaska Native Medical Center
- Networking Reception & Exhibitor Raffle

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

- Conference sessions covering Hot Topics

## REGISTRATION

**Register online at [www.nwrpca.org/event/nss2019](http://www.nwrpca.org/event/nss2019).** Payment can be made by credit card or check and is required to confirm registration.

Information on group registration, new attendee discounts, cancellations, or substitutions is available on our website. For help with registration, email our Registration team at [registration@nwrpca.org](mailto:registration@nwrpca.org) or call (206) 783-3004.

### Early-bird Prices • Full Conference (ends April 6)

- Standard Rate: \$875
- NWRPCA Member Rate: \$650
- Federal and Student Rate: \$390

### After April 6

- Full conference registration fee increases by \$100

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference venue information, including the group rate and discount code to book your accommodations, will be sent to you in your registration confirmation email.

## Conference Sessions\*

### **GOVERNANCE**

Finance Training, CEO Leadership/Relations, Strategic Planning

### **OPERATIONS & FINANCE**

*Operations/Finance Track* - Budgets with a Collaborative Team-Based Framework, Integrated Approach to Strategy, Risk & Resilience, Keys to Successful CHC & Hospital Collaboration

*Operations Track* - Whole System Transformation, Cybersecurity, CMS Emergency Preparedness Survey

*Finance Track* - OIG Investigation and CHC Coding and Billing Pitfalls, FQHC Dashboard, Fiscal Policy Considerations for HRSA Site Visits

### **POPULATION / RURAL HEALTH**

SDOH Screening, Prioritizing & Designing Data Driven Workflows, Community-Centered Health Homes, Homeless Medical Respite Program, Online Cancer Education, Policy & Advocacy Lessons

*\* Topics and conference sessions are subject to change without notice.*

### **WORKFORCE / HR**

Growing Workforce Pipelines, Recruiting Physicians in the Rural Northwest, Paving the PATH and Growing your Own Hometown Providers, Dream Retention Plans, Cultivating a Culture through Communications, Training Toolkit for Frontline Workers

### **HOT TOPICS**

Mobile Crisis Intervention, Alaska Earthquake Tabletop Exercise, Suicide Safer Care, and More!

### **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS**

In support of helping health center staff, clinicians, administration, and board of directors pursue professional development, CHAMPS/NWRPCA conferences are a consistent source of continuing education units (CEU). This year we are offering the following CEU opportunities: continuing dental education (CDE), continuing professional education (CPE), continuing nursing education (CNE), continuing medical education (CME), continuing human resources credit (HR), continuing governance credit (GOV),



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