

**National Coordination Committee on the
American Indian/Alaska Native SANE-SART Initiative**

Member Biographies

PEGGY L. BIRD is of the Sun Clan from Kewa Pueblo, New Mexico. Judge Bird is a pro tem judge for the Nambe Pueblo Tribal Court and the Taos Pueblo Tribal Court. She is a former chief judge at the Laguna Pueblo Court and served as a pro tem judge at the Isleta Pueblo Tribal Court. She is a member of the National American Indian Court Judges Association. Judge Bird currently serves as the attorney for the tribal programs for Kewa Pueblo (Santo Domingo Pueblo). She is an advocate/attorney/consultant/human rights activist and works to enhance the sovereignty of Native women by ending violence against Native women, both nationally and internationally. Judge Bird provides training and technical assistance on violence against Native women issues and also facilitates comprehensive strategic planning sessions with a Native perspective. She is a member of the Council of Peace (Board of Directors) and co-founder of the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. She is a co-founder of the Native Women's Advocacy Center, Inc., the Indigenous Women's Human Rights Collective, Inc., and a board member of Tewa Women United, Inc. Judge Bird is also a co-founding member of the National Congress of American Indians' Violence Against Native Women Task Force. She received the National Crime Victim Service Award granted by the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Sunshine Peace Award granted by the Sunshine Lady Foundation and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She received her juris doctorate from the University of New Mexico School of Law in May 1990, and has been a member of the State Bar of New Mexico since October 1990.

HALLIE BONGAR WHITE is an attorney and the executive director of the Southwest Center for Law and Policy (SWCLAP), a nonprofit organization that serves as a legal technical assistance and training provider for the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women for tribal grantees. She trains nationally on legal and policy issues related to sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, abuse of persons with disabilities, firearms violence, and abuse of elders in Indian Country. SWCLAP is the parent organization of the National Tribal Trial College, the National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault, and SAFESTAR (Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations, Services, Training, Access, and Resources).

Ms. White is the former director of the University of Arizona College of Law's Indian Nations Domestic Violence Law Program and is a graduate of the Native American Studies Department of the University of California, Berkeley. Ms. White attended the master's degree program in American Indian Studies and the College of Law at the University of Arizona. Her numerous publications include the *National Tribal Law Enforcement Sexual Assault Model Protocol*, the *National Tribal Prosecutors Sexual Assault Model Protocol*, *Sex Offender Registration and Notification in Indian Country*, *Creative Civil Remedies for Non-Indian Offenders*, and *SAFESTAR*. She is the mother of five and the grandmother of three enrolled members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Ms. White and her family reside in Tucson, Arizona.

SARAH COLLINS is an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota. She has worked in that capacity since October 2010 and prosecutes violent crimes occurring on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. As an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, she takes great pride in protecting crime victims on Pine Ridge. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Collins was a prosecutor for 9 years with the Adams County District Attorney's Office in Colorado. She started as a deputy district attorney prosecuting misdemeanor and traffic offenses, became a senior trial deputy prosecuting major felonies, and ultimately served as a chief trial deputy supervising trial attorneys.

Ms. Collins grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota. She completed her undergraduate studies at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and received her law degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She participated in rodeos most of her life and continues to barrel race when time permits. Ms. Collins is extremely

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pleased that her two young daughters have the same love of horses, and she enjoys watching them compete in horse shows and rodeos.

DARREN A. CRUZAN, an enrolled member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, was appointed Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), on September 27, 2010. Director Cruzan brings a wide range of experience to OJS, beginning as a patrolman in 1992 with the Joplin Police Department in Joplin, Missouri. He served as a tribal police officer with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma until 1995, when he joined BIA and took an assignment to the District II OJS Office in the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office in Muskogee.

In 1998, he was promoted to the rank of supervisory police officer and assigned to the United States Indian Police Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, New Mexico. While there he provided law enforcement training to newly hired police, detention, and telecommunications officers working in Indian Country. In 2001, Cruzan was promoted to criminal investigator and assigned to BIA's Field Office in Portland, Oregon, where he performed federal criminal investigations and provided technical law enforcement assistance to the Indian tribes located in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States. He then served as the supervisory special agent at the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana. In 2004, his department was honored by the Secretary of the Interior with the Customer Service Excellence Award. The award details the recipient as "a hero of citizen centered service, a champion of government excellence, and an ambassador of creative partnerships." The police department was pivotal in reducing the number of Driving Under the Influence-related fatalities on the Crow Indian Reservation.

In 2004, Mr. Cruzan was asked to serve as the senior law enforcement advisor to BIA's associate director of operations in Washington, D.C. Cruzan also served as the Indian Country law enforcement liaison to the Department of the Interior. In 2006, Cruzan joined the Pentagon Force Protection Agency as the assistant special agent in charge of the Criminal Investigative and Protective Directorate. While there, Cruzan supervised the day-to-day operations of the agency's Criminal Investigations Division., and served as a detail leader on dignitary protection missions for senior level Department of Defense officials, both within the continental United States and overseas.

Cruzan is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Class 224 (2006). He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Mountain State University. Director Cruzan, his wife, and their two daughters live in the Washington, D.C., area.

KIM DAY, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, is a technical assistance provider at the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Ms. Day has been a registered nurse for 36 years. She is also a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and is dual certified as both a SANE-A and SANE-P by the International Association of Forensic Nurses. Ms. Day cared for victims of sexual violence in her local community, at the hospital's SANE program, and with the county-wide Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for 8 years before beginning her current position.

Ms. Day worked on many national level projects, including the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) medical advisory committee, NSVRC's SANE Sustainability project, the NCCHC's PREA standards training for correctional healthcare personnel, and the Southwest Center for Law and Policy's SAFESTAR project. She also participated in federal roundtable discussions, including the Office on Violence Against Women's DNA Backlog Roundtable and the White House Roundtable on Sexual Violence. Ms. Day also participated in an Office for Victims of Crime Vision 21 project. She is a member of the National Coordination Committee on the American Indian/Alaska Native SANE-SART Initiative, the Attorney General's Violence Against Women Federal/Tribal Prosecution Task Force and the SAFER Act steering committee. Ms. Day speaks at many national, state, and local conferences and webinars on the National SAFE Protocol, VAWA Forensic Compliance, and medical forensic examinations. She authored chapters in several textbooks, and co-authored

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The Clinical Management of Children and Adolescents Who Have Experienced Sexual Violence: Technical Considerations for PEPFAR Programs.

SARAH DEER, J.D., is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, and her scholarship focuses on the intersection of tribal law and victims' rights. She is a Professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. She taught at UCLA Law School, the University of Minnesota School of Law, and Lewis and Clark Law School. In 2013, she was appointed Associate Justice of the Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals.

From 1999–2002, Deer was employed by the U.S. Department of Justice in the Office on Violence Against Women. Beginning in 2002, her work with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, a Native-owned and operated nonprofit organization, focused on strengthening tribal responses to violent crime. Deer served on advisory boards for several anti-violence organizations and projects, including the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence and the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence. From 2005–2007, she assisted Amnesty International USA in developing research strategies and outreach for the *Maze of Injustice* report. She served on Attorney General Eric Holder's Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence in 2012.

Deer received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Women's Studies and Philosophy from the University of Kansas. She received her juris doctorate with a Tribal Lawyer Certificate from the University of Kansas School of Law. In addition to authoring several articles on the issues facing Native women in the United States, Deer is a co-author of two textbooks on tribal law: *Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies* and *Tribal Criminal Law and Procedure*, as well as a co-editor of *Sharing Our Stories of Survival: Native Women Surviving Violence*. She is the recipient of the 2010 Sheila Wellstone Award, and was named one of 12 Emerging Scholars Class of 2011 by *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*. In April 2011, Professor Deer received the Allied Professional Award from the U.S. Department of Justice for work on victims' issues. She has been quoted in the New York Times and the Guardian. She has been a guest on NPR, Al Jazeera, and MSNBC.

BEA HANSON is the Principal Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). In her role, Ms. Hanson serves as the liaison between the Department of Justice and federal, state, tribal, and international governments on matters relating to violence against women. She is responsible for developing the Department's legal and policy positions regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act and overseeing an annual budget of nearly \$400 million. Ms. Hanson has served as OVW's Principal Deputy Director since May 2011.

Ms. Hanson previously served as chief program officer for Safe Horizon, a crime victim service organization in New York City that serves 350,000 victims annually, where she directed a staff of 500 in 60 locations. She joined Safe Horizon (formerly Victim Services) in 1997 as the director of emergency services and went on to oversee the agency's domestic violence, homeless youth, and child abuse programs before being promoted to chief program officer.

During her tenure at Safe Horizon, Ms. Hanson doubled domestic shelter capacity and tripled revenue in 4 years for the country's largest domestic violence shelter provider. She also advocated and collaborated with city and state governments to establish Child Advocacy Centers in Manhattan and the Bronx, co-locating the police, assistant district attorneys, child protection workers, and medical providers to serve victims of child sexual and severe physical abuse. She established a new borough-based, victim-centered program, which refocused interventions on meeting all safety needs of clients, developed program-based performance measures to evaluate services meeting budgetary and operational objectives, and refocused research and evaluation activities to prioritize internal evaluation.

Before joining Safe Horizon, Ms. Hanson served as the director of client services for the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, serving 2,000 victims of hate crimes, domestic violence, and sexual assault annually. She also held positions with the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, the

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National Training and Information Center, and Ozone House: Counseling Center for Runaway and Homeless Youth.

Ms. Hanson earned a doctor of philosophy degree in Social Welfare from City University in New York, a master of Social Work degree from Hunter College School of Social Work in New York, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

She served as an adjunct professor at Hunter College School of Social Work and Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services in New York. Her writings are published in a range of books and journals, and she has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Paul Rapoport Foundation, the National Association of Social Workers, New York City Chapter, and the New York City Human Resources Administration.

DR. SUSAN V. KAROL was selected in September 2008 as the chief medical officer (CMO) for the Indian Health Service (IHS). She is a member of the Tuscarora Indian Nation, located near Niagara Falls, New York. Dr. Karol served in the IHS from 1988–1990 as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Public Health Service while holding the position of chief of surgery and anesthesia at the Shiprock Indian Hospital in Shiprock, New Mexico.

As the IHS CMO, Dr. Karol provides medical advice and guidance to the Office of the Director and staff on American Indian and Alaska Native health care policies and issues. She serves as the primary liaison and advocate for IHS field clinical programs and community-based health professionals. Dr. Karol also provides national and international health care leadership and representation for the agency. In addition, she ensures that patient care and medical standards and concerns are represented in the decision-making process of the agency.

Dr. Karol came to IHS from the Essex Surgical Associates, PC, in Beverly, Massachusetts. She founded Essex Surgical Associates, PC, in 2004. From 1991–2008, Dr. Karol also served as the medical director of The Hunt Breast Center, Hunt Hospital, Danvers, Massachusetts, and as an active staff member of the Beverly Hospital. From 1996–2008, she served as chief of surgery at the Beverly Hospital. Her other appointments included serving as an assistant professor of surgery at Tufts Medical School; Trustee of the Northeast Health Systems, Inc., Beverly Hospital; and as assistant medical director of specialty care for the New England Community Medical Group.

Dr. Karol graduated from Dartmouth College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and received her doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her postdoctoral training included work as a clinical fellow in surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital; chief resident and general surgery residency, University of Massachusetts Medical Center Coordinated Surgical Program; general surgery resident, St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center; and categorical surgical resident, University of Massachusetts Medical Center Coordinated Surgical Program.

Dr. Karol is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a fellow of the American College of Physician Executives. She also is a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons, Association of American Indian Physicians, Essex Surgical Society, and the Massachusetts Medical Society.

DONNA LC KEELER is an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Wind River Reservation, located in central Wyoming. Ms. Keeler currently serves as the executive director of South Dakota Urban Indian Health. Ms. Keeler was the first executive director for South Dakota Urban Indian Health between 1978 and 1981, at which time she accepted employment with the State of South Dakota Medicaid program, where she worked for more than 20 years, writing policy and program rules/regulations, and developing the State Medicaid Managed Care Program. Ms. Keeler returned to South Dakota Urban Indian Health as the executive director in April 2002. She has served on the National Council of Urban Indian Health's Board of Directors

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(serving as vice president and treasurer) and on Governor Rounds' Zaniya Health Taskforce and the Indian Health Care Sub-Committee. Ms. Keeler studied business at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, South Dakota.

LINDA LOGAN is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and has more than 20 years of experience working with Native American communities. She is currently working for Zero to Three as a technical assistant specialist for the Programmatic Assistance for Tribal Home Visiting Center, which supports the Affordable Care Act Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting grantees. Prior to this, she was executive director of the Native American Children's Alliance from 2005–2013. She is also a trained facilitator for Darkness To Light's Stewards of Children adult-focused prevention curriculum, and brought this child sexual abuse prevention training to various Native American community-based organizations and non-Native audiences, including law enforcement personnel.

Throughout her career, Ms. Logan has designed and implemented several mental health and substance abuse programs to serve Native American youth. She participated as a field coordinator for a national multi-site research project targeting Native American youth's drug use on reservations. She helped develop training materials for domestic violence committed against Native American women. In addition to her work in Indian Country, Ms. Logan worked in the field of substance abuse treatment as a senior program specialist for a large nonprofit organization that provides in-patient and out-patient treatment services. In this capacity, she developed innovative treatment programs for men and women who suffer from posttraumatic stress syndrome from severe childhood physical and sexual abuse. She received the AKOMA Women of Color Award for her contributions to women's treatment services.

Ms. Logan serves on the National Indian Child Welfare Association Board of Directors and chairs its Program Committee; the National Children's Alliance Board of Directors as an ad hoc member; and serves as an advisor for the Red Bird Healing Center and the American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Expert Panel Board, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

She is an advisor for the *Drums Along the Ohio* Native newspaper and serves on a task force for the development of a Native American Cultural Garden. Ms. Logan holds a bachelors degree and a master's degree in Social Work from Boston College.

JUANA MAJEL DIXON presently serves as a Pauma Tribal Legislative Councilwoman for the Pauma Band of Mission Indians. Ms. Majel Dixon is an Advisory Council member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center, while also assisting a number of American Indian community organizations throughout the country. In addition to this work, Ms. Majel Dixon serves as the co-chair of the NCAI Task Force to Stop Violence Against Native Women. The work done with a team of Native women helped the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2005 and is also responsible for the passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act. The core group worked on passage of VAWA 2011 and the SAFE Act with then Senator Akaka.

For the last 30 years, Ms. Majel Dixon served as an adjunct professor for the American Indian Studies Department, teaching U.S. Policy and Federal Indian Law at Palomar College in San Diego County. She also serves as a visiting professor at San Diego State University and Mesa College. Ms. Majel Dixon holds a Master of Science degree, a Master of Arts degree, and a Ph.D. in Education and Policy.

Ms. Majel Dixon serves as the Pacific representative to the Attorney General's Tribal Nations Leadership Council with the Department of Justice and serves to assist in the memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Departments of the Interior, Justice, and Health and Human Services under Tribal Law and Order Act as the Pacific representative on the SAMHSA Tribal Advisory Board.

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SHIRLEY MOSES, M.Ed., currently serves as the program director for Graf Rheernahaanjii, Fairbanks Native Association's drug and alcohol treatment center for adolescent youth in Alaska. Ms. Moses serves as a board member of the Alaska Native Clearinghouse for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Alaska Native Women's Grassroots Movement, SART and DV Committees in the Fairbanks area, and as a trainer for Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative. Ms. Moses is Inupiat Eskimo and was born in Nome, Alaska.

KATHRYN M. TURMAN became Program Director for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Office of Victim Assistance in Washington, D.C., in January 2002, and oversees assistance to victims of federal crimes in all FBI investigations in the United States and abroad, including services to child victims, Native American victims, victims of terrorism, and U.S. citizens who are taken hostage in foreign countries. Along with victim specialists in FBI field offices, the FBI's Victim Assistance Program includes child interview specialists, a forensic pathologist, medical social workers, operational psychologists, and rapid response teams of victim specialists who can deploy to mass casualty crimes and disasters.

Ms. Turman served in the Department of Justice from 1991 until 2002, first as director of the Missing and Exploited Children's Program, as chief of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and as deputy director then Director of the Office for Victims of Crime. She served on numerous national task forces and advisory boards focused on crime victims and abused children, and was appointed to the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. Awards received for her leadership on behalf of victims include the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, a National Intelligence Meritorious Citation from the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a National Crime Victims' Service Award, and the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service.

GERI WISNER is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and a former United States Marine. Currently, she serves as the tribal prosecutor for the Pawnee Nation and Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma, the executive director for the Native American Children's Alliance, and a partner with the Allen & Wisner law firm. Along with her prosecutorial duties, Geri presents at national conferences addressing criminal justice issues specific to Indian Country. She also conducts specialized trainings for law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates, and allied child abuse professionals responding to child maltreatment and domestic violence.

Ms. Wisner was the senior tribal attorney with the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse at the National District Attorneys Association, where she trained child abuse professionals on advanced investigative and prosecutorial techniques utilizing a victim-centered approach. Ms. Wisner served as the Attorney General for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, prosecutor for the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She was judicially appointed in many tribal courts to represent the interests of children as a guardian ad litem. She developed many tribal criminal ordinances, family codes, child support and enforcement regulations, and amended language to existing codes to include laws to protect elders. Her most recent code development work addresses tribal implementation of the National Sex Offender's Registry and Notification Act.

Ms. Wisner served as the first Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, making presentations to the UN in Geneva, Switzerland, and New York City. Her experience and perspective on indigenous issues provides a global context for her work with Native American people, as well as tribal, domestic, and foreign governments.

A 2001 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and an American Indian Studies Certificate, Geri received her juris doctorate and Native American Law Certificate from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 2003. Ms. Wisner serves as a board member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.