



## The Lethal & Economic Impact of Illegal Drugs & Opioids in Indian Country

### PRESENTERS

#### Conrad Parisien: Consultant



Conrad Parisien has over 26 years of experience working in the area of addiction counseling in treatment facilities and schools. He obtained counseling certificates in a number of areas including: Group/Individual, Family/Adolescents, Drug/Alcohol Awareness, Effects of Drug/Alcohol, and PTSD, a National Certified Counselor Level II and a Certified Counselor Level III. He obtained his certification from Northwest Indian Certification Board in 1992. Conrad currently serves as tribally elected Vice Chairman on Judicial Board for his tribe, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. He's a successful business owner and enjoys family life with his wife of 26 years both sharing 7 children and 24 grandchildren. He is a music collector, loves car shows, and a warrior/advocate on the war against drugs.

#### Denise Marcellais: Community Trainer



Denise Marcellais has worked the past 18 years as an administrator and community trainer in her community for Family Life programs working with troubled relationships of couples and parent/child relationships. Throughout her work experience, she has witnessed many areas of trauma which led to being a trainer on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Denise is currently employed with the Turtle Mountain Community College, and is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Her family includes, husband, William "BI" Marcellais, 5 children, and 15 grandchildren.

#### Dr. Cheryl Kary: Consultant



Dr. Cheryl Ann Kary (*Hunkuotawin*) is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from the University of Mary, as well as Master's Degrees in Management and in Business Administration. She holds a Ph.D. in Communication & Public Discourse from the University of North Dakota. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the SPRC and of the Common Enterprise Development Corporation (CEDC) in Mandan, an economic/community and cooperative development center. Kary has previously served as the Curriculum Development Specialist at the Native American Training Institute, the Research Director at United Tribes Technical College, the Executive Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and a Grants Management Specialist at the N.D. Department of Health.

#### Dr. Barbara Schmitt: Consultant



Dr. Barbara Schmitt is owner of Schmitt Strategies, LLC a woman and minority-owned consulting business specializing in community and economic development. She has over 30 years of experience and has specialized skills and professional qualifications in education, community and economic development, and research and development. An enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, she has a PhD in Education from North Dakota State University and has a MBA and a MGMT from the University of Mary.