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BIO

Esther Lucero is Diné and Latina and a third generation urban Indian from Colorado Springs, Colorado. Esther received a Master of Public Policy and a BA in Native American studies from Mills College.

Previously, Esther served as the Director of Policy and Programs at the *Native American Heath Center* and the Director of Programs and Strategic Development for the *California Consortium for Urban Indian Health*. In addition, Esther has taught classes at San Francisco State University and San Francisco Art Institute.

Esther joined the Seattle Indian Health Board in 2015, with the goal of uplifting the organization's longstanding dedication to the urban Indian community in health and human services, workforce development, public policy, and research. During her tenure, she has: increased the operating budget by $23 million; built a team-based environment; established an Executive team; led the implementation of the first of its kind, Indigenous Knowledge Informed System of Care, and; stewards the expansion of 3 additional clinic sites.

Esther currently serves on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Advisory Committee for Women's Services and the SAMHSA Region X Opioid Taskforce. In Washington State, she serves on the Governor's Behavioral Health Taskforce, is a delegate to the American Indian Health Commission, and a delegate to the Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council. Locally, she serves as the co-chair for King County Accountable Community of Health: HealthierHere's governing board, and serves on the Native Communities Committee.