

## **Michael E. Bird, MSW, MPH**



Mr. Bird is a Santo Domingo-San Juan Pueblo Indian from New Mexico. Mr. Bird has over 25 years of public health experience in the areas of medical social work, substance abuse prevention, health promotion and disease prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, behavioral health, and health care administration.

Mr. Bird is a public health consultant and speaker on health disparities. From 2005 to 2007, he served as the Director of Region 6 for Native Americans with ValueOptions-New Mexico (VONM), a national for-profit behavioral health company. From 2001 to 2005, he served as Executive Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC). At NNAAPC, he increased and strengthened the provision of technical assistance in HIV prevention program development to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities.

For 20 years, Mr. Bird was with the U.S.P.H.S. Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to leaving IHS, Mr. Bird was the Director of Preventive Health Programs for the Santa Fe Service Unit and the Albuquerque Area office. He also served with the Office of Tribal Activities and Office of Planning and Evaluation.

Mr. Bird was the first American Indian, and social worker, to serve as President (2000-2001) of the American Public Health Association in the organization's history. He is also Past President of the New Mexico Public Health Association and was a fellow in the U.S.P.H.S. Primary Care Policy Fellowship.

He has also been involved on numerous projects and boards on a local, tribal, national and international level. He currently serves on the boards of the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health, Seva Foundation, Education, Training, Research, Inc., and American Indian Graduate Center.

Mr. Bird earned his Master's in Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of Utah, and Master's in Public Health (MPH) at the University of California, Berkeley. In 2009, he was recognized as Alumnus of the Year by the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley.