

## Pathways to Growth for Emerging Public Health Professionals



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### Thanks for Joining Us for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Webinar!



- 1. Addressing Racism and COVID-19
- 2. Navigating Misinformation for Community Health
- 3. Visually Communicating Public Health Data
- 4. Al in Public Health Today
- 5. A Model for Addressing Racism and Belonging

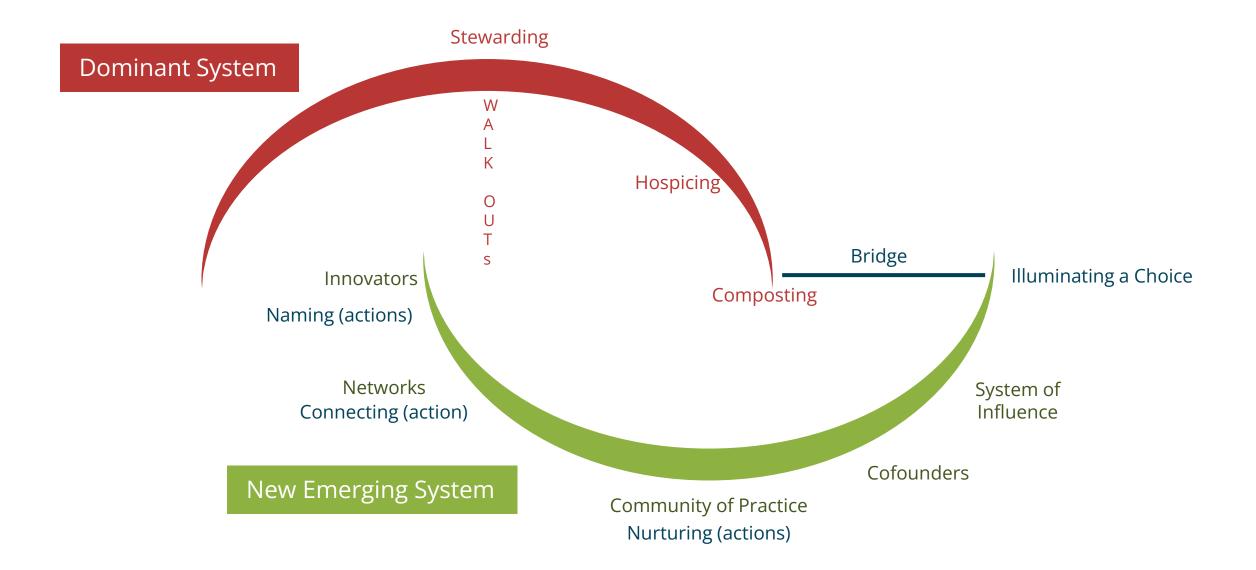
First Session:

PREPARING FOR SARS **April** 2004 Total Sessions To Date: 230

#### **Total Viewer Connections:**

28,502

### The Two Loops of Systems Change



### **Question for the Viewers**

# Which of the following best describes your current public health career stage?

#### A. Student

**B.** Young Professional less than 5 years in the public health workforce

#### C. Mid-career

5–10 years in the public health workforce

#### D. Late-career

10 or more years in the public health workforce

#### E. Other

please type in chat



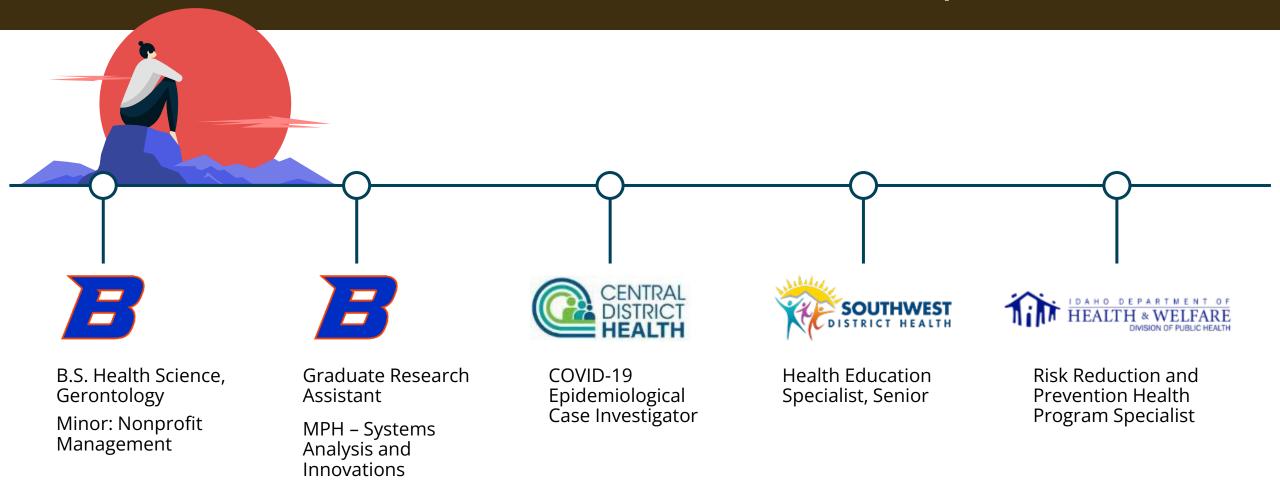
## **Meet the Panelists**



#### **Brooke Ambrose, MPH**

Risk Reduction and Prevention Health Program Specialist Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW)

### Brooke's Public Health Journey





#### Tia "Tee" Benally, MPH

**Research Coordinator** 

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## Yá'át'ééh (Hello) - Tia "Tee" Benally



## University of New Mexico + Community Health



### University of Washington + Senior Research Coordinator



## Future Aspirations: Ahéhéé (Thank You)!





#### Malcolm Clay, BAS Community Health

Community Engagement Coordinator Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

### Where Did You Start Your Public Health Journey?





In My Grandmother's Library Pacific Lutheran University (Bioethics) Tacoma Community College (Community Health) At Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department During the Pandemic, Like Many of You

### What Have You Learned (Thus Far)?

Intersectionality

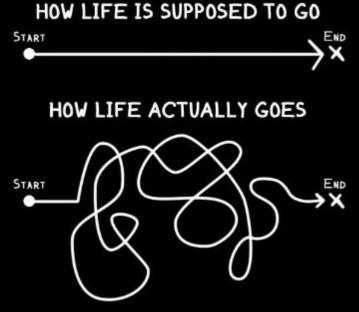
- Lived experience
- Authenticity
- Accountability
- Make mistakes
- Use storytelling

How Would You Describe Your Public Health Journey Thus Far?



Non-linear

- Introspective
- Heartwarming



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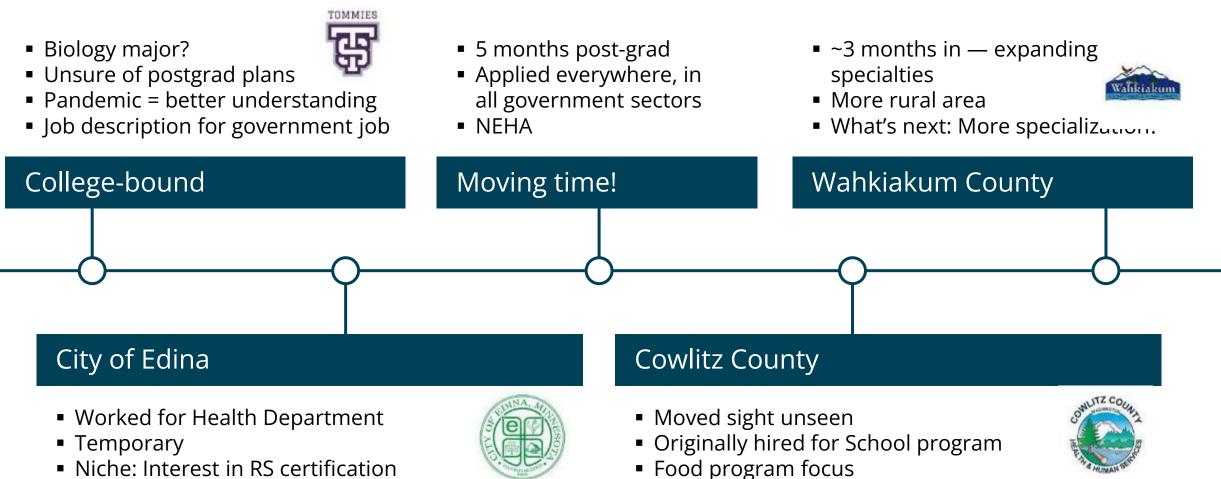


#### **Emma Diffendal, BS Public Health**

Environmental Health Specialist

Wahkiakum County

## Emma's Public Health Journey



Better understanding of public health systems

Niche: Interest in RS certification



## **Moderated Discussion**



### A Chat with the Panelists





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### **Sue Grinnell**



**Tia "Tee" Benally** Seven Directions, A Center for Indigenous Public Health



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**Emma Diffendal** Wahkiakum County Can you share a specific example from your experience where embracing change led to significant growth and positive outcomes in your public health work? In your role, you work closely with Indigenous public health leaders through your organization's Indigenous Public Health Leaders training program.

What have you learned about leadership through your experience?

What role, if any, has imposter syndrome played in your experience in the public health field? How has the real-life practice of public health differed from the study of public health as an academic discipline in your experience so far? What excites you about working in public health today?

What role do diverse perspectives play in advancing your work in public health? You all came of working age at a time when the public health system was mobilized and, in some cases, attacked during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How do you reflect on that experience? What have you noticed today that has changed?

### **QUESTIONS?**

To ask a question, please click the



icon in the Zoom toolbar to open your Q&A Pod.

#### **Essentially Public Health**

A three-part training series focusing on the foundations of public health and health equity. https://www.nwcphp.org/training/essentially-public-health

#### New Data and Dashboards: PH WINS Survey of Public Health Workers

A unique snapshot of the state and local government public health workforce. <u>https://debeaumont.org/news/2022/new-data-and-dashboards/</u>

#### 40 Under 40 in Public Health

A list recognizing equity-focused, service-oriented leaders in Public Health https://debeaumont.org/about-40-under-40/