

New Mexico Native American Indian Nurses Association Board of Directors



ERMA MARBUT RN, MSN, ADMIN

President Emeritus

Erma gives credit to her father and mother for her inspiration, determination and resiliency to be a voice for Native Communities in health care, education and nursing service. Erma is a role model and mentor with over 52 years of service to the community in different nursing roles from Crownpoint IHS Chief Nurse Executive to UNMH Case Manager. She is also a lifetime member of Navajoland Nurses United for Research, Service and Education and 2023 NM Nurse Legend.

Lucretia Jones, RN MSN/Ed.

NMNAINA Board President. Kiowa and Missouriia-Otoe. Serving 23 years with the VA Healthcare system...ER Nursing, SDU and Cardiac. More recently, an Assistant Professor at Brookline College. She is currently pursuing her DNP- Leadership. BSN/MSN in Nursing Ed. at UNM-CON. 2017 Scholarship Recipient.



Dee Billops DNP, APRN-BCS

Dee is a member of the Navajo Nation. She is an educator, public speaker and also mentors students. She leads the organization in several community projects and currently serves as the organizations Treasurer

**Strong
Voices**

Fran A. Hern Smith RN DNP

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Health**

Fran represents the organization in multiple aspects. She organizes fund raising events to help promote the NMNAINA organization. With Fran's work we gain support and remain active in the community as our NM community and business Liaison with the NM Board of Nursing.



Sarah Phillips Ruiz, RN BSN

NMNAINA board member. Member of the Tohono O' odham Nation. She is a clinical instructor and hospice nurse. She has experience in ER medicine and public health. Sarah is passionate about empowering nurses of color, providing preceptorship and mentoring students and new graduates.