

**“A Best Practice: Health Organizations in the Pacific Northwest,” Colleen F. Cawston** – Three organizations in Washington State have been formed to address the provision of health care to American Indian and Alaska Natives. Cawston describes the foundation, membership, and goals of each: 1) Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, 2) the Indian Policy Advisory Committee, and 3) the American Indian Health Commission. Cawston notes that “the overarching success with all three has been the acknowledgement of the individual tribal sovereignty that the Tribes have.”