We Are Healers: Increasing the Number of American Indian/Alaska Native Health Professionals through Digital Media

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We Are Healers is a digital media initiative which aims to inspire Native youth to envision themselves as physicians, nurses, dentists, health professionals – all through stories of Native role-models. The initiative partners with academic health centers and programs in order to directly connect youth with Native-centric programs proven to provide successful academic enrichment. Erik Brodt, MD will present an overview of the project and preview the content in order to explore how efforts focusing on a regional minority can have a profound impact.

Dr. Erik Brodt (Anishinaabe – Minnesota Chippewa) is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University. He has been working in American Indian and Alaskan Native health professional development for over a decade. Erik works to improve Native American health outcomes and Indigenous health professions programming both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Brodt earned his M.D. from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and completed residency in Family Medicine at the Seattle Indian Health Board – Swedish Cherry Hill Family Medicine Residency in Seattle, WA. He served as the Inaugural Director of the UW-Madison Native American Center for Health Professions (UW-NACHP) and an Associate Director in the UW-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE) in Madison, WI before moving to Portland, OR.