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Roles and Responsibilities:

Lee Olitzky provides design, development and management services to a broad array of health care organizations, programs, projects and service providers both public and private. His current focus is on Native American health care. He consults with Native Sovereign Nations throughout Indian Country. "The interface amongst tribal members of all ages, their cultural needs and health care requirements are unique areas of expertise Mr. Olitzky possesses."

Lee has experienced first hand the chief complaints of tribal elders who receive health and social care from many of the current providers. He brings to the team insight from hundreds of tribal encounters, interviews and major research projects.

Currently, Lee is providing health service design and management services to the Tohono O'odham Nursing Care Authority. In that role, Lee works with tribal government and the Tucson Area Indian Health Services to develop more efficient and effective methods of delivering health services to elder tribal members.

Lee is the former President/CEO of Handmaker Services for the Aging, a southern Arizona regional healthcare provider. He is the prior Director of the New England Gerontology Center, University of New Hampshire; a national resource center on aging and former Associate Executive Director of the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aging, an urban non sectarian health care corporation.

Experience:

Lee is the former CEO of Handmaker Services for the Aging in Tucson, Arizona. In that role, Lee provided the direction and redesign for a comprehensive campus replacement including the development of the only assisted living program within the state for a unique group of frail elders. This organization provides or has provided skilled nursing care, sub acute care, post hospital care, assisted living, independent living, home health care, elder day care, hospice care, rehabilitation, geriatric care management, training and education. He provided leadership to this organization for more than 14 years.

Previously, Lee provided direction to the Miami Home and Hospital for the Aged in Miami, Florida. During his tenure, he oversaw the design and development of such projects as a specialized geriatric hospital. This organization's focus included the provision of skilled nursing and post hospital care with a specialization in geriatric mental health and home health care to more than 1,000 elders.

Earlier in Lee's career, he was the Director of the New England Gerontology Center at the University of New Hampshire. The Center provided a broad range of services including training, education, program and service design to organizations and individuals throughout the U.S. He is the former grants and contracts administrator for the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs.

Education / Registration:

Master in Gerontology - University of South Florida
Bachelor in Business Administration - University of South Florida
Recipient of US Administration on Aging Graduate Fellowship

Selected Experience & Accomplishments:

In cooperation with American Indian Health Management Policy and funded by the Ak Chin Indian Community, Lee completed a study entitled, "Feasibility, Planning and Development of Urban Elder Long Term Care Services for American Indians in Phoenix, Arizona."

Master site planning of a unique Native American elder care campus. Current services include skilled nursing care and assisted living with staff housing.

Under Lee's direction, the Archie Hendricks Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility (Tohono O'odham) received the 2008 - 09 Highest Honors Award from the Honoring Nations project, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.

In 2008 the Tohono O'odham Nursing Care Authority received the National Indian Health Board Local Impact Award for its health services (skilled and hospice care) under Lee's leadership.

Consultation to the following tribes for elder care related programs and services (partial list):

- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Southern Ute Tribe
- Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribes