

WVCTSI Annual Meeting

Keynote Speaker

Nathan Stinson Jr., PhD, MD, MPH

Dr. Nathan Stinson, Jr. serves as Director for the Division of Scientific Programs at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH). Core responsibilities include oversight for the development and implementation of the scientific research and training programs at the Institute.

He began his Federal career in Arizona as a medical officer with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps where he practiced family medicine at the Indian Health Service's Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility on the Navajo reservation. After the Indian Health Service, Dr. Stinson served as Deputy Director, Division of Community and Migrant Health and as Director of the Division of Programs for Special Populations in the Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

He attained the rank of Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service and in 1999 was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, HHS and Director of the HHS Office of Minority Health. During that tenure he served as a senior advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Secretary, HHS until his retirement in 2004.

After retirement, Dr. Stinson was President of The Health Literacy Foundation, Munster, Ind. and also served as the Director of the Center for Optimal Health and Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Stinson returned to Federal service in 2007 at the NIMHD.

Dr. Stinson received a B.A. degree from the University of Colorado, a M.A. degree from the University of California, and a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, in Environmental Biology. He earned an M.D. degree from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 1981 and an M.P.H. in Health Care Administration from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 1990.

He is a board-certified family practice specialist and has been honored throughout his career for his accomplishments. His recognitions include the *Louis B. Stokes Leadership Award* from the National Medical Association, the University of Colorado *Silver and Gold Award for Excellence in Humanitarianism, Citizenship and Professionalism*, and several *NIH Director's Awards*. His awards from the U.S. Public Health Service include the *Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, Outstanding Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, and Crises Response Service Award*.