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RESOLUTION # 20-04-04

**NATIVE DENTAL THERAPY INITIATIVE -
IMPLEMENTATION OF DENTAL THERAPY
OFFERED BY THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter “NPAIHB” or the “Board”) was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB is a non-governmental “tribal organization” as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USCS § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, AI/AN communities are disproportionately affected by oral health disparities and inadequate access to health services; and

WHEREAS, Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs, also known as Dental Therapists) have been recognized as important mid-level providers in Tribal health programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Expansion of the Community Health Aid Program (CHAP) was recently approved by IHS which will enable more clinics nationwide to employ DHATs; and

WHEREAS, Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs, also known as Dental Therapists) are required to have their practice supervised by a Supervising Dentist with specified levels of supervision at all times; and

WHEREAS, Training for Dentists prior to becoming supervisors for DHATs, also known as Supervising Dentist Training, is important for optimal utilization of DHATs; and

WHEREAS, Supervising Dentist Training would most ideally be accessible via an online format; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an online Supervising Dentist Training requires funding and contracting with a professional organization; and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Health Board is offering a funding opportunity of up to \$25,000 for work to improve the implementation of dental therapy laws in Tribal communities, and this funding opportunity permits a maximum indirect rate of 10%.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by staff of the Tribal Community Health Provider Project, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to apply for funding from the National Indian Health Board in the amount of \$25,000 to support the creation of an online Supervising Dentist Training for dentists planning to supervise DHATs, and related support for this training.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 20-04-04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board on July 14 – July 15, 2020. A quorum being established; 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on July 15, 2020.



Chairman



Secretary