



Resolution #04-03-04
Support for the NPAIHB Alcohol, Substance Abuse,
and Mental Health Initiative (NASAMHI)

**NORTHWEST
PORTLAND
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INDIAN
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BOARD**

Burns-Paiute Tribe
Chehalis Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Colville Tribe
Coos, Suislaw &
Lower Umpqua Tribe
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek Tribe
Cowlitz Tribe
Grand Ronde Tribe
Hoh Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Kalispel Tribe
Klamath Tribe
Kootenai Tribe
Lower Elwha Tribe
Lummi Tribe
Makah Tribe
Muckleshoot Tribe
Nez Perce Tribe
Nisqually Tribe
Nooksack Tribe
NW Band of Shoshoni Tribe
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Puyallup Tribe
Quileute Tribe
Quinault Tribe
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
Siletz Tribe
Skokomish Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe
Squaxin Island Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe
Suquamish Tribe
Swinomish Tribe
Tulalip Tribe
Umatilla Tribe
Upper Skagit Tribe
Warm Springs Tribe
Yakama Nation

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), a tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents forty-three Federally-recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho on health related issues, and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people, and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes, and

WHEREAS, the incidence for alcoholism amongst American Indian and Alaska Native people is 638% greater than all other U.S. races and the issues associated with alcohol and substance abuse have continually been ranked as the number one health priority by Tribes in all twelve of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas during the IHS budget formulation process, and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB strategic plan includes addressing the areas of alcohol, substance abuse and mental health as priority areas, and

WHEREAS, a forum to solicit tribal input to think "outside the box" in order to advance the current state of affairs on alcohol and substance abuse and mental health issues would be very beneficial to Northwest Tribes and Indian Country, so that Tribal Leaders, Tribal health and substance abuse programs, Area Health Boards, national organizations, and others can begin a process to network and promote change to combat the effects of alcohol, substance abuse and mental health issues impacting Indian Country, and

WHEREAS, the Board's Executive Director is proposing a special initiative to be called the NPAIHB Alcohol, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Initiative to actively seek partners who are willing to share information and allow the Board to post their information on the NPAIHB website (and ours on theirs), and to seek funding for other ventures such as meetings, conferences, and actual projects for carrying out the objectives of the initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports and endorses the efforts of the Executive Director's special initiative on alcohol, substance abuse, and mental health and encourages the efforts of the initiative to reach out to Indian Country to begin developing a networking system to address the harmful effects of alcohol, substance abuse and mental illness in Tribal communities.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 04-03-04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 26 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 22, 2004.

Robert Capawan-Baker
Chairman

April 22, 2004
Date

Stella M. Washburn
Secretary