



RESOLUTION # 06-03-04

Data into Action Proposal with the Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Minority Health

NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

Burns-Paiute Tribe
Chehalis Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Colville Tribe
Coos, Suislaw &
Lower Umpqua Tribe
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek 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
Quinalt 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) is 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, in furtherance of this goal in 1997, NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (*EpiCenter*) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native epidemiology data; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center has gained national recognition for developing and implementing many useful and innovative projects to improve the health and quality of life of Northwest tribes and has served as a national model for other Indian Health Service (IHS) areas to emulate in establishing their *EpiCenter* programs; and

WHEREAS, the EpiCenter has assisted tribes in the Portland Area with the research and surveillance that has generated information that has utility for policy development or program planning; and

WHEREAS, tribes have different levels of infrastructure in order to be able to do the analysis, develop programs for intervention, and evaluate program implementation and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the EpiCenter is looking for effective ways to better able to assist the Portland Area tribes in utilizing all forms of data available to them and transform "Data into Action"; and

WHEREAS, the EpiCenter intends to evaluate the barriers that Portland Area Tribes face in fully utilizing data sources available to them by conducting assessments of 6-10 tribes in the Portland Area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health has made available \$250,000 total funding to perform the evaluation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort by staff of the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to accept the funding to perform the evaluation of the "Data into Action" project.

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CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-03-04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 34 for, Ø against, Ø abstain on April 20th, 2006.

Linda Hill
Chairman

April 21st, 2006
Date

Stella M. Washines
Secretary