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Resolution #07-03-09

**Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health across
the US (REACH) Centers for Excellence in Elimination of
Disparities and Action Communities**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a non-profit tribal organization that represents the forty-three federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho on health related issues; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The *EpiCenter* 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 NPAIHB and the *EpiCenter* have strong, established national partnerships with other EpiCenters, Indian Health Services, Tribal Organizations and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has invited proposals to advance evidence and practice based programs and culturally based community practices to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities by establishing Centers for Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED); and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases are the leading cause of death for AI/ANs over the age of 45 and for the US all races, and

WHEREAS, tribal members who participated in the BRFSS 2001 project indicated the following obesity problems: 8.7 % reported ever having heart disease, 10.0 % reported ever having a heart attack, and 6.8 % reported ever having a stroke, and

WHEREAS, the percentage of BRFSS respondents who reported being told by a health care provider that they had high blood pressure ranged from 21 – 32 % by tribe, and

WHEREAS, based on evidence from our existing programs, age-adjusted prevalence rates of diagnosed diabetes and obesity are three and two times higher, respectively, for AI/ANs than for non-Hispanic whites. About 15.1 percent of AI/ANs aged twenty years and older and receiving care from the IHS have diabetes. High rates of disease in AI/ANs seem to correspond to a high prevalence of behavioral risk factors such as poor diet, physical inactivity and smoking.; and

WHEREAS, based on CDC data the prevalence of overweight and obesity among AI/AN adults living in the Northwest States is between 62 and 72%, which is higher than the national all races level: and

WHEREAS, tribes have expressed an interest in providing programs that address chronic disease prevention and health promotion, which is consistent with the purpose of this funding initiative; and


WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the *EpiCenter* and a successful proposal will provide an opportunity for Northwest Tribes to promote healthy behaviors at the community level.

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 submit a grant application to the CDC for the "Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health across the US" funding initiative to address chronic disease issues to ameliorate health disparities in Northwest Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

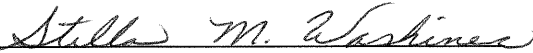
NO. 07-03-09

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 19, 2007.



Chairman

April 19, 2007
Date



Secretary