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RESOLUTION #09-02-01
Opposition to Restructuring IHS-OIT Support Packages and
Recommend that the IHS Withdraw its Pending Proposal

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a Tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents forty-three federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and is dedicated to assisting to promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people in the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB 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 Indian Health Service (IHS) has proposed a reorganization of the IHS Office of Information Technology (OIT) Support Packages; and

WHEREAS, all Northwest Tribes receive OIT services from the Agency on a direct service or as retained services or per buy-back arrangements (under P.L. 93-638) basis; and

WHEREAS, the IHS reorganization proposes a reconfiguration of the OIT packages into three menu options that include: (1) National Patient Information Reporting System (NPIRS); (2) Infrastructure, Office Automation, and Telecommunications, and; Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) that would require all shares associated with a support package to be retained with the IHS-OIT in order to receive any services associated with the package; and

WHEREAS, the consequence of this reconfiguration will affect all Tribes by eliminating the option of contracting or compacting for portions of IHS-OIT support packages to become effective in the FY 2011 negotiation cycle; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reconfiguration is not fair to direct service tribes who may decide to pursue Self-Determination opportunities since they will be limited to fully assuming or retaining Information Technology (IT) support packages; and

WHEREAS, those Tribes that have assumed or retained portions of the IHS-OIT support packages prior to the FY 2011 contract or compact negotiation cycle will be expected to fully assume or retain the proposed IHS-OIT support packages effective FY 2011; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reconfiguration represents a significant change in the manner for which Tribes contract/compact for IHS-OIT support packages and is inconsistent with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistant Act (P.L. 93-638), which bar the HHS Secretary or IHS from precluding Tribes from choosing what portions of IHS administrative support services they elect to assume

or leave with the Agency as retained services or per buy-back arrangements under P.L. 93-638 (Title I or Title V) arrangements; and

WHEREAS, Tribes understand that the escalating costs associated with carrying out information technology (IT) functions on behalf of the Agency and in order to address these issues, that the IHS should initiate this work in collaboration and not in the manner that the Agency has dictated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board oppose any changes to the IHS-OIT support packages and recommend that the IHS withdraw its pending proposal to configure IHS-OIT support packages.

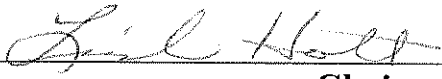
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in follow-up to a Tribal Consultation session conducted by IHS on December 17, 2008, the OIT has reported that it will appoint a workgroup to revamp the IT proposal, and that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board recommend that the workgroup include a Tribal representative from each of the twelve IHS Areas to be included with the Information Systems Advisory Committee (ISAC) members that will be appointed to the workgroup.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NPAIHB recommend that the comment period be extended 45 days after the first meeting of the workgroup.

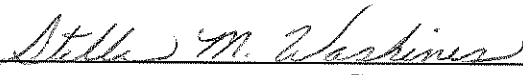
CERTIFICATION

NO. 09-02-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 31 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on January 22, 2008⁹


Chairman

1-22-09
Date


Secretary