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RESOLUTION #10-01-04
Recommend the Endorsement of a Demonstration Project or Projects
for a Regional Specialty Care Facility for the Portland Area

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 Idaho, Oregon, and Washington 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 the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Area Indian Health Service (PAO-IHS) adopted a Health Services and Facilities Master Plan in October 2005, which identified future primary, secondary, and to the extent possible tertiary specialty care referral health centers to meet the service needs for the 43 Portland Area tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Area Facilities Advisory Committee (PAFAC) was appointed by the PAO-IHS Director to oversee a pilot project to develop recommended adaptations to the current Health Facilities Construction Priority System (HFCPS) that would accommodate regional outpatient specialty care facilities proposed to serve multiple independent and autonomous tribes and organizations dispersed throughout distinct regions; and

WHEREAS, this pilot study was consistent with achieving the objectives of developing the three specialty care referral centers in the Portland Area Health Services and Facilities Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the pilot study has demonstrated that regional referral specialty care centers are a viable option to meet the health care needs of Northwest Tribes and further recommends a "Demonstration Project or Projects" to further test the viability of regional specialty referral centers for improved access to secondary care for AI/ANs and gather necessary, and presently unavailable, data to further inform planning metrics/thresholds for the future benefit of regional secondary care for all IHS Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Demonstration Project(s) are to be developed at a location(s) to be determined through deliberations of those involved and its findings will ultimately inform the development of appropriate and supportable adaptations to the existing HFCPS for more effective scoring of such facility projects; and

WHEREAS; such a facility will bring new resources that will provide on a direct care basis additional services beyond those currently available at existing Tribal and Federal sites in the Portland Area, and will allow for specialty care to be provided beyond Contract Health Service "Priority One"; and

WHEREAS; governance will be with the consent of the governed (participating Tribes); and

WHEREAS; no resources or services currently provided at existing local sites will be reduced or in any way adversely affected; and

WHEREAS; the range and scope of services provided, the physical size, the staffing, the location, and other pertinent aspects of a proposed facility will be determined based on the needs of the participating Tribes and communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses the PAFAC's recommendation to fund a "Demonstration Project" or projects – up to a total of three projects in the Portland Area – to include the planning, design, construction, and staffing of a regional referral center that will provide secondary care referral services to Portland Area Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 10-01-04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on October 22, 2009.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.
Chairman

Date

Stella M. Robinson
Secretary