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RESOLUTION NO.: 10-03-04
Supporting the Recommendations of the
Portland Area CHS Position Paper

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, on January 15, 2010, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Director, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux issued a "Dear Tribal Leader Letter" announcing a Tribal consultation process for the Contract Health Service (CHS) program, for which she has requested Tribal input on issues affecting the CHS program, the CHS funding methodology, and ways to improve the way that CHS programs conduct business; and

WHEREAS, because the Portland Area does not have any inpatient hospitals it is highly reliant on the CHS program to purchase specialty care and inpatient services and is considered to be a CHS Dependent Area; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has developed a Portland Area position to respond to Dr. Roubideaux's January 15th letter, in which Portland Tribes have outlined concerns around CHS issues that include:

1. Workgroup process issues associated with the 2001 CHS Workgroup.
2. The lack of Tribal consultation in implementing the 2001 Workgroup formula.
3. CHS funding and formula considerations.
4. Recommendation to develop a workgroup to address all resources to fund health care in the IHS system; and

WHEREAS, this Portland Area position paper is a preliminary step to compiling the concerns of Northwest Tribes and there could be additional issues of concern brought by Tribes individually and that could be added to the position paper.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and its member Tribes adopt the recommendations included the Portland Area CHS Position Paper, which were transmitted to the IHS Director on March 19, 2010.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 10.03.04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 31 for, _____ against, _____ abstain on April 22, 2010.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

4-22-10
Date

Brenda Nield

Secretary