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**Resolution #11-02-06**

**“Support for NPAIHB to Serve as a Sub-recipient to NIHB to Carry-out HITECH Regional Extension Center Activities”**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter “NPAIHB” or the “Board”) was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is a “tribal organization” as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USCS § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; 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**, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act authorizes the development of HITECH Regional Extension Centers to provide technical assistance and support health care providers’ efforts to become meaningful users of Electronic Health Records (EHRs); and

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) has received a \$15.6 million contract from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC ) to establish a HITECH Regional Extension Center (HITECH-REC) to assist Tribal health programs to certified electronic health records (EHRs) and meet the Meaningful Use (MU) standards for use of certified EHRs; and

**WHEREAS**, NIHB has proposed to enter into sub-recipient contract awards with Area Health Boards or tribal organizations to assist in carrying out its contract requirements of establishing a HITECH-REC to provide services in Indian Country; and

**WHEREAS**, if an Area does not have an organization to serve as a sub-recipient, than REC services will be provided by the California Rural Indian Health Board

(CRIHB), for non-RPMS sites, or by United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) at RPMS sites; and

**WHEREAS**, having NPaiHB serve as a sub-recipient was discussed at the January 24, 2011 Tribal Health Director meeting and determined that it would be in the best interest and most beneficial to have NPaiHB serve as a sub-recipient with NIHB to assist to provide technical assistance and support Portland Area health care providers' efforts to implement EHR and meet the requirements to achieve meaningful use; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NPaiHB directs the Executive Director to develop a proposal to be submitted to NIHB to serve as a sub-recipient to the HITECH-REC contract with ONC and assist Portland Area Tribes to implement EHR and assist in achieving meaningful use of certified EHRs.

**CERTIFICATION**

NO. 11-02-06

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 32 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on January 27, 2011.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.  
Chairman

1-27-11  
Date

Brenda Miller  
Secretary