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Resolution #: 11-03-06

Recommendation for the HHS Secretary and STAC to evaluate AI/AN Health Disparities in Healthy People 2010 and use Finding to Develop Action Plan for Healthy People 2020

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 NPAIHB 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 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, it has broadly understood and been demonstrated through statistical analysis that American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people experience disproportionately higher rates of health disparities than other groups of people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy People initiative is a science-based ten year national objective plan for improving the health of all Americans, which has established benchmarks and monitors progress over time in order to encourage collaborations across sectors, guide individuals toward making informed health decisions, and measure the impact of prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, despite the goals of the Healthy People initiative not much change toward attaining the goals in Health People 2000 and 2010 have been realized for AI/AN people even though the general population shows signs of improvement; and

WHEREAS, if the United States is serious about addressing AI/AN health disparities then a focused effort must be developed to evaluate the progress that AI/AN have made toward achieving the Healthy People objectives in 2010 and the findings should be used to develop an action plan for Indian Country toward attaining the goals for Healthy People 2020; and

WHEREAS, the HHS Secretary has established the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) for the purposes of exchanging views, sharing information and providing advice and recommendations to the HHS Secretary on programs, services and responsibilities of HHS programs; and

WHEREAS, developing an initiative to produce a report that evaluates the progress that AI/AN have made toward achieving the Healthy People objectives and identifying and action plan with recommendations to improve progress for Healthy People 2020 is an appropriate issue for Tribal leaders and the HHS Secretary to address within the proceedings of the STAC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB recommend that the HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee urge Secretary Kathleen Sibelius to initiate a report to evaluate AI/AN outcomes in the Healthy People 2010 that can be used to develop an action plan to address AI/AN disparities in the new Healthy People 2020 initiative.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 11-03-06

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 April 28, ~~2009~~ 11.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.
Chairman

4-28-11
Date

Stella M. Hopkins
Secretary