



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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Resolution #13-01-05 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemic Intelligence Officer

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 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, in furtherance of this goal in 1997, NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (*EpiCenter*) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) epidemiology data; and

WHEREAS, the *EpiCenter* has gained national recognition for developing and implementing many useful and innovative projects to improve the health and quality of life of Northwest tribes and has served as a national model for other Indian Health Service (IHS) areas to emulate in establishing their *EpiCenter* programs; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) has invited the Northwest Tribal *EpiCenter* to become a host site for an EIS officer, to provide professional development opportunities for an incoming EIS officer for the 2013-2015 class; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Area Indian Health Service (PAOIH) and the NPAIHB will work collaboratively, through the supervision of Tom Weiser, MD, MPH and Tom Becker, MD, PhD, to provide multiple learning opportunities that will support the mission of the EIS program; and

WHEREAS, this opportunity will provide additional support to current projects that address health disparities in AI/AN populations with regard to chronic diseases, injuries and infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, a successful proposal for this CDC training program would provide an opportunity for the CDC to work closely with the PAOIH, and the NPAIHB to mentor a public health professional; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of the PAOIH, NPAIHB, and the *EpiCenter*; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort by staff of the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to submit a proposal to CDC to host an EIS officer for the 2013-2015.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 13-01-05

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 30 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on Oct 18, 2011.
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Andrew C. Joseph Jr.
Chairman

10-18-12
Date

Barbara N. [Signature]
Secretary