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**Resolution #13-02-02**

**Recommendation that a Financial Conflict of Interest Policy be Added to the Program Operations Manual and Posted to the NPAIHB Website, in Order to Comply with Federal DHHS Regulations Impacting Grantees and Contractors**

**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 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 NPAIHB Tribal Epidemiology Center receives funds from agencies in the federal Department of Health and Human Services for projects that include research components with a purpose of providing various health data to participating tribe in support of the primary goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress has passed a regulation regarding financial conflict of interest in research funded by the Department of Health and Human Resources that took effect in August 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the new regulation requires that all contractors and grantees doing research must have a policy regarding financial conflict of interest containing specific items such as Investigator disclosure of such conflict of interest, reporting of the conflict of interest, a plan for addressing such conflict, and the posting on a publicly accessible website the policy and any conflicts of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB maintains a Program Operations Manual that contains Personnel Policies that already include a policy regarding Research Misconduct, and the Program

Operations Manual would be the appropriate place to include a financial conflict of interest in research policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB maintains a website that is accessible to the public and that website already posts organization documents, including the Program Operations Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB Personnel Committee has reviewed a draft conflict of interest in research policy prepared by staff, per the NPAIHB requirements of any changes in the Program Operations Manual

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the draft policy reviewed by the Personnel Committee be added to the Program Operations per its decision of January 23, 2013.

**CERTIFICATION**

NO. 13-02-02

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 29 for, \_\_\_\_\_ against, \_\_\_\_\_ abstain on Jan. 25, 2013.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.  
Chairman

1-25-13  
Date

Barbara N. [Signature]  
Secretary