Legislative Committee Report

January 17, 2017

Attendees: Brent Simosky, Jamestown S’Klallam; Gerald Hill, Klamath; Cheryl Rasar, Swinomish; Tino Batt, Shoshone Bannock; Leslie Wosnig, Suquamish Tribe; Kim Thompson, Shoalwater Bay; Cheryl Kennedy, Grande Ronde; Nicholas Lewis, Lummi; Andy Joseph, Jr., Colville

Staff: Joe Finkbonner, Laura Platero, Christina Peters

Four resolutions were considered and acted upon:

1. **Approval of Background Check Policy.**

This resolution requests Board approval of the Background Check Policy and incorporates the policy into the Program Operations Manual of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

Action: Motion by Shoshone Bannock; second by Shoalwater Bay; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

1. **Support submission of grant for CDC funding for Northwest Tribal Comprehensive Cancer Project.**

This resolution requests Board approval to submit a grant application to the CDC to request funding for Comprehensive Cancer Control Project.

Action: Motion by Swinomish; second by Shoalwater Bay; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

1. **Authorizations Related to National Indian Health Policy Education Foundation**

This resolution requests authorization for the Board to act as the fiduciary agent for the Myra Munson’s national Indian health policy foundation and provides approval for the opening of a new bank account in order to maintain a separation of funds while it serves as the fiduciary agent of the funds of the foundation. The resolution also resolves that the authorized signers of checks drawn on that account will be the Treasurer of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, the Executive Director, and the Administrative Officer; and the Purchase Order associated with the foundation require two of these officers’ signatures, and checks on the account require two of these officers’ signatures.

Action: Motion by Suquamish; second by Shoalwater Bay; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

1. **Pathways into Health – Northwest Native American Center of Excellence #17-02-01.**

This resolution supports the application of Oregon Health & Science University to HRSA for the Pathways into Health: Northwest Native American Center of Excellence proposal.

Actions: It was approved by the Executive Committee on December 7, 2016 and requires ratification by the full Board. In addition, there was a motion by Jamestown S’Klallam; second by Lummi; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

Christina Peters talked about IHS’s Dear Tribal Leader Letter issued on January 4, 2017 announcing IHS decision to move forward with nationalization of CHAP. She shared a draft letter from the Board to IHS thanking them for nationalization of CHAP.