**Legislative Committee Report**

**April 17, 2018**

Attendees: Andy Joseph, Jr. (Colville), Karol Dixon (Port Gamble S’Klallam), Gerald Hill (Klamath Tribe), Cheryle Kennedy (Grande Ronde), Nate Tyler (Makah), Elizabeth “Ann” Lindroth-Jim (Shoshone-Bannock)

Staff/Other: Joe Finkbonner, Laura Platero, Sarah Sullivan, Christina Peters

The Committee discussed concerns related to workforce development, the President’s FY 2019 Budget Proposal for the Indian Health Service, funding to address the opioid crisis, and funding for the Community Health Aide Program.

The Committee agreed to forward these resolutions previously acted on by the Executive Committee to the full Board for ratification:

* 18-03-01: Support for the Pathways into Health: Northwest Native American Center of Excellence (COE) at Oregon Health & Science University.
* 18-03-02: NW Juvenile Justice Alliance – NIJ-2018-13840 Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants
* 18-03-03: Public Health Improvement and Training – CDC-RFA-OT18-1803 Tribal Public Capacity Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement

The Committee took action on this resolution:

* NPAIHB support of OHSU’s Prevention Research Center. Klamath made the motion to forward this resolution to the full Board for consideration; second by Port Gamble S’Klallam. Committee voted and unanimously approved the motion.

The Committee directed the staff to prepare these resolutions for the full Board’s consideration:

* A call to Congress to support continued Indian Health Service funding for Community Health Representatives, Health Education, Tribal Management Grant Program and Indian Health Professions Funding;
* A call to Congress for continued support of mandatory funding for Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) and permanent authorization of SDPI with increased funding;
* A call to Congress to support an increase to Indian Health Service funding for Indian Health Professions;
* Support for direct access of tribes and tribal organizations to Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Targeted Response to Opioid Crisis Grants (STR) and to reduce administrative burden in accessing STR and other SAMHSA funding; and
* Washington State Medicaid Transformation Demonstration Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Funding to support Area Community Health Aide Program Certification Board.

A resolution that would address CHAP students’ eligibility for IHS scholarships (or loan repayment program) was discussed and will be considered in the future.