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RESOLUTION # 16-03-01

Injury Prevention Program: Elder Falls Prevention

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, the NPAIHB Injury Prevention Program (IPP) has, since 2010, provided information, resources, training and technical assistance the Northwest Tribes on topics including elder falls prevention; and

WHEREAS, unintentional injury is the 3rd leading cause of mortality for Northwest AI/AN of all ages (11.4% of all deaths, more than 2 times higher for AI/AN than for Whites); and that falls were the leading cause of injury deaths for AI/AN elders in the Northwest 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, NPAIHB's IPP has identified a funding opportunity to continue to support tribal injury prevention efforts in the Northwest, with the goals of increasing awareness and knowledge; and the following specific funding opportunity is:

US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Community Living (ACL)/Administration on Aging's (AOA) *Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs Financed Solely by 2016 Prevention and Public Health Funds (PPHF-2016)*, HHS-2016-ACL-AOA-FP-0133, which aims to significantly increase the number of tribal older adults and older adults with disabilities at risk of falls in who participate in evidence-based community programs to reduce falls and falls risks; and implement innovative funding arrangements to support the evidence-based falls prevention programs beyond the end of the grant period.

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative is consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the NW Tribal EpiCenter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by staff of the EpiCenter, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to pursue funding through the AOA's *Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs in Tribal Communities Financed Solely by 2016 Prevention and Public Health Funds*.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 16-03-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 20 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 21, 2016.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

April 21, 2016
Date

Gregory J. Abrahamson
Secretary