



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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RESOLUTION #: 16-04-02

Portland Area Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Funding

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 prevention of harm to the health and well-being of tribal members is an essential aspect of the purpose of the NPAIHB; and

WHEREAS, any in utero exposure of the fetus to alcohol can cause FASD and is entirely preventable; and

WHEREAS, community-based understanding and accommodation of those impacted by FASD is the most effective way to increase the quality of life of those who have been harmed by exposure to alcohol; and

WHEREAS, IHS has funded the NPAIHB \$145,000 since 1997 to conduct prevention and education activities on FASD to tribes in the Portland Area; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB has retained specialists who work with and within communities to provide information and support to tribal prevention efforts and to enrich the lives of those impacted by FASD; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB has also contracted with the University of Washington to provide prevention services to pregnant AI/AN women and in some instance access to its diagnostic clinic; and

WHEREAS, the IHS funding to NPAIHB has been the only funding available to the Portland Area that prevents FASD and assists the families and community to accommodate the disorders and thereby significantly enrich the lives and possibilities for achievements of those impacted by FASD; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB recently learned that IHS FASD funding would no longer be provided to the NPAIHB and would be redirected to an IHS National Behavioral Health Program involving telemedicine.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board opposes the termination and/or redirection of FASD funding for the Portland Area tribes to a national program and requests continued funding for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB requests additional funding to expand the FASD services to its member tribes to prevent and mitigate the impacts of FASD to Northwest Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 110-04-02

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 25 for, 25 against, 0 abstain on August 11, 2016.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

August 11, 2016
Date

Bregyn J. Anderson
Secretary