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Resolution # 18-04-01

**Investigating Maternal Opioid Use, Neonatal Abstinence
Syndrome and Response in NW Tribal Communities
Research to Improve Native American Health**

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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board 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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NPAIHB is to eliminate health disparities and improve quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the NPAIHB's strategic plan is to support and conduct culturally-appropriate health research and surveillance among northwest Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) has invited proposals to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American health, including conducting secondary analysis of existing data; merging various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conducting pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assessing and validating measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities; and

WHEREAS, support will leverage and utilize the Epi Center's access to existing hospitalization data on maternal opioid use and other substance use and neonatal withdrawal syndrome and expand data abstraction planned by the Epi Center to address gaps in data and knowledge needed by NW Tribes to address health disparities in maternal substance use and neonatal withdrawal syndrome; and

WHEREAS, National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) is a participating organization in the NIMHD funding announcement and are interested in funding research pertaining to any aspect of opioid use disorder (OUD), including data on the nature of the problem and related factors on and/or off reservations; including a focus on pregnant women and exposure to opioids

WHEREAS, the rate of maternal opioid use has increase among all races and current data is needed to determine if there is a disparity found among American Indians and Alaskan Natives mothers;

WHEREAS, tribes have expressed an interest in the need to address maternal substance use and understand what practices and policies are currently addressing maternal substance use at the community level, which is consistent with the purpose of this funding initiative; and

WHEREAS, prior research has indicated that punitive approaches have failed to improve or resolve addiction problems and undermine the health and well-being of women and children; and

WHEREAS; prior research has also shown that providing prenatal care, medical assisted therapies and continued breastfeed among mothers has improved perinatal outcomes; and

WHEREAS, a successful proposal for this NIH/NIHMD/NIDA funding initiative would provide an opportunity for Northwest Tribes to assess the availability, quality and completeness of maternal opioid and substance use data and investigate current strategies among NW Tribes to address maternal opioid use, towards the goal of having the evidence and knowledge needed to design future tribal interventions to reduce maternal opioid and other substance use and improve maternal and child health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the *EpiCenter*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort by the staff of the *EpiCenter*, under guidance of the Executive Director, to submit a grant application to the NIMHD requesting funding for the initiative entitled "**Investigating Maternal Opioid Use, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Response in NW Tribal Communities.**"

CERTIFICATION

NO. 18-04-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on May 4th, 2018.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

May 4, 2018
Date

Guy J. Abraham
Secretary