



## RESOLUTION # 19-03-01

### NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

Burns-Paiute Tribe  
Chehalis Tribe  
Coeur d' Alene Tribe  
Confederated Tribes of Colville  
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower  
Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Confederated Tribes of Siletz  
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla  
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
Coquille Tribe  
Cow Creek Tribe  
Cowlitz Tribe  
Hoh Tribe  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Kalispel Tribe  
Klamath Tribe  
Kootenai Tribe  
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe  
Lummi Tribe  
Makah Tribe  
Muckleshoot Tribe  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Nisqually Tribe  
Nooksack Tribe  
NW Band of Shoshone Tribe  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
Puyallup Tribe  
Quileute Tribe  
Quinalt Tribe  
Samish Indian Nation  
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe  
Shoalwater Bay Tribe  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribe  
Skokomish Tribe  
Snoqualmie Tribe  
Spokane Tribe  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
Stillaguamish Tribe  
Suquamish Tribe  
Swinomish Tribe  
Tulalip Tribe  
Upper Skagit Tribe  
Yakama Nation

### NATIVE BOOST RESEARCH TO IMPROVE NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH (R21)

**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 (ISDEAA) (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that advocates and provides support to the forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington on specific health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the definitions of ISDEAA 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 mission of the NPAIHB is to eliminate health disparities and improve quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN); 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 AI/AN communities; and

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**WHEREAS**, tribal immunization coordinators have expressed an interest and need to address falling immunization rates and response to recent outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in tribal communities, which is consistent with the purpose of this funding initiative; and

**WHEREAS**; prior surveillance and qualitative inquiry has also described a lack of trust in government recommendations, lack of transparent and factual information, and a lack of tribally focused and sensitive approaches to sharing immunization-related recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, a successful proposal for this NIH, NIHMD, and National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) funding initiative would provide an opportunity for Northwest Tribes to pilot and adapt a strategy to provide community presentations to share the science of vaccines and discuss questions that community members have with a knowledgeable health care provider. The intervention would also provide follow-up opportunities to obtain more information about vaccines through a text-based messaging hotline previously used in non-native communities. We propose to test these approaches for feasibility, practicality and cultural acceptability; and


**WHEREAS**, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) endorses and supports an effort by the staff of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC), under guidance of the Executive Director, to submit a grant application to the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) requesting funding for the initiative entitled "**Native Immunization Boost**"

**CERTIFICATION**

**NO: 19-03-01**

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 33 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 18, 2019.



**Chairman**

April 18, 2019

**Date**



**Secretary**