



## RESOLUTION # 20-03-02

### NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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### HEALTH RESOURCES SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OPIOID-IMPACTED FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANT TO SUPPORT CHAP BHA PROJECT - FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: HRSA-20-014

**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 non-governmental "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**, American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have very limited access to health care services and are disproportionately affected by behavioral health disparities and these disparities are directly attributed to the lack of health professionals in AI/AN communities, which has caused a serious access issue and backlog of health services for AI/AN people; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our member tribes have great difficulty and face significant challenges in recruiting health professionals to have in their communities that results in further challenges in ensuring continuity and comprehensive healthcare for AI/AN people; and

**WHEREAS**, this specific funding opportunity supports developing the behavioral health workforce for AI/AN people in Idaho, Oregon and Washington to deliver sustainable, culturally relevant behavioral health services in AI/AN communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) has been in existence since 1964 as a program of the Indian Health Service (IHS) and has a successful Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, CHAP grows providers from within Tribal communities who provide patient-centered quality care that comes from providers that understand the history, culture, and language of their patients, and

**WHEREAS**, CHAP workforce is contingent upon the development of CHAP education programs and training centers; and

**WHEREAS**, our member tribes would benefit from BHA education programs in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, NPAIHB has a Tribal Community Health Provider Program that has been working towards CHAP Expansion in the Northwest with establishing a Dental Health Aide Therapist program and BHA program; and

**WHEREAS**, NPAIHB has a longstanding relationship with Northwest Indian College, Swinomish, Didgwalic, Yakama Nation, Heritage University and Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and these entities have agreed to work with NPAIHB to establish a BHA education program in the Northwest.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by NPAIHB Tribal Community Health Provider Program staff to create the Northwest *Tribal Behavioral Health Aide Education Program*, under the guidance of the NPAIHB Executive Director, to pursue funding through Health Resources & Services Administration – ***Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program funding to support Washington BHA Education Programs.***

**CERTIFICATION**

**NO. 20-03-02**

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 April 17, 2020.



**Chairman**

April 17, 2020

**Date**



**Secretary**