



RESOLUTION # 20-04-01

NORTHWEST TRIBAL DENTAL PREVENTIVE AND CLINICAL SUPPORT CENTER (HHS-2020-IHS-TDCP-0001)

NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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

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, in furtherance of this goal in 1997 NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (*EpiCenter*) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) epidemiology data; and

WHEREAS, the *EpiCenter* has gained national recognition for developing and implementing many useful and innovative projects to improve the health and quality of life of Northwest Tribes and has served as a national model for other Indian Health Service areas to emulate in establishing their *EpiCenter* programs; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian/Alaska Native population is faced with the greatest prevalence of oral disease of any population; and

WHEREAS, recent oral health surveys conducted by Indian Health Service (2018-2019 for 1-5 year old survey; 2015 for adult survey) indicate that:

- 54% of AI/AN children aged 1-5 years have a history of tooth decay,
- 35% of AI/AN children aged 1-5 years have untreated tooth decay,
- 65% of adults 35-44 years and 49% of elders 55+ years have untreated tooth decay,

- 13% of adults 35-44 years and 19% of elders 55+ years have severe periodontal (gum) disease,
- 71% of adults 35-44 years and 92% of elders 55+ years have had at least one tooth removed because of tooth decay, trauma, or gum disease,
- 43% of adults 35+ years report painful aching in their mouth during the last year; and

WHEREAS the Northwest Tribal Dental Preventive and Clinical Support Center has a longstanding history and reputation of providing assistance, training, and continuing dental education to the 36 dental programs in the Portland Area; and

WHEREAS the services provided by the Northwest Tribal Dental Preventive and Clinical Support Center help to increase the overall resources and capacity of the dental services available for each dental site in the Portland Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort to apply for the continued funding of the Northwest Tribal Dental Preventive and Clinical Support Center in response to proposal announcement HHS-2020-IH

CERTIFICATION

NO. 20-04-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board on July 14 – July 15, 2020. A quorum being established; 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on July 15, 2020.



Chairman



Secretary