



**TI- 21-007 Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Grant
RESOLUTION # 21-02-03**

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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, since 1997, Northwest American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people have had consistently higher drug and opioid overdose mortality rates compared to non-Hispanic Whites (NHW) in the Northwest region; and

WHEREAS, from 2012-2016, the AI/AN age-adjusted death rate for drug overdose was more than twice the rate of non-AI/AN in the region, and the rate of opioid overdose was 2.7 times higher; and

WHEREAS, our member tribes are in need of additional resources directly from the federal government for funding to combat the multitude of problems related to opioid use through best practices for their tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Opioid Response (TOR), FOA No. TI-21-007, provides up to 150 awards to tribes across Indian country, including 11 of our member tribes; and

WHEREAS the NPAIHB's Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (EpiCenter) is authorized to operate nationally to carry out the goals and objectives of SAMHSA's TOR grant and to coordinate a NPAIHB TOR Consortium on behalf of our interested member tribes; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB has deeply rooted partnerships with our member tribes, and has a successful track record of administering public health programs that are sensitive

to the concerns and needs of tribal communities, including prior iterations of TOR funding (H79TI081812, H79TI082598, and 1H79TI083243); and

WHEREAS, our member tribes have provided NPAIHB with the authority to apply for the SAMHSA TOR grant on their behalf as part of the NPAIHB TOR Consortium; and

WHEREAS, NPAIHB is not competing with member tribes applying for this funding directly, but rather, ensuring that those tribes that do not apply directly receive funding for grant activities through the NPAIHB TOR Consortium; and

WHEREAS, NPAIHB EpiCenter would provide leadership, coordination, data management and analytic support, and training and technical assistance to member tribes participating in the NPAIHB TOR Consortium to ensure successful completion of grant activities; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the NW Tribal EpiCenter strategic plan; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by staff of the NPAIHB/NW Tribal EpiCenter, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to pursue funding through the TI-21-007 SAMHSA TOR grant on behalf of member tribes who participate in the NPAIHB TOR Consortium

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board at the January 20, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting. With a quorum being established.



Nicolaus Lewis, Chairman

ATTEST:



Greg Abrahamson, Secretary