



NPAIHB

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the Northwest
Portland Area
Indian Health
Board:

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Colville Tribe
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Umpqua Tribe
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Tribe
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RESOLUTION # 21-03-04

Native Dental Therapy Initiative - Implementation of Dental Therapy Offered by the National Indian Health Board

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 primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs, also known as Dental Therapists) have been recognized as important mid-level providers in Tribal health programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Expansion of the Community Health Aid Program (CHAP) was recently approved by IHS which will enable more clinics nationwide to employ DHATs; and

WHEREAS, Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs, also known as Dental Therapists) are required to have their work supervised by a Supervising Dentist; and

WHEREAS, supervising Dentists and Dental Therapists must Dental Health Aide Therapists must agree on the treatment that is planned and completed for patients; and

WHEREAS, ensuring alignment of treatment philosophies and therefore treatment plans enables a stronger supervision relationship; and

WHEREAS, calibration activities have been shown to be effective at helping clinicians to align their treatment philosophies; and

WHEREAS, creation of an online treatment calibration activity requires contracting a company with this expertise; and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Health Board is offering a funding opportunity of up to \$25,000 for work to improve the implementation of dental therapy laws in Tribal communities, and this funding opportunity permits a maximum indirect rate of 10%.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorses and supports efforts by staff of the Tribal Community Health Provider Project, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to apply for funding from the National Indian Health Board in the amount of \$25,000 to support the creation of an online treatment planning calibration course designed for dental therapists and their supervising dentists, and related support for this training.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors at the April Quarterly Board Meeting, held virtually April 20, 2021 – April 22, 2021, with a quorum present.



Nickolaus D. Lewis
Chair, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health
Board
Councilman, Lummi Indian Business Council

ATTEST:



Greg Abrahamson, NPAIHB Secretary