

Legislative and Resolutions committee Minutes

April 20, 2021

Attendees: Andy Joseph (Colville), Cheryle Kennedy (Grand Ronde), Ann Jim (ShoBan), Karen Robey, Lorinda Robideau, Rachel Edwards (Nez Perce), Kim Coombs, Greg Abrahamson

NPAIHB Staff: Sue Steward, Laura Platero, Itai Jeffries, Tom Becker, Veronica Smith, Jessica Leston, Amy Franco

The Legislative and Resolutions Committee discussed 12 resolutions.

The Committee reviewed 6 funding resolutions discussed:

1. Strengthening Indigenous Health and Science Research: NW NARCH Program

NW tribal students and undergrad/grad students in pursuit of training can get funding. Now therefore, be it resolved, that NPAIHB supports the NW NARCH application designed to fund: 1) NW tribal high school students, and 2) undergraduate and graduate students in pursuit of sciences

2. NW Tribal Food Sovereignty Coalition and Food Sovereignty Initiatives Project 2021 RFA NAAF Settlement Funding: Keepseagle v. Vilsack Litigation

Therefore be it resolved, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by staff of the EpiCenter, under the guidance of the ED, to pursue funding through the 2021 Native American Agriculture Fund.

3. IHS Minority HIV/AIDS Fund Clinical Programs Support

Now therefore be it resolved, that NPAIHB approves the Clinical Programs Project to continue to secure funding through IHS Minority HIV/AIDS funds for clinical program support through September of 2025. This is new funding.

4. IHS MHAF to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in Indian Country

Funding of \$1.5 million. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the NPAIHB supports applying for funding through IHS MHAF to support ending the HIV epidemic in Indian Country by helping to build a national strategic agenda.

5. Native Dental Therapy Initiative- Funding Offered by NIHB for Education and Outreach to Enhance Policies Supportive of Dental Therapy

In amount of \$25,000 to support NDTI work toward a stronger online presence with improved sharing of information, including creation of a new website and more robust social media presence.

6. Native Dental Therapy Initiative –Implementation of Dental Therapy Offered by NIHB

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.

Action: Motion to approve all 6 funding resolutions: Andy Joseph (Colville), second Ann Jim (ShoBan), passed by unanimous vote to the Board for consideration.

7. Call on Congress to Support Full or Increased Funding for FY 2022 Indian Health Service Budget

Two options for funding at \$12.8 billion or the President’s proposed FY 2022 budget increase.

Andy Joseph: Want to support National Tribal Budget Recommendations at 12.8 billion; using COVID pandemic as example of where tribes would have been if listened to years ago and IHS funded at normal average rate compared to any other races in the US; Recommends Option 1

Cheryle Kennedy: support for full funding; that’s what we said that’s what we need to do; supports option 1

No one opposes on the committee moving forward with option 1

Action: Motion by Greg Abrahamson to approve of option 1; second by Andy Joseph; and all in favor to pass the resolution for Board’s consideration.

The Committee reviewed 5 Policy Resolutions:

8. Action by Unanimous Consent of the Governing Board Restatement of 403(b) Retirement Plan

IRS requirement – a complete restatement of the prior Plan to be effective on 1/1/2010. Question from Cheryle -has this gone through Personnel Committee? No.

9. Article X (Amendments) of the NPAIHB Constitution and By-Laws-30 Days Notice

Hereby agrees to provide all duly appointed delegates a copy of the proposed changes to the constitution at least 30 days prior to the official vote on the proposed changes; and Executive Director directed to provide notice

One change proposed by Greg - changing hereby to shall

10. Support for Trans and Gender Affirming Care in IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Facilities--2021 Strategic vision and Action Plan

Supports trans and gender affirming care in ITU 2021 Strategic Vision and Action Plan. Presentation will be conducted by Itai and Morgan tomorrow. Morgan Thomas – collaborate on clinics to implement goals

What time is presentation tomorrow? Noon on Thursday

11. Option for Tribal Nations to Exempt their COVID Funds from Indirect Cost Rate Calculations

Andy: testified on this during HHS Annual Budget Consultation; don't want negative impact; tribes didn't cause epidemic; all this funding coming to tribes being used to offset impacts of the virus; definitely need to be exempt on this funding

Cheryle: on how indirect cost rates are calculated, when PRC funds were CHS tribes could decide whether to treat them as pass through \$\$ vs. apply indirect rate; see it as same way

12. Portland Area CHAP Certification Board

Supports development of the PACCB with federal baseline standards; supports finalization of recommended seating chart recommended by CHAP Board Advisory Workgroup

Action: Motion to approve remaining 5 policy resolutions: motion by Andy Joseph; second by Greg Abrahamson; all in favor, no opposition/abstentions to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.