**Legislative Committee Report**

**October 22, 2019**

Attendees: Cheryle Kennedy (Grande Ronde), Greg Abrahamson (Spokane), Kay Culbertson (Cowlitz), Cheryl Rasar (Swinomish), Kim Thompson (Shoalwater Bay), Libby Cope (Makah)

Staff: Joe Finkbonner, Laura Platero

Three resolutions and two other items were discussed in the Legislative/Resolution Committee:

1. **Resolution- Tribal Community Health Provider Program Funding for Development of Behavioral Health Aide Program (BHAP) and Native Dental Therapist Initiative (NDTI) Education Programs**

This resolution endorses and supports efforts by staff of the Tribal Community Health Provider Project*,* under the guidance of the Executive Director, to accept funding from the North Sound Accountable Community of Health and the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe to support the development of the Behavioral Health Aide (BHA)education program including purchase of the Alaska BHA curriculum; and to accept funding from the North Sound Accountable Community of Health and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community to support the development of Native Dental Therapy Initiative education program including funding to complete the purchase of the Alaska Dental Therapy Education Program (ADTEP) curriculum.

Action: Motion by Spokane; second by Swinomish; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for ratification.

1. **Resolution- Northwest Health Foundation Funding for Dental Therapy Legislation in Oregon**

Under this resolution, the NPAIHB supports the grant application to the Northwest Health Foundation requesting up to $20,000 to fund advocacy for dental health aide therapy legislation in Oregon.

Action: Motion by Spokane; second by Swinomish; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

1. **Resolution- Support of Ban on Sale of Flavored Vaping Products**

Under this resolution, NPAIHB supports a ban on the sale of flavored Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) or vaping products within facilities owned, operated, or leased by tribes including: a) all businesses that sell tobacco and nicotine products, and b) all areas within reservation boundaries; and NPAIHB requests that the Indian Health Service issue a statement supporting a ban on the sale of, and use of, flavored ENDS or vaping products.

Action: Motion by Spokane; second by Swinomish; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

1. **Other Items**

In addition, the Committee is requesting to send two letters to IHS Principal Deputy Director, RADM Michael Weahkee on these issues:

1. The Contract Support Costs (CSC) Workgroup has not held a meeting since April, 2018. Andy Joseph, Jr., former Chair of NPAIHB and former CSC Workgroup Chair, sent a letter to RADM Weahkee on June 3rd requesting a meeting. The Committee requests that a follow-up letter be sent to RADM Weahkee requesting a meeting.
2. The Committee recommends that a letter be sent to RADM Weahkee requesting that DHATs be inclusive of federally-operated facilities/direct service tribes.