



NPAIHB

**Member Tribes of
the 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
- Kalispel Tribe
- Klamath Tribe
- Kootenai Tribe
- Lower Elwha
Klallam 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

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RESOLUTION # 21-03-13

“Partnership with National Community Health Representative Program”

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 USC § 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, Community Health Representatives (CHRs) are frontline public health workers who are trusted members of the community with a close understanding of the community, language, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, CHRs serve as a link between the clinical setting and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery; and

WHEREAS, CHRs assist by increasing the health knowledge of patients and communities through a broad range of activities such as transportation to health visits, outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Health Service (IHS) CHR Program provides funding, training, and technical assistance to tribal CHR Programs to address the health care needs through the provision of community-oriented health services; and

WHEREAS, NPAIHB has acknowledged that the CHR programs provides critical services to many of our tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the National IHS CHR Program would like to provide an estimated \$250,000 to partner with the NPAIHB Clinical and Community Programs to assist in completing a comprehensive evaluation of the National CHR program; and

WHEREAS, this evaluation would help assist Northwest Tribal and National CHR Programs build, grow and spread their best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB supports working with the National IHS CHR Program for this work.


CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors at the Executive Committee Meeting, held virtually June 4, 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

Ratified at the Quarterly Board Meeting on July 29, 2021 by the Board of Directors