



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 # 21-04-02

**“CareQuest - Strengthen Community Voice and State Advocacy:
Community-level Dental Health Aide Education”**

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, oral health is essential to overall health and quality of life, and dental health aides and dental therapists have been proven to improve oral health outcomes for tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, CareQuest has invited NPAIHB to submit a proposal to their “Strengthen Community Voice and State Advocacy” initiative; and

WHEREAS, NPAIHB wishes to use this opportunity to develop a project to scale-up community-based Dental Health Aide (DHA) education programs with an emphasis on rural tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will also support plans for inclusive implementation of new and future dental therapy education programs in our region to build a more complete and accessible oral health care education ladder that starts at community- level DHA education with pathways to a bachelor’s degree; and

WHEREAS, this funding would also support efforts to continue working toward state and federal policies that support authorization of dental therapists and broaden that authorization to allow more communities to benefit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB authorizes the submission of a grant application to CareQuest for up to \$200,000, including and up to 15% indirect cost rate, for an anticipated project period of one year.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee on July 13, 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.