

Legislative and Resolutions committee Minutes

July 27, 2021

Attendees: Andy Joseph (Colville), Cheryl Rasar (Swinomish), Ann Jim (ShoBan), Kim Coombs (Shalwater Bay) , Greg Abrahamson (Spokane), Kay Culbertson, (Cowlitz), Casandra Sellards-Reck (Cowlitz), Nick Lewis, (Lummi), Gerald Hill, (Klamath)

NPAIHB Staff: Sue Steward, Laura Platero, Liz Coronado, Sujata Joshi, Amy Franco

The Legislative and Resolutions Committee discussed and acted upon 6 resolutions.

The Committee reviewed and approved 4 funding resolutions for ratification:

1. Resolution #21-03-13 Partnership with National Community Health Representative Program- the national CHR program would like to provide an estimated \$250,000 to partner with NPAIHB Clinical and Community Programs to assist in completing a comprehensive evaluation of the National CHR program.
2. Resolution #21-03-14 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Tribal Public Health Capacity-Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement: 2021 Supplemental Proposals – the supplemental funding topics of interest in FY 2021 include Building the Tribal Public Health Workforce Through Student Engagement, Improving Tribal Data Sharing Capacity, and The Implementation of Tele-Education for Adverse Childhood Experiences and Violence Prevention Among the AI/AN Population Through Project ECHO.
3. Resolution #21-04-01 The Ford Family Foundation – Oregon Tribes Dental Health Aide Therapist Pilot Project – the Ford Family Foundation has invited NPAIHB to apply for a noncompetitive renewal to continue dental therapist pilot project activities for an amount up to \$200,000 for an anticipated project period of one year.
4. Resolution #21-04-02 CareQuest – Strengthen Community Voice and State Advocacy: Community-Level Dental Health Aide Education – the proposed project will 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 pathways to a bachelor’s degree. 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 from this up to \$200,000 for an anticipated one-year project period.

Action: The motion to accept these four resolutions as presented, in their totality, for ratification was made by Cheryl Rasar, Swinomish and seconded by Kay Culbertson, Cowlitz. Motion Carried.

The Committee reviewed and approved two new policy resolutions:

1. Support for NPAIHB Epi Center Access and Record Linkages with Public Health Surveillance Systems in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. To correct identification of AI/AN in public health data is essential for monitoring tribal communities' health and planning prevention and intervention efforts. Seek endorsement and support of staff efforts to access and when possible complete record linkages with multiple public health surveillance systems in the tri-State area.

There were questions about what data sets would be reviewed. Sujata was on the call to answer questions.

Action: The motion was made by Gerald Hill, (Klamath) and seconded by Greg Abrahamson, (Spokane) to accept the resolution as presented. Motion Carried.

2. Support for NPAIHB Epi Center Access to the Indian Health Service's National Data Warehouse Data for Record Linkages. To have the capability to perform ongoing projects that improve the quality and accessibility of health data for Northwest Tribes (for example, record linkages with cancer registries, vital statistics, hospital and emergency department data systems, trauma registries, and STD/HIV registries), the NPAIHB Epi Center needs ongoing access to the Indian Health Service National Data Warehouse.

Action: The motion was made by Kay Culbertson, (Cowlitz) and seconded by Cheryl Rasar, (Swinomish) to accept the resolution as presented. Motion Carried.

Legislative Update – Liz Coronado, NPAIHB Senior Health Policy Advisor provided some high-level legislative updates to be aware of and consider.

A discussion ensued regarding IHS Director permanent position and who the NW tribes should endorse in that position. Discussed acting director, Liz Fowler; Dr. Luke John Day, Oglala and Chief of Medicine USSF-MC; and Loretta Christensen. No resolution was developed. The group leaned toward Acting HIS Director, Liz Fowler.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Steward, NPAIHB Deputy Director, Cow Creek Tribe