Legislative Committee meeting: April 19, 2016

Attendees: Joe Finkbonner, Laura Bird, Elizabeth Ann Jim, Kim Zillyet, John Stephens, Geoff Strommer, Shirley Alvarez, Leslie Wosnig, Cheryle Kennedy, Ed Fox, Greg Abramson, Andy Joseph, Jr.

Four resolutions were considered:

1. **Injury Prevention Program: Elder Falls Prevention**:

This resolution authorizes the NPAIHB to endorse and support efforts by staff of the EpiCenter, under guidance of the Executive Director, to pursue funding through the AOA’s Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs in Tribal Communities Financed Solely by 2016 Prevention and Public Health Funds.

Motion by Suquamish; second by Shoshone-Bannock; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

1. **Support for Renewal of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center**:

This resolution authorizes the NPAIHB to endorse efforts by staff of the EpiCenter, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to apply for renewal funding for the support of the work of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center.

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

1. **PA-13-262: Implication of New Digital Media use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R01)**

This resolution authorizes the NPAIHB to endorse and support efforts by staff of the EpiCenter, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to pursue funding through the “NIH-Implications of a New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research” funding opportunity.

Motion by Suquamish; second by Shoalwater Bay; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

1. **RFA-MH-17-350: Colloborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth (U19)**

This resolution authorizes the NPAIHB to endorse and support efforts by staff of the Epi-Center, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to pursue funding through the “NIH- Collaborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth” funding opportunity.

Motion by Suquamish; second by Skokomish; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

OTHER DISCUSSION

The Committee members discussed a Medicaid carve out for the Northwest similar to the one explored at Navajo as the 51st state under Medicaid. A report to Congress on the feasibility of a Navajo Navajo Medicaid Agency was prepared a few years ago. The Committee directed staff to draft a resolution to explore the possibility of a Medicaid carve out for the Northwest.