



RESOLUTION # 19-03-01

NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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Chehalis Tribe
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Confederated Tribes of Colville
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower
Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek Tribe
Cowlitz Tribe
Hoh Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Kalispel Tribe
Klamath Tribe
Kootenai Tribe
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
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NW Band of Shoshone Tribe
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Puyallup Tribe
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Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
Skokomish Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe
Squaxin Island Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe
Suquamish Tribe
Swinomish Tribe
Tulalip Tribe
Upper Skagit Tribe
Yakama Nation

NATIVE BOOST RESEARCH TO IMPROVE NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH (R21)

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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is a "tribal organization" as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that advocates and provides support to the forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington on specific health issues; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the definitions of ISDEAA at 25 USCS § 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 mission of the NPAIHB is to eliminate health disparities and improve quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN); and

WHEREAS, a goal of the NPAIHB's strategic plan is to support and conduct culturally-appropriate health research and surveillance among northwest Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) has invited proposals to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American health, including conducting secondary analysis of existing data; merging various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conducting pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assessing and validating measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in AI/AN communities; and

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WHEREAS, tribal immunization coordinators have expressed an interest and need to address falling immunization rates and response to recent outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in tribal communities, which is consistent with the purpose of this funding initiative; and

WHEREAS; prior surveillance and qualitative inquiry has also described a lack of trust in government recommendations, lack of transparent and factual information, and a lack of tribally focused and sensitive approaches to sharing immunization-related recommendations; and

WHEREAS, a successful proposal for this NIH, NIHMD, and National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) funding initiative would provide an opportunity for Northwest Tribes to pilot and adapt a strategy to provide community presentations to share the science of vaccines and discuss questions that community members have with a knowledgeable health care provider. The intervention would also provide follow-up opportunities to obtain more information about vaccines through a text-based messaging hotline previously used in non-native communities. We propose to test these approaches for feasibility, practicality and cultural acceptability; and


WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) endorses and supports an effort by the staff of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC), under guidance of the Executive Director, to submit a grant application to the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) requesting funding for the initiative entitled "Native Immunization Boost"

CERTIFICATION

NO: 19-03-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 33 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 18, 2019.



Chairman

April 18, 2019

Date



Secretary