



**Behavioral Health Aid Training and Support Project  
RESOLUTION # 21-02-04**

**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  
Kalispell Tribe  
Klamath Tribe  
Kootenai Tribe  
Lower Elwha 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  
Quinault 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

2121 S.W. Broadway  
Suite 300  
Portland, OR 97201  
Phone: (503) 228-4185  
Fax: (503) 228-8182  
[www.npaihb.org](http://www.npaihb.org)

**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 non-governmental “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 (“member tribes”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act 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**, American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) communities are disproportionately affected by physical health, behavioral health and oral health disparities and inadequate access to health services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Health Aide Program (CHAP), including Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHAT) and Behavioral Health Aides (BHAs) has been in existence in Alaska since 1968 and has proven to significantly improve health outcomes for communities served by these providers; and

**WHEREAS**, NPAIHB has established a Tribal Community Health Provider Program to bring CHAP providers to the Portland Area and member tribes would benefit from training members of tribal communities to become care providers for their own communities; and

**WHEREAS**, NPAIHB has a longstanding relationship with Washington Health Authority for BHA education and training; and

**WHEREAS**, NPAIHB is developing a BHA education program and is seeking funds to support BHA students who have been furloughed in their practicum field placement due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, this specific funding opportunity supports developing the behavioral health workforce for AI/AN people in the Pacific Northwest to deliver high quality, sustainable, culturally relevant behavioral services in AI/AN communities; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is available through the Tribal Behavioral Health Division of WA Health Care Authority in the amount of a \$100,000 contract; and

**WHEREAS**, funding will be used to fund two Northwest Elders Knowledge Holders and Culture Keepers trainings in the Spring and Fall; and

**WHEREAS**, funding will be used to support the salary for a BHA student furloughed during the Covid-19 pandemic, allowing the student to complete required partium hours for certification.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by staff of the Behavioral Health Aid Training and Support Project, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to accept funding from the Tribal Behavioral Health Division of WA Health Care Authority, to support the BHA education program.

### **CERTIFICATION**

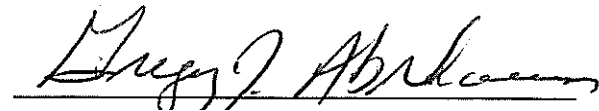
The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board at the January 20, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting. With a quorum being established.



---

**Nicolaus Lewis, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**



---

**Greg Abrahamson, Secretary**