

Legislative and Resolutions committee Minutes

July 14, 2020

Attendees: Nick Lewis (Lummi Nation), Kay Culbertson (Cowlitz), Mike Collins (Warm Springs), Cassia Katchia (Warm Springs), Tracey Rascon (Makah),

NPAIHB Staff: Christina Peters, Laura Platero, Sarah Sullivan

The Legislative and Resolutions Committee discussed five resolutions. The Committee suggested minor formatting edits to the Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Portland Area Certification Board. No edits were proposed to the other four resolutions. Chairman Lewis requested a future resolution on homelessness as a public health issue and a resolution on racism/racial bias in health policies/health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Legislative and Resolutions Committee discussed the five following resolutions:

1. Direct Tribal Access to the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) During National or State Public Health Emergencies

The HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within HHS administers the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and is not statutorily required to deploy SNS personal protective equipment and medical supplies to IHS, tribes, tribal health organizations, or urban Indian organizations. Currently, only states have direct access to the SNS. Legislation is needed to guarantee that IHS, tribes, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations have direct access to the SNS. Under this resolution, NPAIHB calls on Congress to enact legislation that amends Section 319F–2(a)(3)(G) of the Public Health Service Act requiring the HHS Secretary to directly deploy the appropriate drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical devices, counter measures, personal protective equipment and other supplies from the strategic national stockpile, and qualified pandemic or epidemic products to health programs or facilities operated by the IHS, an Indian tribe, a tribal organization, an inter-tribal consortium, or through an urban Indian organization.

Action: Motion by Cowlitz; second by Lummi Nation (Nick Lewis); and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

2. Portland Area Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Certification Board

Under this resolution, NPAIHB supports the creation of and implementation of the Portland area CHAP Certification Board (PACCB). Additionally, NPAIHB supports the development of the PACCB with federal baseline standards for consistency of services provided by any CHAP program. The NPAIHB CHAP Board Advisory Workgroup has spent

the previous two years laying the foundation for the PACCB. On July 2, HHS issued the IHS Circular No. 20-06 for the CHAP with the purpose of implementing, outlining, and defining a national CHAP policy for the contiguous 48 states. Portland Area Tribes have established and continue to implement CHAP within our member tribes. Our member tribes would benefit from the existence of a Portland Area CHAP Certification Board for certification of CHA/Ps, BHA/Ps, and DHA/Ts as outlined in the IHS Circular for CHAP expansion.

Action: Motion by Lummi Nation; second by Cowlitz; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

3. Native Dental Therapy Initiative – Funding Offered by the National Indian Health Board for Education/Outreach to Enhance Policies Supportive of Dental Therapy

The National Indian Health Board is offering a funding opportunity of up to \$25,000 for work to enhance policies supportive of dental therapy programs. Under this resolution, NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by staff of the Tribal Community Health Provider Project, under the guidance of the Executive Director to apply for funding from NIHB in the amount of \$25,000 to support NDTI work toward a stronger online presence with improved sharing of information, including creation of a new website and more robust social media presence.

Action: Motion by Lummi Nation; second by Cowlitz; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

4. Native Dental Therapy Initiative – Implementation of Dental Therapy Offered by the National Indian Health Board

The National Indian Health Board is offering a funding opportunity of up to \$25,000 for work to improve the implementation of dental therapy laws in Tribal communities. Under this resolution, NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by the Tribal Community Health Provider Project, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to apply for funding from NIHB in the amount of \$25,000 to support the creation of an online Supervising Dentist Training for dentists planning to supervise DHATs, and related support for this training.

Action: Motion by Makah; second by Lummi Nation; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.

5. Northwest Tribal Dental Preventive and Clinical Support Center HHS-2020-IHS-TDCP-0001

WHEREAS the services provided by the Northwest Tribal Dental Preventive and Clinical Support Center help to increase the overall resources and capacity of the dental services available for each dental site in the Portland Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort to apply for the continued funding of the Northwest Tribal Dental Preventive and Clinical Support Center in response to proposal announcement HHS-2020-IHS-TDCP-0001.

Action: Motion by Makah; second by Lummi Nation; and unanimous vote to pass the resolution to the Board for consideration.