



2011 Winter Conference North Bend, Oregon

RESOLUTION #11 - 04

"SUPPORT FOR NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD (NPAIHB) TO SERVE AS A HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH (HITECH) REGIONAL EXTENSION CENTER (REC)"

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the HITECH Act authorizes the development of HITECH REC to provide technical assistance and support health care providers' efforts to become meaningful users of Electronic Health Records (EHRs); and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) has received a \$15.6 million contract from the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology to establish a HITECH-REC to assist Tribal health programs to certify EHRs and meet the Meaningful Use (MU) Standards for use of certified EHRs; and

WHEREAS, NIHB has proposed to enter into sub-recipient contract awards with Area Health Boards or tribal organizations to assist in carrying out its contract requirements of establishing a HITECH-REC to provide services in Indian Country; and

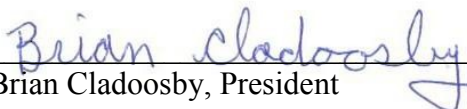
WHEREAS, if an Area does not have an organization to serve as a sub-recipient, then REC services will be provided by the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB), for non-Resource and Patient management System (RPMS) sites, or by United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) at RPMS sites; and

WHEREAS, having NPaiHB serve as a sub-recipient was discussed at the January 24, 2011 Tribal Health Director meeting and determined that it would be in the best interest and most beneficial to have NPaiHB serve as a sub-recipient with NIHB to assist to provide technical assistance and support Portland Area health care providers' efforts to implement EHR and meet the requirements to achieve meaningful use; now

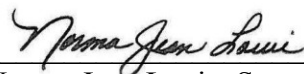
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board under a sub-contract with National Indian Health Board to serve as a Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Regional Extension Center to assist Portland Area Tribes to implement Electronic Health Records and assist in achieving meaningful use requirements in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid incentive programs.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2011 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park, North Bend, Oregon on January 30 – February 3, 2011 with a quorum present.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary