



Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council

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Resolution # 04-18-2022

A ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BILLINGS AREA COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM, AREA CERTIFICATION BOARD AND ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEES AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE HEADQUARTERS DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (TLC) has been created for the express purpose of providing its member Tribes with a unified voice and collective organization to address issues of concern to the Tribes and Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the TLC consists of duly elected Tribal Chairs, Presidents, and Council Members who are fully authorized to represent their respective Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the RMTLC established via charter the RMTLC Tribal Health Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, the RMTLC Health Subcommittee has been delegated certain authorities as defined in the RMTLC Tribal Health Subcommittee Charter, which was signed on June 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the RMTLC Health SC is comprised and has access to subject matter experts (SMEs) that provide TA to the area as appointed by Tribal leadership; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that we have many partners that we collaborate with on a variety of technical issues in creation of these policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, we have the authority to recommend these items to RMTLC for ratification and we have identified processes related to policy and legislative affairs for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state governments are required under Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000 (Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments), that charges all executive departments and agencies with engaging in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have Tribal implications; and

WHEREAS, through tribal consultation services from our Tribal sovereign nations our voices are heard and reflective of the interest and needs of the Rocky Mountain Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) is a tribe as defined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs List Act and provides health services and public health services through its Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) contract with the Indian Health Service, and

WHEREAS, The Fort Belknap Indian Community passed Resolution Number 140-2021 authorizing the execution of the Community Health Aide Program Tribal Planning and Implementation grant, and

WHEREAS, The Billings Area Certification Board and Academic Review Committees have been created by FBIC according to the authorities contained in the Snyder Act, 25 USC § 13, Transfer Act, 42 USC § 2001, Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, 25 USC § § 5301 et seq, US DHHS & Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation Policy, and the Indian Health Service CHAP Policy Circular #20-06, and includes a federal representative, and

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council has evidence of medical, dental, and behavioral health workforce deficiencies due to historical and systemic issues related to regional clinical and public health capacity constraints, underrepresentation of American Indians and Alaskan Natives in post-secondary academic institutions and corresponding achievement, and due to recruitment and retention of professionals and allied health staff in rural and frontier locales, and

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council recognizes the Indian Health Service's Community Health Aide Program statutes and policies are consistent with tribal self-governance related to recruitment, retention, training and certification of Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health providers, and

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council through the delegatory process for the Indian Health Service's Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group (CHAP TAG) have been consistently involved in regional representation through the Delegate and Alternate, and

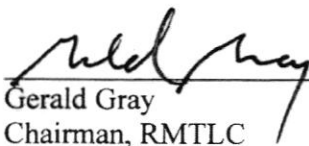
WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council CHAP TAG's Delegate and Alternate have formally requested the Indian Health Service Acting Deputy Director to circulate immediately drafts of the National CHAP Certification Board, including the standards and procedures, and documents related to the certification process, and all other policy related matters related to the planning and establishment of the National Certification Board, and

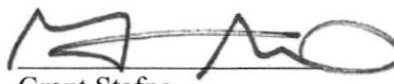
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council supports the Billings Area's CHAP TAG requests of the Indian Health Service's Acting Deputy Director, and the Billings Area's regional efforts concerning the establishment of the Billings Area Certification Board and Academic Review Committees consistent with stated authorities and privileges of a federal CHAP certification board, and to immediately provide drafts of the National CHAP Certification Board, including but not limited to, the standards and procedures, and documents related to the certification process, and all other policy related matters related to the planning and establishment of the National Certification Board, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Indian Health Service provide a timeline concerning the formal establishment of the CHAP National Certification Board, including but limited to, the finalization of the National Certification Board, the seating of members on the National Certification Board, and Indian Health Service Headquarters and National Certification Board procedures related to eventual certification of Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health providers as requested by the CHAP TAG and the Billings Area Alternate and Delegate.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as the Chair and Secretary of the Tribal Leaders Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and passed, with (7) voting in favor and (0) opposed with (0) abstaining, at a Board meeting of the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council on April 18, 2022, in Billings, MT.


Gerald Gray
Chairman, RMTLC


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Secretary, RMTLC