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USET Resolution No. 2012:008

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP APPOINTMENTS

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Indian Tribe has a government-to-government relationship grounded in numerous historical, political, legal, moral, and ethical considerations; and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that Indian Tribes and U.S. Departments/Operating Divisions engage in open continuous, and meaningful consultation; and
- WHEREAS,** the importance of Tribal Consultation with Indian Tribal Governments was affirmed through Presidential Memoranda (1994, 2004 & 2009) and a subsequent Executive Order (2000); and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was the first to develop and implement a Tribal Consultation process under the Presidential directives; and
- WHEREAS,** the development of a Tribal Consultation process was completed with direct involvement of Tribal Governmental representatives, including USET staff; and
- WHEREAS,** a variety of committees/workgroups have been developed to facilitate meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments on issues that impact them and to promote Indian Tribes' participation in the decision making process to the greatest extent possible; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors appoints the following individuals to represent member Tribes and their interests on the following Department of Health and Human Services committees/workgroups:
1. **Indian Health Service: National/Area Budget Formulation Workgroup**
 - a. *Meg Parsons, Health Planner, Oneida Indian Nation
 - b. Sandra Yarmal, Health Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe Pleasant Point
 - c. *Ann Stevens, Health Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
 - d. Terry Sweat, Health Administrator, Seminole Tribe of Florida
 - e. Denise Ward, Health Planner, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida
 - f. Dee Sabattus, Director-Tribal Health Program Support, USET

*Upon individual Tribal Leader Approval
 2. **Indian Health Service: Contract Support Cost Workgroup**
 - a. Primary- Joseph Socobasin, Tribal Chief-Passamaquoddy Tribe Indian Township
 - b. Technical Representative-Doug Weaver, Financial Controller-Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
 - c. Technical Representative-Dee Sabattus, Director-Tribal Health Program Support, USET
 3. **Department of Health and Human Services: Title VI Tribal/Federal Workgroup**
 - a. Primary- Lynn Malerba, Chief-Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut; and, be it further

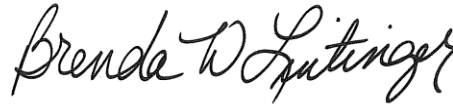
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors authorizes and empowers the appointed individuals to act and make recommendations/decisions on their behalf while attending the respective committee/workgroup meetings and/or conference calls.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, on Thursday, November 10, 2011.



Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

“Because there is strength in Unity”