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USET Resolution No. 2016:039

NATIONAL HEALTH RELATED COMMITTEE AND 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 Tribal Nations, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Nations' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Tribal Nation have a government-to-government relationship grounded in numerous historical, political, legal, moral, and ethical considerations; and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that Tribal Nations 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 Tribal Nation participation in the decision-making process to the greatest extent possible; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the United States recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors appoints the following individuals to represent member Tribal Nations and their interests on the following Department of Health and Human Services committees/workgroups:

1. Indian Health Service FY 2017 Nashville Area Budget Formulation Team

- a. Theresa Cochran, CEO, Micmac Service Unit, Indian Health Service

- b. Edie Jackson, Health Administrator, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- c. Jill MacDougall, Health Director, Penobscot Indian Nation
- d. Myra Sylestine, Health Director, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- e. Kevin Tarrant, American Indian Community House
- f. Tim Waterman, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Seneca Nation Health Department
- g. Tihtiyas (Dee) Sabattus, Tribal Health Program Support Director, USET
- h. Hilary Andrews, Health Policy Analyst, Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- i. IHS Nashville Area Office Staff; and


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 and/or workgroup meetings and/or conference calls.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Atmore, AL, May 18, 2016.



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



Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

“Because there is strength in Unity”