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## USET SPF Resolution No. 2019 SPF:015

### **NATIONAL HEALTH RELATED WORKGROUP AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-seven (27) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET SPF Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribal Nation, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribal Nations' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Tribal Nation has 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 critical importance of Tribal Consultation with Tribal Nation 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 Nation Governmental representatives, including USET staff; and
- WHEREAS,** a variety of committees/workgroups have been developed to facilitate meaningful consultation with Tribal Nation 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 U.S. 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 SPF 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 Services**

- a. Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee, Representative: Lance Gumbs, Tribal Trustee, Shinnecock Indian Nation
- b. Contract Support Costs Work Group, Technical Advisor: Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- c. Nashville Area Budget Formulation Work Group, Member: Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- d. Facilities Appropriations Advisory Board, Alternate: Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- e. Work Group on Purchased and Referred Care, Technical Advisor: Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- f. Work Group on Indian Health Care Improvement Fund, Technical Advisors: Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director, USET and Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET

**2. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):**

- a. Tribal Advisory Committee, Technical Advisor: Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- b. Tribal Advisory Committee, Technical Advisor Alternate: Kate Grismala, Assistant Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET

**3. Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee:**

- a. Primary Representative: Elizabeth Neptune, Passamaquoddy Indian Township
- b. Alternate Representative: Stephanie Bryant, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

**4. Office of Minority Health, Tribal Advisory Committee:**

- a. Alternate Representative: Elizabeth Neptune, Passamaquoddy Indian Township
- b. Tribal Advisory Committee, Technical Advisor: Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- c. Tribal Advisory Committee, Technical Advisor Alternate: Kate Grismala, Assistant Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET

**5. Health Research Advisory Committee, Alternate Representative:** Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET**6. National Indian Health Board, Board of Directors Alternates:** Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director, USET and Martha Ketcher, Director of Tribal Health Program Support, USET

and, be it further

**RESOLVED** the USET SPF 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.

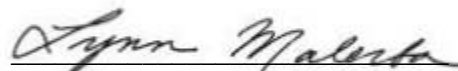
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**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, March 7, 2019.



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United South and Eastern Tribes  
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Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary  
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