



USET Resolution No. 2011:008

**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-five (25) 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 Tribes 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. **Department of Health and Human Services: Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC)**
 - a. Primary- Buford Rolin, Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
 - b. Alternate- Casey Cooper, Chief Executive Officer, Cherokee Indian Hospital, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 - c. Technical Advisor- Dee Sabattus, Interim Director/Policy Analyst, Tribal Health Program Support/USET
 2. **Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services: Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG)**
 - a. Primary-Donita Stephens, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
 - b. Alternate-Dee Sabattus, Interim Director/Policy Analyst, Tribal Health Program Support/USET
 - c. Technical Representative-Carol Barbero, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker
 3. **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee (TCAC)**
 - a. Primary-Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director, USET
 - b. Alternate-Connie Hilbert, Health Director, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
 4. **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration: Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (STTAC)**
 - a. Primary-Elizabeth Neptune, Tribal Council Member, Passamaquoddy Indian Township
 - b. Alternate-Deborah Martin, Health Director, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

- 5. **Office of Minority Health: Health Research Advisory Committee (HRAC)**
 - a. Primary-Elizabeth Neptune, Tribal Council Member, Passamaquoddy Indian Township
 - b. Alternate-Dee Sabattus, Interim Director/Policy Analyst, Tribal Health Program Support/USET
 - c. Technical Representative-Christy Duke, Epidemiologist, USET
- 6. **Indian Health Service: Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC)**
 - a. Primary-Buford Rolin, Tribal Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
 - b. Alternate-Elizabeth Neptune, Tribal Council Member, Passamaquoddy Indian Township
 - c. Technical Representative(s)- Dianna Richter, Diabetes Consultant, USET
- 7. **Indian Health Service: National/Area Budget Formulation Workgroup**
 - a. Terry Sweat, Health Administrator, Seminole Tribe of Florida
 - b. Ann Stevens, Health Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
 - c. Meg Parsons, Health Planner, Oneida Indian Nation
 - d. Sandra Yarmal, Health Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe Pleasant Point
 - e. Denise Ward, Health Planner, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida
 - f. Tribal Health Program Support Staff, USET
- 8. **Indian Health Service: Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)**
 - a. Primary-Marilynn Malerba, Chief, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
 - b. Alternate-Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director, USET
 - c. Technical Representative-Wanda Janes, Deputy Director, USET
 - d. Technical Representative- Dee Sabattus, Interim Director/Policy Analyst, Tribal Health Program Support/ USET; 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 Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 14, 2010.



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



Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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