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USET Resolution No. 2014:019

NATIONAL HEALTH 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; 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 Tribes and their interests on the following health related committees/workgroups:

1. Center for Disease Control and Prevention Tribal Advisory Committee

- a. Primary Delegate Michell Hicks, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- b. Alternate Delegate Jill McDougall, Health Director, Penobscot Indian Nation

- a. Primary Delegate Terri Henri, Chairwoman, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- b.Alternate Delegate Primary Delegate Tihtiyas (Dee) Sabattus, Director, Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- 3. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group
 - a.Primary Delegate Tihtiyas (Dee) Sabattus, Director, Tribal Health Program Support, USET
 - b.Alternate Delegate Nancy Johnson, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- 4. National Indian Health Board Area Board Member
 - a. Primary Delegate Buford Rolin, Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
 - b.Alternate Delegate Patricia Sponzo-Bechard, Health Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- 5. National Indian Health Board Public Health Accreditation Board
 - a. Primary Delegate Vickie Bradley, Health Director, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 - b.Alternate Delegate Kate Grismala, Assistant Director, Tribal Health Program Support, USET

6. Indian Health Service Nashville Area Budget Formulation Team

- a. Meg Parsons, Government Programs, Oneida Indian Nation (Upon Nation Approval)
- b. Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Council Representative, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
- c. Dee Sabattus, Director, Tribal Health Program Support, USET
- d. Tina Scott, Health Director, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- e. Anthony Hunter, Clinic Administrator, Shinnecock Indian Nation
- f. Elizabeth Malerba, Health 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 Cherokee, NC, on Thursday, October 31, 2013.

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

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

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