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USET Resolution No. 2014:046

NATIONAL HEALTH RELATED 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 and Agencies engage in open continuous and meaningful consultation; and
- WHEREAS,** the importance of Tribal Consultation with Indian Tribal Governments was affirmed through Presidential Memoranda and an Executive Order; and
- WHEREAS,** the development of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 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 committees/workgroups:
- 1. Indian Health Service FY 2016 Nashville Area Budget Formulation Team**
 - a. Casey Cooper, Chief Executive Officer, Cherokee Indian Hospital, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 - b. Nakia Dana, Tribal Health Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe Indian Township
 - c. Theresa Cochran, Health Systems Administrator, Micmac Service Unit, Indian Health Service
 - d. Tihtiyas (Dee) Sabattus, Director, Tribal Health Program Support, USET
 - e. Elizabeth Malerba, Health Policy Analyst, Tribal Health Program Support, USET
 - f. Urban Representative

g. Nashville Area Office Staff, Indian Health Service

2. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Tribal Advisory Committee

- a. Primary-Robert McGhee, Treasurer, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- b. Alternate-Terri Henry, Chairwoman, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

3. National Indian Health Board Nashville Area Board Member

- a. Cedric Cromwell, Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
- b. Patricia Sponzo-Bechard, Health Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians;
and, be it finally

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 Bar Harbor, ME, June 4, 2014.



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



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

“Because there is strength in Unity”