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## USET SPF Resolution No. 2017 SPF:008

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

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) 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 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 Nation 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 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.Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group**

- a. Primary - Casey Cooper, Chief Executive Officer, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- b. Alternate - Nancy Johnson, Health Assistant, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

**2.Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Tribal Advisory Committee**

- a. Primary – Patrick Lambert, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

**3. National Indian Health Board – Nashville Area Representatives**

- a. Primary - Beverly Cook, Tribal Chief, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
- b. Alternate - Nancy Johnson, Health Assistant, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

**4. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Tribal Advisory Committee**


- a. Primary - Robert McGhee, Vice Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- b. Alternate - Jill Mitchell, Health Director, Penobscot Indian Nation


and, be it finally

**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.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, October 26, 2016.

  
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Chief Kirk Francis, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes  
Sovereignty Protection Fund

  
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Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes  
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