

## Congratulations to our New Executive Director

### Ed Fox

by Ed Fox




It's an honor to be named the Executive Director of the premiere Indian health organization in the country. It is the highlight of my career. The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has set the standard for professionalism for tribal organizations nationwide. I intend to maintain those standards, the Board's national reputation, continue to build its distinguished staff, and its ability to be responsive to the expressed needs of our tribes. I want to talk to you more later about my plans, but I need to hear from you first. So I'll save that for the next newsletter. Let me tell you some specifics about myself.

I have 14 years' experience with health care issues. I have a PhD from the University of Washington and my 1993 University of Washington doctoral dissertation, *Federalism and State Health Care Policymaking 1900-1993*, was published as a special re-publication by

The Intergovernmental Health Policy Project in 1994. From 1991 to 1995 I was an assistant professor of Government at Eastern Washington University where I taught health care policy, state government, and local government courses. I have worked for the State of Washington Department of Health and I also worked as a community analyst at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington on a Breast Cancer Health Promotion project.

My main experience for the Executive Director has come from my nearly six years experience as the Policy Analyst where I had the responsibility to keep member tribes informed on national and state legislative and administrative issues as they relate to Indian health programs. I have also assisted Board projects over these six years from grant writing to reporting to negotiating for additional funds. I have supervised staff at the Board and served on various internal committees. In addition, on two occasions, I served as the acting Executive Director.

I have two kids, Claire age 13 and Philip age 9. Both are good students, athletes and very good pianists as well. Claire pitches a softball 50 miles an

hour. I'm her catcher and last year the manager of our 24 wins and 6 losses girls' softball team. I guess I'll have to go back to being just the coach. Philip loves baseball and football. My wife Peggy is back in school at Portland State University. We all love living in Portland and our annual summer visit to the tribes' hosting the July Board meeting. My family benefits from and enjoys the interesting work I do. This year they need to adjust to Dad being home more. 



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*Karen Harvey, Grants/Contract Accountant*  
*Verné Boerner, Administrative Officer*  
*Virginia Winters, Bookkeeper*  
*Elaine Dado, Executive Secretary*  
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# Happy and Healthy 2001

## Diabetes Recipes

### Pepper Steak

1 lb. Top round or flank steak  
2 tsp. Light soy sauce  
1 tsp. Minced garlic  
4 tsp. Canola oil, divided  
2 cups thinly sliced green peppers  
2 cups chopped celery  
2/3 cup chopped green onions  
1/4 cup water  
1 Tbsp. Cornstarch

Trim all fat from steak, cut on the diagonal across the grain in slices about 1 x 1/4 inch. Place in a medium bowl and add soy sauce and garlic; stir. Set aside.

Heat 2 tsp. Oil until very hot in large skillet. Add prepared vegetables and stir-fry for 2 minutes. Remove from skillet and place in stainless bowl and cover with plastic wrap to keep warm. Add remaining oil to skillet, heat, add steak, and stir-fry for 2 minutes.

In a cup or small bowl, mix cornstarch with water. Add to steak. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Add vegetables, mix thoroughly, and heat an additional minute until piping hot.

### Submarine Sandwich

1/2 loaf (1/2 lb.) French bread  
Mustard  
2 oz. Part-skim mozzarella cheese, sliced  
1/4 lb. Turkey, sliced  
1 cup shredded lettuce  
1 medium tomato, thinly sliced  
1/2 medium onion, thinly sliced  
2 oz. Cooked smoked ham, thinly sliced  
1/2 medium green pepper, thinly sliced  
2 Tbsp. Reduced-fat Italian dressing  
4 long wooden picks or small skewers

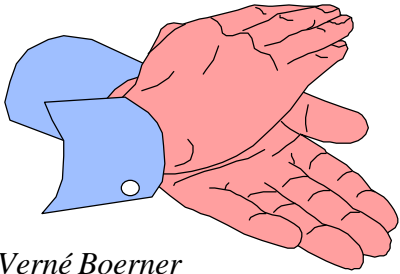
Cut bread into halves horizontally.  
Spread bottom half with mustard.

Layer cheese, turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, ham, and green pepper on top. Drizzle with dressing; top with remaining bread half. Secure loaf with picks. To serve, cut into 4 pieces. Yield: 4 sandwiches/  
Serving size: 1 sandwich—Preparation time 5 minutes!!



Award Winners at the IHS Directors Award Ceremony. Left to Right: Wes Bell (Ptlid Area IHS), Kelly Gonzales (NPAIHB), Rod Smith (NPAIHB), Mike Crocker, CPA, Puyallup Tribe Consultant and Richard Truitt (Ptlid Area IHS)

# Meet our new Administrative Officer Verné Boerner



by Verné Boerner

Verné (Qaanaaq) Boerner is the new Administrative Officer for the Board since November 20, 2000. She is Iñupiaq Eskimo from the NANA Region (Northwest Alaska) in Alaska. She is named after her grandmother, Lucy (Qaanaaq) Jackson, who was a community health aide in Kiana, Alaska for over 20 years.

Verné has a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Business Administration, with a focus on Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis from Portland State University. Since joining the Board in 1995, Verné has worked with several of the Board's projects in various capacities. These include:

Northwest Tribal Recruitment Project as Project Assistant

Western Tobacco Prevention Project as Project Assistant

Hanford Health information Network—Tribal Service Program as Information



*Verné Boerner, NPAIHB's new Administrative Officer*

Specialist

Northwest Tribal Welfare Information Project as Project Assistant

Women's Health Promotion Program as Project Director

Program Operations as the Health Resources Coordinator

"I am honored to work for the Board and through the years, I have admired the model that the tribes in the North-



west have built. It is exciting to be a part of such an effective group that has put the health and quality of life for tribal members above all else, and which has benefited tribes nationally!

I cannot express my appreciation for working with the NPAIHB tribes as I am able to not only uphold, but also incorporate, the values that my elder's, especially my mother and grandmother, have instilled in me into my everyday work.

As for my grandmother's namesake, I hope to honor her by making a positive impact on the health and well being of American Indians and Alaska Natives as she has done."

Verné and her husband, Tasso, have one daughter, Pakak Sophie Boerner, and are expecting their second child in February.



*Sharon John, Womens Health Promotions Program & Injury Prevention Director*

## New Director for WHPP

LCDR Sharon L. John comes from Yakama Service Unit, United States Public Health, and has 33 years of nursing experience with the past 12 years in Public Health Nursing. Her most recent assignment was the Injury Prevention Specialist at the Yakama Service Unit. June 1, 2000, she began working as the Director of the Womens Health Promotions Program (WHPP) and the Health Promotion Injury Control Project at Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

Sharon is currently completing her Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Fellowship and project with the Yakama Nation. She has begun her Masters in Nursing Administration with Washington State University, Vancouver, Washington.

Sharon is married to Lehigh J. John Sr., and they have four son's (Syd, Shawn, Kevin and Lehigh Jr.) and one daughter (Lucy) and are proud Ulla and Push-sha (grandparents) of Kanine, Brook Lyn, and Kaia.



# Western Tobacco Prevention Regional & National Projects

*By Liling Sherry, Project Director*

WTPP ended a chapter and began another in tobacco prevention at the close of the year 2000. We proudly submitted our final report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); all goals and objectives were successfully completed. The new grant projects began and have an expanded approach to the work we have been doing for the last four years. CDC funded our applications for a regional "Support Center for Tobacco Program" and our proposal for a National Tribal Network for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

WTPP hired three new staff members to support the two tobacco projects. We are happy to have hired Richard Bristol as our Project Assistant. We were also lucky to hire Vanessa Dick (Burns Paiute Tribal member) as our Regional Coordinator for the Support Center. Faye Hunter (Choctaw/Cherokee) will be joining us as the National Coordinator for the Tribal Network on January 24, 2001. 🌿

Richard Bristol was born in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and moved to Portland at the age of two. He has been living in Portland for the past 28 years. He is currently a Portland State University student. He has extensive health and environmental experience. In his free time Richard enjoys snowboarding, camping, dancing, computers, paintball, and renting movies. Some long-term goals for him are to finish college, find a wife, and have a child, a house with a white picket fence and dinner ready when he gets home from work. 🌿



Vanessa Dick

*(Check out Vanessa's bio to the right)*

The Western Tobacco Prevention Project (WTPP) has added a new position for the New Year 2001. The new Regional Training Coordinator is Vanessa Dick, an enrolled member of the Burns Paiute Tribe and descendent of the Shoshone and Choctaw tribes.

Vanessa was raised on the Burns Paiute Reservation, located in southeastern Oregon, and graduated from Burns High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education and minor in biology from Western Oregon University. In her free time, she enjoys reading, sports, and spending time with her family.

If your community needs tobacco information and/or prevention training please contact Vanessa Dick at 503-228-4185 or email her at [vdick@npaihb.org](mailto:vdick@npaihb.org). 🌿

## THE NEWEST TEAM OF TOBACCO ADVOCATES

Richard Bristol

*(Check out Richard's bio to the left)*



*Sam Sherry, youngest tobacco advocate*

The tobacco project staff would like to wish you and your communities a Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2001. Check our web page and your mail for announcements on trainings. We will have one coming up in Oregon for tobacco cessation.

# Appreciation Party for ROD SMITH

By Verné Boerner

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Staff was pleased when the Executive Committee chose Rod Smith as the Acting Executive Director while the selection process for a permanent director was conducted. Rod came to the Board after eighteen years with the Puyallup Tribe's Takopid Health Clinic including his very active participation as a delegate to the Board. Rod was gracious with his time during his three-month tenure as the Acting Executive Director.

Though he was at the Board in his executive capacity for only three months, Rod made great contributions to the Board taking a proactive approach incorporating a consultative, open attitude in his decision-making processes. He had to employ a fast learning curve to ascertain the status of the Board's activities and to prioritize issues. Rod always put the interest of NPAIHB's member tribes and the



strength and well-being of the Board first while remaining sensitive to staff needs.

At his appreciation party, staff thanked Rod for his dedication to the tribes, his good humor, and most of all his lasting contribution to maintain the reputation and work of the Board. The Board also thanks the Puyallup Tribe for appointing Rod as the Tribe's delegate so his contribution to the Board can continue! 🌿

*Rod having his cake and eating it too.*



*Rod and Verné share in laughter as Rod opens a gift from the board staff and wonders if something is going to pop out at him.*



## CADSP NEW STAFF MEMBER

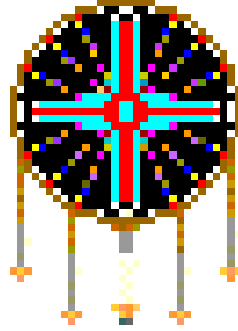


Hello my name is Sharon Flemming, I am the new Project Assistant for the California Area Diabetes Surveillance Project. I am of Cherokee decent and an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. I am originally from Mendocino County (Northern California), having spent many years working for the California tribes including: Mariposa, Amador Calaveras, Tulumne Indian Health Board, Redding Rancheria, Shasta Trinity Indian Health Clinic, and California Indian Manpower. I am happy to contribute to an improved health information system for the California Area Tribes.

# New Faces at the Board



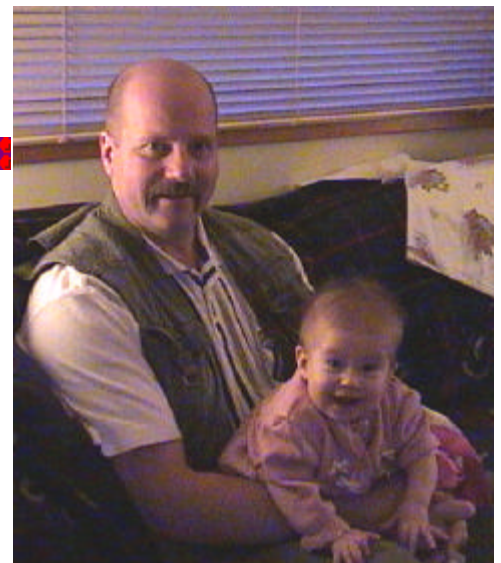
Jim Gaudino, MD, MPH, MS, joined *The EpiCenter* in November as the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Medical Epidemiologist. Dr. Gaudino is also currently a Senior Medical Epidemiologist with CDC's Division of Reproductive Health, Pregnancy and Infant Health Branch and a Clinical Associate Professor of Epidemiology with UW's School of Public Health. Dr. Gaudino's work will focus on helping to develop a clearer understanding of the factors involved in the recently reported reduction in infant mortality among Northwest Tribes and examining more current infant mortality trends. "I am delighted and honored to have this opportunity to work with the Health Board to promote the health and well being of Northwest Tribes."



Luella Azule (Yakama/Umatilla) joined the Northwest Tribal Cancer Control Project staff as an assistant on November 1, 2000. She grew up near the Umatilla Reservation. She majored in Economics and graduated from Western Oregon University (formerly OCE) with a Bachelor of Science. Luella truly enjoys her job because she is able to make an impact on cancer in our tribal communities, great staff, and opportunity to learn new skills.



My name is Peggy L. Biery. I am a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, where I served my Tribe for over eight years as an employee of the Health and Human Services Division. In July 2000, I joined the staff of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board as the Project Specialist for the Northwest Tribal Cancer Control Project. I enjoy working with all of the Northwest Tribes as well as the staff at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.



Ed Lutz, an enrolled Lummi Tribal member, is the new Information Systems Specialist for the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center and the California Diabetes Surveillance Project. Ed recently moved from the Lummi Nation, near Bellingham, to Vancouver, Washington to join his wife Tam and daughter Josephine (7 months). Before joining the Board, he was the director of the Document Imaging Specialist Certificate Project at the Lummi Nation where he designed and implemented a program to teach documenting imaging to tribal members. Ed also has experience in network administration, program development and database management. Ed is excited to be working with the Board, and is eager to assist *The Epi Center* and the California staff in implementing their programs.

# More New Staff Members



Lisa DeRoo is the new Epidemiologist with *The EpiCenter*. Lisa is also a PhD candidate at the University of Washington School of Public Health. Lisa has worked in the study of infant mortality and also studied the utilization of health care services by Alaska Natives at village clinics and regional hospitals.

Lisa previously worked at the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center in Seattle, Washington. Her interests include injury prevention, maternal and child health. She will provide epidemiologic consultation and assistance to projects within *The EpiCenter*, as well as work on her own project related to reducing dental health disparities among Pacific Northwest Indian children. She has enjoyed working at the Board since September 2000 and looks forward to working together with the tribes on efforts to increase the health status of American Indian people to the highest possible level.



Kurt Schweigman, MPH, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, recently joined the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (*The EpiCenter*) as the new Registry Manager of the Northwest Tribal Registry Project. He recently completed his MPH in Epidemiology from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Public Health. Kurt has spent the last ten years gaining extensive experience in epidemiology research as a researcher in the Strong Heart Study, a study of cardiovascular disease in American Indians. His research efforts have focused on health related issues in American Indians, such as response biases in the collection of alcohol and tobacco data, knowledge of heart disease risk factors, and cultural factor determinants for alcohol cessation. Outside of work, Kurt enjoys hiking and biking. He is also a published poet.



Jennifer Sypherd is an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and a descendant of the Oglala Lakota Nation. She began working with NPAIHB in July 2000 as the Program Operations Assistant. You can expect to see her friendly face at the Quarterly Board meetings, as she is responsible for the minutes, as well as conducting the board meeting arrangements and looks forward to working with the Northwest tribes. Her experience has been with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service in Portland, Oregon over the past 11 years. In addition, she worked with the Indian Health Board in Billings, Montana for four years and with Community Organization for Personal Enrichment (C.O.P.E.) a mental health service in Tucson, Arizona for 3 ½ years as a Mental Health Technician. Jennifer's favorite past time is, "reading to her two children, Clinton 6 and Kyle 2 ½, and sometimes to her husband who is 38".

# The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is pleased to announce the establishment of the NW Tribal Dental Support Center and the NW Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Projects


by Kathryn Alexander

## Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center

NPAIHB was awarded this program in a competitive funding process through the Indian Health Service (IHS) Dental Branch. The express purpose of these new dental support centers is to rebuild some of the public health dental infrastructure that has been lost in Indian Country over the last decade. The new Dental Center will be operated by the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (*The EpiCenter*), located at NPAIHB. The Center will coordinate activities with the Portland Area IHS Dental Program to ensure that services complement rather than duplicate each other. Overall guidance to this new program is provided through a Dental Center Advisory Committee comprised of Northwest community members and dental experts.

The Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center has been funded to focus on three primary areas: (1) Clinical program support; (2) Preventive program support; and (3) Epidemiologic surveillance to increase the knowledge of the oral health status of Northwest Indian communities. These services will be provided at no cost to Northwest Indian health care programs by nationally recognized experts in the field: Drs. Bonnie Bruerd, Jeffrey Hagen, and Kathy Phipps.

Site visits will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis with the goal of visiting half of the dental clinics in the Portland Area during the first year.

To schedule a visit call Kathryn Alexander, Project Assistant at (503) 228-4185 or visit our website for more information: [www.npaihb.org](http://www.npaihb.org) 



*New Staff Member*

Kathryn Alexander (Tuscarora Mohawk) joined *The EpiCenter* in June 2000 as the Project Assistant for the California Diabetes Surveillance Project and is now the Project Assistant for the Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center and the Northwest Tribal Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Projects. She serves as the organizing and focal point of all communication between the Dental Support Center Director, FAS Consultants, tribal, IHS, and urban Indian programs along with federal and local organizations.




## Northwest Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Project (FAS)

NPAIHB was awarded this program as a result of a change last year in the language of the Congressional earmark to the University of Washington (U.W.) for activities related to FAS. The final conference report authorizing funding to IHS for FY 2000 required that the FAS

funds be used for a partnership between NPAIHB and the U.W. Fetal Alcohol and Drug Unit directed by Ann Streissguth, PhD. In a negotiation with Marlene Echohawk, PhD, Project Officer at Indian Health Service (IHS) Headquarters for the U.W. FAS contract, and Dr. Streissguth, a decision was reached that the funds would be split 50–50 between NPAIHB and U.W.

### Did You Know?

- ◆ FAS is the leading known cause of mental retardation.
- ◆ Most individuals with FAS have normal intelligence.
- ◆ FAS causes serious social and behavior problems.
- ◆ Each year in the US 5,000 babies are born with FAS.
- ◆ Ten times as many are born with alcohol related disorders.
- ◆ No amount of alcohol is known to be safe during pregnancy.
- ◆ Alcohol causes more damage to baby than any other drug.
- ◆ US taxpayers spend \$2 billion dollars per year to treat FAS.
- ◆ The lifetime cost for one child with FAS \$4 million.
- ◆ FAS and related conditions are 100% preventable.
- ◆ More prevention materials program curricula & training focusing on FAS interventions come from Indian country than any other ethnicity. 



# The Board Welcomes Back PROJECT RED TALON

by Karen McGowan

Greetings, my name is Karen McGowan. I am an enrolled Oglala Lakota tribal member from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Both my parents were born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Due to economic hardships on the reservation, my parents made the difficult decision to move to Oregon in 1970.

I am a proud parent of three sons and expecting my first grandchild in January. I am a 1984 graduate from Eastern Oregon University. I worked for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for several years as the Tribe's Social Services Director. I moved to Portland in 1996 to be closer to my oldest sons while they pursued higher education at Portland State University.



I came to work for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board in 1997 as the Project Director for the Northwest Tribal Welfare Information Project. In 1998, I was hired as Project Director for Project Red Talon. In June 2000, Project Red Talon's eight-year contract with the Center of Disease Control ended.

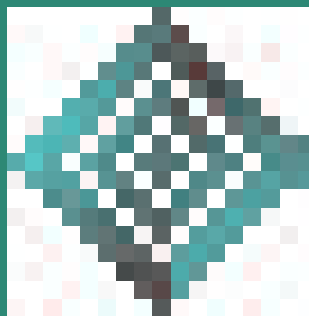
Prior to leaving in June, Verné Boerner, Amanda Cross and I co-wrote a grant proposal with Oregon Health Sciences University. The Board was notified in November of the award and I returned to work in December 2000.

We are funded to conduct a needs assessment to determine the prevalence of HIV risk behaviors and assess knowledge, attitudes and behaviors regarding HIV testing and transmission among American Indians over the age of eighteen. The current scope of work allows for 1 FTE to train and provide technical assistance, HIV prevention and education to our member tribes. I am committed in aggressively seeking additional funding/contracts for the Board to provide HIV prevention and educational services.



Lila LaDue is the receptionist for the NPAIHB. She was born and raised on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Lila is very eager to work with the tribes and be our team captain here at the board.

Please Welcome  
*Lila LaDue*  
&  
*Virginia Winters*  
back to the Board



Virginia Winters is the bookkeeper for the NPAIHB. She is from the Navajo Nation. Virginia is extremely detail orientated and we are very thankful to have her back to keep our financial books straight.

# Upcoming Events

## February

### **Intro to Qman/Diabetes Management**

February 7-9, 2001

*Location:* NPAIHB - Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Mary Brickell

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185

### **ATNI Winter Conference**

February 5-9, 2001

*Location:* Ptd PDX Embassy Suites,  
Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

*Telephone:* (503) 249-5770

### **NCAI**

February 19-23, 2001

*Location:* Washington D.C.

*Contact:* Jack Jackson

*Telephone:* (202) 467-7767

### **Community Health Rep. (CHR)**

February 27 & 28, 2001

*Location:* NPAIHB - Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Mary Brickell

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185

## March

### **Third Party Billing/Accounts Receivable**

March 5-9, 2001

*Location:* Portland Area Indian Health Service -  
Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Mary Brickell/David Battese

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185/(503) 326-7277

### **Dental Data System (DDS)**

March 13 & 14, 2001

*Location:* NPAIHB - Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Mary Brickell/Dr. Crow

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185/(503)326-2016

### **Immunization**

March 27 & 28, 2001

*Location:* NPAIHB - Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Mary Brickell

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185

### **FY 2002 Indian Health Health Service Budget Analysis Meeting**

March 20-22, 2001

*Location:* Embassy Suites DT- Portland, OR

*Contact:* Jennifer Sypherd

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185

## April

### **Tribal Health Directors Meeting**

April 16, 2001

*Location:* Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Jennifer Sypherd

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185

### **NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting**

April 17-19, 2001

*Location:* Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Jennifer Sypherd

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185

### **American Indian Health Commission Meeting**

April 10, 2001

*Location:* TBA, Washington

*Contact:* Ginger Clapp

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185

### **Women's Health**

April 11 & 12, 2001

*Location:* NPAIHB - Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Mary Brickell

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185

### **Contract Health Services (CHS)**

April 17 & 18, 2001

*Location:* NPAIHB - Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Mary Brickell/Larry Tallacus

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185/(503)326-5424

### **Referred Care Information System (RCIS)**

April 19 & 20, 2001

*Location:* NPAIHB - Portland, Oregon

*Contact:* Mary Brickell/Larry Tallacus

*Telephone:* (503) 228-4185/(503)326-5424

# July 2000 Resolutions

**RESOLUTION #00-04-01** “Support for \$220 Million Increase Over the President’s Proposed FY 2001 IHS Budget for a Total FY 2001 Increase of \$450 Million”

**RESOLUTION #00-04-02** “Support for the \$18 Billion FY 2002 Needs-Based IHS Budget Submitted by the Tribal/IHS/Urban Budget Formulation Team to the Department of Health & Human Services

**RESOLUTION #00-04-03** “Support for Senate Bill 2526 and House Bill HR 3397 that Incorporate the Recommendations of the October 6, 1999 Proposed Bill of the National Steering Committee on the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act”

**RESOLUTION #00-04-04** “Support for Study of Ways to Improve the Dental Health Status of Northwest Tribal Children”

**RESOLUTION #00-04-05** “Support for the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center to Improve Knowledge of Program Injury Patterns Among Northwest Indian Communities”

**RESOLUTION #00-04-06** “Support for Memorandum of Understanding Between the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and the Cancer Information Service-Pacific Region”

**RESOLUTION #00-04-07** “Support for the Development of a Methodology for the Distribution of the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund”

# October 2000 Resolutions

**RESOLUTION #01-01-01** “Support for Native Diets Project”

**RESOLUTION #01-01-02** “Support for Native American Research Centers for Health”

**RESOLUTION #01-01-03** “Support for Giving the Executive Committee Authority to Hire the Executive Director”

**RESOLUTION #01-01-04** “Support for the Medicare Demonstration Project”

**RESOLUTION #01-01-05** “Support for a Collaboration with the Organ Health Sciences University to identify reasons that American Indians and Alaska Natives in Urban Areas are not tested for HIV/AIDS”

**RESOLUTION #01-01-06** “Support for \$200 Million Annual Funding for Diabetes Prevention and Treatment”

**RESOLUTION #01-01-07** “Support for the Acceptance of the Diagnoses of the Indian Health Services and Tribal Health Programs by the Veteran’s Administration for Health Service and Disability Determinations”

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# Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

## Executive Committee Members

Julia Davis, Chair, Nez Perce Tribe  
Pearl Capoeman Baller, Vice-Chair, Quinault Nation  
Janice Clements, Treasurer, Warm Springs Tribe  
Corrine Hicks, Sergeant-at-Arms, Klamath Tribe  
Norma Peone, Secretary, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

## Delegates

Wanda Johnson, Burns Paiute Tribe  
Dan Gleason, Chehalis Tribe  
Norma Peone, Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Colleen Cawston, Colville Tribe  
Bev Seaman-Wolf, Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Tribes  
Eric Metcalf, Coquille Tribe  
Sharon Stanphill, Cow Creek Tribe  
Ed Larsen, Grand Ronde Tribe  
Vacant, Hoh Tribe  
Cindy Lowe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Tina Gives, Kalispel Tribe  
Corrine Hicks, Klamath Tribe  
Sonja Matlock, Kootenai Tribe  
Rosi Francis, Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe  
Vacant, Lummi Nation  
Debbie Wachendorf, Makah Tribe  
John Daniels, Muckleshoot Tribe  
Julia Davis, Nez Perce Nation  
Midred Frazier, Nisqually Tribe  
Sandra Joseph, Nooksack Tribe

Shane Warner, NW Band of Shoshoni Indians  
Rose Purser, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
Rod Smith, Puyallup Tribe  
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