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USET SPF Resolution No. 2023 SPF:003

NATIONAL HEALTH RELATED COMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP APPOINTMENTS

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of thirty-three (33) 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 have 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, which includes a requirement for Tribal consent for an undertaking that could significantly affect a Tribal interest; 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 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:

Indian Health Service (IHS):

- 1) Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Workgroup
 - a. Primary Representative: Casey Cooper, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- 2) IHS Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
 - a. Alternate Representative: Chief Anne Richardson, Rappahannock Tribe
- 3) IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)
 - a. Primary Representative: Chief Beverly Cook, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
 - b. Alternate Representative: Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- 4) Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee
 - a. Primary Representative: Chief Clarissa Sabattis, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
 - b. Alternate Representative: Nancy Johnson, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- 5) IHS Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)
 - a. Alternate Representative: Councilperson Steven Tupponce, Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe
- 6) National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health
 - a. Primary Representative: 1st Councilman Cassius Spears Jr., Narragansett Indian Tribe
 - b. Alternate Representative: Onawa Miller, Tribal Health Program Support Director, USET

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):

- 1) Tribal Technical Advisory Committee, Primary Representative: Chief Clarissa Sabattis, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

National Institutes of Health (NIH):

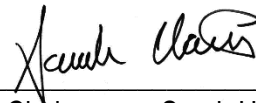
- 1) NIH Technical Advisory Committee, Alternate Representative: Councilor Michelle Scott, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Annual Meeting held on the Sovereign Territory of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation at which a quorum was present on October 13, 2022.



Chief Kirk E. Francis, Sr., President
United South and Eastern Tribes
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Vice Chairwoman Sarah Harris, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes
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