

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2016)

WHEREAS; The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Public Health and Human Services (PHHS), Operations and Public Health Division, continues to assist tribal members in achieving and maintaining their desired quality of life, by providing a high caliber community focused health system while serving as good stewards of tribal resources entrusted to us; and,

WHEREAS; PHHS, Operations Division, also continues with a strong desire to gain a full understanding, via Community Health Assessments (CHAs), of the health issues facing our Tribal community and to identify, develop, conduct, and evaluate interventions based on the findings of the CHS, and to develop and strengthen community partnerships; and,

WHEREAS; the Tribal Health Improvement Plan (THIP) is a collaborative planning process bringing together leadership and managers from PHHS, CIHA, Tribal Council, Tribal Executive, Parks and Recreation, Cooperative Extension, Cherokee Central Schools, and other Tribal programs, along with Youth from Junaluska Leadership Council; and,

WHEREAS; the framework of Results Based Accountability (RBA) will be used by the THIP Champions to look at health indicators at a population level, because we recognize that divisions and organizations Tribal-wide all have roles to play as if we are to have a positive effect on these health priorities in the community; and,

**WHEREAS;** the Deputy Health Officer has committed PHHS to this project for the long term as part of the organizational strategic plan for community health improvement, organizational development and accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB); assigning a Project Manager and Team for the THIP who will be accountable to the Deputy; and,

**WHEREAS;** PHHS, Operations Division, had identified a funding source from the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) Tribal Health Program Support (THPS): 5 year cooperative agreement from the Center for Disease Control (CDC)-Wellness in Indian Country; and,

**WHEREAS;** The USET: CDC-Wellness in Indian Country will be making sub-awards for 5-year projects to establish, strengthen, and broaden the reach and impact of effective chronic disease prevention programs within member Tribes; and,

**WHEREAS;** no salaries will be paid out of this sub-award; and,

**WHEREAS;** there is no match required.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at which a quorum is present that the PHHS, Operations Division, be authorized to apply and accept funds from the USET; THPS: CDC-Wellness in Indian Country; Sub-Award, 5- year project and receive average award for future years up to \$100,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED** that upon passage of this resolution that this will be a continuing resolution and that the EBCI agrees to accept these funds as external funds are distributed with no requirement of additional cash match other than their approved Tribal budget.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Principal Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded

Submitted by: The Grants Compliance Office on behalf of PHHS, Operations Division.