

Cherokee Council House

Cherokee, North Carolina

DATE

RESOLUTION NO. _____(2022)

WHEREAS, The Tribe's Medical Institutional Review Board (MIRB) has been assigned the task of reviewing health-related research requests made to the Eastern Band, AND

WHEREAS, The Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation (OPRE) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the Department of Health and Human Services is conducting the Study of Disability Services Coordinators (DSCs) and Inclusion in Early Head Start/Head Start (EHS/HS) to fill a gap in knowledge about the characteristics of DSCs, their roles and responsibilities, and how they collaborate to fulfill these duties. A national study will be conducted to fully understand the range of DSC implementation as well as to examine subgroup approaches. ACF has contracted with NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC) to complete this work.

WHEREAS, The MIRB has reviewed and approved the research request made by Dr. Michael Lopez, NORC at The University of Chicago entitled "The Study of Disability Services Coordinators and Inclusion in Head Start," AND

WHEREAS, The proposed study design will seek to answer research questions focused on EHS/HS DSCs and services provided to children with disabilities and their families within EHS/HS programs.

WHEREAS, The study involves three phases of data collection. In **Phase 1**, we will administer a web-based survey to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians EHS/HS grantee director to collect names and contact information for DSCs – and others with different titles who perform at least some of the functions of a DSC – staffed in their program as well as contextual, program-level information. In **Phase 2**, we will administer a web-based survey to the ECBI DSCs about their role and the provision of disability services in their program. In **Phase 3**, we will conduct semi-structured interviews with a purposively sampled subset of DSCs from the EBCI who completed the Phase 2 survey and indicate they are willing to participate in interviews, AND

WHEREAS, Participation in this project will benefit members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians by informing training and technical assistance activities and supports for DSCs and HS/EHS programs, AND

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS) has reviewed the request and the MIRB's recommendations and has also given approval, AND

WHEREAS, The researcher acknowledges that the EBCI has a non-exclusive license to all information obtained from this research. And all information obtained will be forwarded to the EBCI Secretary of PHHS for review and neither Mr. Lopez nor the Co-Investigators will use this information in any manner not authorized,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that Dr. Michael Lopez, Ph.D. NORC at The University of Chicago is hereby granted permission to carry out the above-named research project as described in his MIRB proposal, carrying out all follow-up and reporting as required by the Tribal Medical Institutional Review Board.

Submitted by: Vickie L. Bradley, Secretary
Public Health and Human Services Division,
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians