

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

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RESOLUTION NO. _____(2019)

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 MIRB has reviewed and approved a research request made by Dr. Nancy Whitesell, Professor, University of Colorado-Denver, "Multisite Implementation Evaluation of Tribal Home Visiting (MUSE)," in conjunction with Co-Investigators Dr. Michelle Sarche, University of Colorado, and Kate Lyon, James Bell Associates, and with the collaboration of Sheena Kanott Lambert, EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division Public Health Director, AND

WHEREAS, The EBCI Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is a program of Cherokee Choices that employs evidence-based home visitation services for pregnant women, expectant families, and families with young children to empower mothers to create better futures for themselves and their babies, AND

WHEREAS, to evaluate the impact of the EBCI NFP, a rigorous, unbiased evaluation of program effectiveness is necessary, AND

WHEREAS, the University of Colorado-Denver MUSE evaluation study involves 17 tribal and urban Indian home visiting programs and their respective communities and will use a mixed-methods design, gathering both quantitative and qualitative data from home visiting staff and caregivers receiving services over the course of two years, AND

WHEREAS, the MUSE study will comply with EBCI Medical Institutional Review Board requirements for informed consent and assurance of privacy and confidentiality, and will continue collaboration with EBCI Public Health and the EBCI NFP throughout all phases of this community-engaged research effort, AND

WHEREAS, this evaluation is a required component of the EBCI NFP as part of its fidelity to the NFP model, AND

WHEREAS, the results of the evaluation will be used to inform project directors who can then improve and expand the program so that more Cherokee people may access and benefit from it, 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 all information obtained from this research is the property of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and will be forwarded to the EBCI Secretary of PHHS for review and neither Dr. Whitesell nor Ms. Lambert, 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. Nancy Whitesell, University of Colorado-Denver, and Co-Investigators, are hereby granted permission to carry out the above-named research project as described in their MIRB proposal, carrying out all follow-up and reporting as required by the Tribal Medical Institutional Review Board.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall become ratified upon signature of the Principal Chief and that the Secretary of PHHS shall carry out the intent of this resolution.

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