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Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina
Date: _____

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 renewal request made by Dr. Joan O'Connell, Professor, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado-Denver, entitled "Comparative Effectiveness of Health Care Delivery Systems for American Indian and Alaska Natives, Using Enhanced Data Infrastructure" (known as the "IHS Improving Health Care Delivery Data Project") with Tribal support from Sheena Kanott Lambert, EBCI Public Health Director and previous Council approval by Resolution, AND

WHEREAS, this is an annual renewal request for an ongoing secondary analysis of data extracted from Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal health data systems to support the development and use of an IHS data infrastructure that will accelerate comparative effectiveness research for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations to enhance efforts to prioritize health system delivery strategies for chronic disease management, AND

WHEREAS, EBCI is one the collaborating sites that include each of the 12 IHS Areas, AND

WHEREAS, the three aims of the Data Project are to 1) update the longitudinal IHS data infrastructure in the study for fiscal years 2007-2022, 2) conduct comparative effectiveness research on strategies to reduce cardiovascular disease (CVD) among AI/ANs with diabetes and/or pre-existing CVD using data, and 3) develop strategies to facilitated patients' ability to make informed choices about using education, case management, and advanced practice pharmacy services for diabetes and other chronic diseases, AND

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Connell and co-investigators are complying with EBCI MIRB policy to request annual renewal of an ongoing project, AND

WHEREAS, the project findings will contribute to understanding of health status, service utilization and treatment costs for AI/AN who receive care through IHS and Tribal health programs, and the results have the potential to improve health outcomes and reduce documented disparities by informing the management of diabetes and the provision of cost-effective care for all Tribes including EBCI,

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 The Health & Exercise Science Department, Wake Forest University nor any 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. Joan O'Connell, Professor, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado-Denver, is hereby granted permission to carry out the above-named research project as described in the 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