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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. R. Turner Goins, Distinguished Professor, Department of Social Work, Western Carolina University, "Understanding Advance Care Planning with EBCI Tribal Members with Chronic Kidney Disease," in conjunction with Co-Principal Investigator Dr. Liz Anderson, WCU, and Co-Investigator Dr. Blythe Winchester, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, AND
- WHEREAS, Chronic illnesses such as diabetes and chronic kidney disease continue to disproportionately affect American Indians/ Alaska Natives, who are twice as likely as whites to have end stage renal disease and require dialysis or transplantation, and people on dialysis have a greater prevalence of heart disease, stroke and dementia, as well as increased risk of hospitalization, longer hospitalizations, and increased treatment intensity, AND
- WHEREAS, Often conversations about treatment preferences in the face of serious illness occur in a crisis, in which decision making capacity is compromised, and advance care planning (ACP) is a process by which patients can express their unique wishes and desires to family members and healthcare providers prior to a crisis so that the persons' care preferences can be honored by family and the medical community, AND
- WHEREAS, ACP conversations can allow people to understand ACP and increase the likelihood they will use them to complete ACP so that they are provided with care that is congruent to their values and preferences, AND
- WHEREAS, The investigators plan to host a single 60-minute listening session with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) members with CKD to learn about their needs, concerns, and preferences in regards to having serious illness conversations and ACP, and the session will include discussions that will help design an eventual project that will benefit tribal members with CKD receive the healthcare that they desire when faced with serious illness, and information from this listening session will not be used in any publication or presentation, 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. Goins, Dr. Anderson, nor Dr. Winchester, 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. R. Turner Goins and Co-Investigators are hereby granted permission to carry out the abovenamed 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

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