

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving White Mountain Apache Emergency Medical Services' Participating in "Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment" Training Project)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, as Article IV, Section 1(i) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the powers "To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe... and any other tribal activities."; and
- WHEREAS, The Council and the White Mountain Apache Tribe Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") have worked together to identify health problems in the community and raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, The Council, in conjunction with EMS, has monitored and responded to a variety of medical conditions to improve the community's health and quality of life; and
- **WHEREAS**, Alcohol and drug abuse are known to contribute to premature illness, injury and death worldwide; and
- WHEREAS, The EMS treats all residents of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Arizona Department of Health Services and the University of Arizona have offered to provide a training for EMS providers called "Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment"; and
- **WHEREAS,** The EMS requests approval to participate in this training program for Emergency Medical Services Clinicians, which will encompass:
 - 1. Training Emergency Medical Services providers to provide Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment;
 - 2. Participation in a six-to-eight (6-8) month pilot study to provide pre-hospital screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment for eligible substance use-related patients;
 - 3. Training on provision of the appropriate standard of care to all patients; and Meetings with the Arizona Department of Health Services and the University of Arizona to provide feedback on successes, barriers/challenges, actions taken to overcome barriers/challenges, facilitating factors, and suggestions.

WHEREAS, When analyses are complete, the EMS will present all data to the Tribal Council and Health Board for feedback and discussion of recommended next steps for training; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the cover letter provided by Dr. Christopher Jentoft, and the proposal presented by EMS, and finds that participation in this training program by EMS will help them better provide life-saving services to members of the community, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the participation of White Mountain Apache Tribe Emergency Medical Services clinicians in the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment training program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JUNE 12, 2019</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

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