Resolution #14-0312-062

Approving the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians participation in a grant program/proposal by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITC) on behalf of the Michigan tribes entitled “Anishnaabek Healing Circle Access to Recovery (ATR) Program” to be submitted to SAMSHA for the (3) year FY2014 Access to Recovery (ATR-IV) Initiative

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaad Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshináábék (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has, in the past, participated in the ITC ATR-II and ATR-III programs, in cooperation with other Michigan Tribes that include: the Bay Mills Indian Community; Hannahville Indian Community; Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe; Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa/Chippewa Indians; Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians; Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Potawatomi, and the Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi; and
WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., desires to apply for the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), PPHG-2014-Access to Recovery (ATR) Grant TI-14-004, in order to carry out a voucher program for substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery support services via the “Anishnaabek Healing Circle ATR Program” that ensures client choice within a comprehensive array of treatment and recovery support service options while strengthening the individual’s capacity to build and sustain a life in recovery, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, like the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., sees the need for capacity-building among federally recognized tribes in Michigan to further develop local tribal systems of care to better address healing and recovery from addictions and mental health problems, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is aware that previously funded ATR-II and ATR-III programs have made a very positive impact on the outcomes for many Native Americans and their family members (including LRBOI tribal members and their families) who have received clinical treatment and/or recovery support services through past ATR programs, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians wishes to continue its participation with the Anishnaabek Healing Circle through the ATR-IV program in order to continue to bring project related benefits to LRBOI tribal members and their families, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians also wishes to improve its capacity, and the capacity of other federally recognized tribes in Michigan, to further develop a culturally competent and comprehensive recovery oriented system of care that includes tribal providers and non-tribal collaborators.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will partner with other collaborating tribes to form the Anishnaabek Healing Circle Access to Recovery Network. LRBOI further acknowledges the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITC) will act as the administrative and fiscal agent in this initiative to ensure that all SAMHSA grant deliverables, timelines and requirements are met. This resolve is also intended to reflect LRBOI’s understanding that ITC will authorize and issue vouchers and otherwise work with the collaborating Tribes to recruit, train and build the capacity of the ATR Network. Further, as a vendor, LRBOI acknowledges that it will function as an Access and Care Coordination Center and as a Network Provider and will be reimbursed for all vouchedered recovery management, recovery support, and/or clinical treatment services provided to consumers in the ATR Network. Additionally, as a collaborating partner in the Anishnaabek Healing Circle Access to Recovery Initiative, LRBOI will also develop its own local capacity to provide recovery support services by fully implementing at least one locally prioritized recovery support initiative during the project period. Also, LRBOI’s designee will participate as an advisor to the program via participation in the Michigan Native Behavioral Health Communications Network. LRBOI also agrees to all GPRA data
collection and reporting requirements as defined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and further authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute any and all application/award related documentation as may be required.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 12, 2014 at the Government Center located at 2608 Government Center Drive in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

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