

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, there is a longstanding and well-documented need for medical care services to be provided outside the walls of the Indian Health Service facilities and in the homes of the WMAT people; and

WHEREAS, there is a sincere desire of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to expand its involvement in and direction of medical care service provision for the people on the Reservation; and

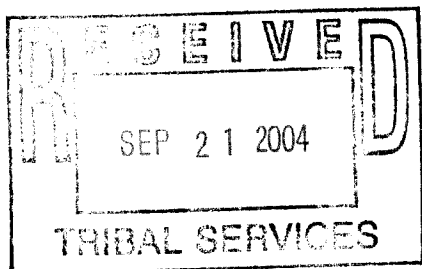
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has authorized the Division of Health Programs (DHP) to protect and promote good health among all Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Health Programs has identified a source of funds for FY 2005 through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Rural Health Policy CFDA # 93.912 providing up to \$200,000 per year for three years to enhance health care delivery on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Health Programs, through the N'dee Health Web and in partnership with the Indian Health Service, proposes to develop home-based skilled nursing services over the next three years to specifically address the need for post-hospital medical services such as intravenous antibiotic therapy.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Director of the Division of Health Programs to pursue funding through 2005 Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant to be implemented from May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2008.

The foregoing resolution was on SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).




Chairman of the Tribal Council

ACTING 
Secretary of the Tribal Council



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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September 7, 2004

The HRSA Grants Application Center
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RE: Application by the White Mountain Apache Tribe-Rural Health Services Outreach Grant, CFDA# 93.912A, HRSA-05-011

Dear Grant Review Team Members:

The Whiteriver Service Unit (WRSU) has long recognized the need for high quality home health services in our area. We are pleased to hear of the interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) and other members of the *Ndee Health Web* in a project that would establish a tribally managed, certified home health care service for Native Americans living on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The WRSU is the federally designated health care provider for the WMAT people, servicing approximately 1,900 inpatients and 12,000 outpatients annually at the Whiteriver Indian Hospital and the Cibecue Health Center. Despite our status as the area's primary care medical center, the IHS is not authorized to operate home health care services. As a result, none exist for the almost 15,000 WMAT members living on the reservation.

The proposed project will provide an essential medical service for the WMAT people and significantly enhance the activities of the Indian Health Service's program at Whiteriver. As a federal agency, our involvement may be restricted by federal regulations and statutes as well as standards imposed by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the Center for Medicare Services (CMS), and other pertinent regulatory bodies. Fiscal and personnel resources imposed on our agency may further limit our role in the project.

The Whiteriver Service Unit looks forward to working closely with the tribe on developing this proposal. We anticipate a process of evaluation meetings with key technical experts from the service unit and broader IHS offices to quantify home health needs and assess the hurdles associated with the establishment of home health services. Our staff remains committed to working closely with the tribe to identify action plans needed to address these obstacles and meet the necessary regulatory requirements. While this may be a long process, we welcome the challenge of working with the White Mountain Apache Tribe to address this critical need.

We ask for your full support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Seyler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Dean Seyler
Chief Executive Officer

School of Hygiene and Public Health

APPENDIX F

August 31, 2004

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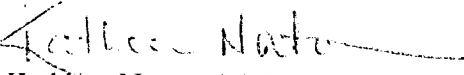
As a collaborating partner in the *Ndee Health Web* health network, the Johns Hopkins University Center for Native American Health (JHU) is pleased to support the application by the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) to fund tribally managed home health care services through HRSA's Rural Health Services Outreach Grant Program.

JHU has worked collaboratively with the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) since 1980 to maintain a research project site on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The major emphasis of the research has been to develop means to reduce the high rates of common pediatric infectious diseases. Together, we have achieved tremendous success in identifying and addressing critical health care issues facing the WMAT.

The introduction of tribally managed home health care services will fill a critical gap in current health care service delivery on the Reservation. JHU is committed to assisting the *Ndee Health Web* partner agencies and staff in implementing this initiative and will provide staff assistance in developing and administering appropriate evaluation tools to measure the effectiveness of the project in improving health outcomes for the Apache people. We will also continue to play an active role in the *Ndee Health Web* consortium by attending monthly meetings and special project events. We will also continue to collect and share data, as appropriate, with the collaborating agencies to paint a clear picture of health on the Reservation.

We look forward to working on this exciting project.

Sincerely,


Kathleen Norton, M.Ed.
Administrative Director