



CENTRAL COUNCIL

*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

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Executive Council of the Central Council  
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 16-24

Title: Authorization for Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to Participate in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment

WHEREAS, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 30,000 tribal citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Central Council, Tribal Family and Youth Services Department, Elderly Services Program, will conduct an Elder Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, three National Resource Centers (North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii) have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their AOA grant; and

WHEREAS, the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:

- General Health Status
- Activities of Daily Living
- Visual, Hearing, and Dental
- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight
- Social Support, Housing, and Work

WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research; and

WHEREAS, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the Nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities.

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments

- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data Storage
- Production of Tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions\
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials

WHEREAS, summary information from your needs assessments, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the Elderly Services Program contact person; and

WHEREAS, the confidentiality of enrolled tribal citizens and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Services within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes participation in the most current "Identifying our Needs: A Survey of Elders." The Executive Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Central Council belongs to the Central Council and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without tribal authorization.

ADOPTED this 23 day of May 2016, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



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President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

  
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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe