



Agenda Item Number: 2008-9-11B

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: September 23, 2008

Department: County Manager **Staff Contact:** Rosanna P. Suazo, Special Projects Coordinator
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TITLE: Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission Appointments

ACTION: Motion to appoint nine members to the Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission.

SUMMARY:

In 2008 the Legislature of the State of New Mexico enacted the "Bernalillo County Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission Act". The provisions of the Act became effective July 1, 2008. The Act provides for the creation of the Bernalillo County Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission (Commission) and appointment of nine Commission members from appropriate off reservation nonprofit organizations in Bernalillo County.

On July 18, 2008 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) for purposes of providing \$60,000.00 to create and manage the Commission, approved a Financial Resolution to accept and budget funds from the NMDOH, and approved an Administrative Resolution establishing the Commission and guideline by which to appoint the nine member Commission.

Upon soliciting nominations, the Board of County Commissioner has appointed the nine members of the Commission as follows:

- 1) IHS – RC Begay
- 2) Provider – Virgil Etsitty, MD
- 3) Tribal Liaison – Ron Reid, PhD
- 4) NM Tribes – Michael Bird
- 5) NM Tribes - Norman Ration
- 6) Non-NM Tribes – Keith Franklin
- 7) Non-NM Tribes – Jim Jones
- 8) Non-NM Tribes - Julie Claymore
- 9) BCCHC – Sarah Couch

The Commission shall meet at least four times a year, elect its own chair, and establish goals by which to accomplish the Scope of Work of the MOU between the County and the NMDOH.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resumes