

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL
AGENDA

AUGUST 13, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 9:00 AM PGE MEETING
TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS
2523 WOODBINE ST.
NIOBRARA, NEBRASKA

*We have a shared commitment to doing great work in meetings and to make them productive. 1) **Please respect everyone's time** – you will be given an approximate time to communicate your issue/or provide comments; 2) **Please respect each other** - share your views and concerns, but do not make negative personal comments about individuals. Treat each other with kindness. Thank you.*

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Roll Call
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Renewal – RESOLUTION (p.2-11)
 - b. Letter of Support for Village of Niobrara CDBG Grant Application (p.12)
- IV. JANELLE ALI-DINAR, CEO-PONCA HEALTH SERVICES
 - a. National Indian Health Board Infection Control Grant – RESOLUTION (p.13-22)
- V. TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENTS (p.23-28)
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - a. Tribal Member Comments if Needed
 - b. Employee #1884 90-day Evaluation (p.29-32)
 - c. Committee/Board Review
 - i. Election Board (p.33-82)
 - ii. Enrollment Committee (p.83-138)
 - iii. Osni/PEDCO Update
 - d. Recruitment Discussion (Councilwoman Sullivan) (p.139)
- VIII. ADJOURN

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
(for employees only)

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/4/2023

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Meeting of: X Tribal Council
 Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 8/15/2023

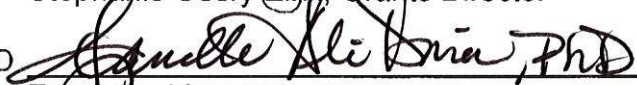
Subject: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

Motion to approve applying for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? X Yes No
(If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: 
Stephanie Geery-Zink, Grants Director

APPROVED 
Executive Management

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 23-_____

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Tribe has the authority to submit an application on behalf of the Native American individuals in the Tribe and to administer programs and activities under this program; and

WHEREAS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services contributes to the lives and health of Nebraskans every day, with a mission of helping people live better lives; and

WHEREAS: The Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant is to build and maintain Federally Qualified Health Centers and Tribal Health Centers preparedness and response to bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious diseases and other public health threats and emergencies under the Federal Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Hospital Preparedness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Stephanie Geery-Zink, Grants Director, and Rhiannon Pitzl, Chief Operating Officer of Ponca Health Services, are authorized to apply for, execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services requires when awarding grant funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Stephanie Geery-Zink and Rhiannon Pitzl are authorized to execute and cooperative agreements with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY AND AFFIRM that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly authorized and passed by the Ponca Tribal Council on the ____ day of August 2023, at a duly called meeting held via Lifesize Videoconference, by a vote of ____ Ayes; ____ Nays; ____ Abstained; ____ Absent. Chairperson ____ voting ____ not voting. A Quorum of ____ was present.

ATTEST

Candace Schmidt, Chairwoman
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Susan Baker, Secretary
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
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Meeting of: X Tribal Council
 Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 8/15/2023

Subject: National Indian Health Board Infection Control grant

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

Motion to approve applying for the National Indian Health Board Infection Control grant.

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? X Yes No
(If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: Stephanie Geery-Zink, Grants Director

APPROVED Executive Management

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WHEREAS: The Tribe has the authority to submit an application on behalf of the Native American individuals in the Tribe and to administer programs and activities under this program; and

WHEREAS: The National Indian Health Board is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reinforce infection control measures that reduce occupational exposures in healthcare settings and provide infection control training on infection prevention and control principles; and

WHEREAS: The National Indian Health Board Infection Control Program grant's purpose is to institute infection control precautions and preventive measures to protect healthcare workers from exposure to and infection with infectious diseases such as SARS-CoV-2. This grant aims to assist Tribes with developing an infection control program or help implement infection control education and training activities for all Tribal healthcare workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Stephanie Geery-Zink, Grants Director, or Rhiannon Pitzl, Chief Operating Officer of Ponca Health Services are authorized to apply for, execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the National Indian Health Board requires when awarding grant funding.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY AND AFFIRM that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly authorized and passed by the Ponca Tribal Council on the 13th day of August 2023, at a duly called meeting held via Lifesize Videoconference, by a vote of _____Ayes; _____Nays; _____Abstained; _____Absent. Chairperson _____voting _____not voting. A Quorum of _____ was present.

ATTEST

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Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

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