



RESOLUTION NO. 86-20
of the
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians by the authority of the Constitution and By-laws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is acutely aware that there has been demonstrated discrimination practiced against tribal members, in the delivery of health care by the majority of primary care physicians and hospital facilities in Mason County, and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has prioritized the delivery of quality health care to tribal members, and has demonstrated this committment by utilizing tribal resources in the sponsorship and administration of the Squaxin Island Health Clinic, mid level Practitioner-operated medical center, for the past 2 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Medical Assistance of DSHS has contracted with the Kitsap Physicians Service to conduct the Sound Care Plan, a capitation/primary case management program designed to monitor and coordinate the health services of AFDC-R enrollees in Kitsap and Mason counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Sound Care Plan excludes the participation of the Squaxin Island Health Clinic by virtue of its restriction that only Physicians are allowed to be designated as the Primary Care Physician for the enrollee, and that because of this restriction the provision of health services to tribal members through the Clinic is severely hampered; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Tribal Council believes the Sound Care Plan has been initiated without representative input from the Tribe, eventhough the Tribe concurs with the State of Washington's goal to reduce medical costs charged for health services to AFDC-R receiptients.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Tribal Council protests the restrictions within the Sound Care Plan which inhibit the ability of tribal members to utilize our tribal health clinic, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council requests that the DSHS Division of Medical Assistance mandate that Kitsap Physicians Service provide for direct contracting between the squaxin Island Health Clinic and Kitsap Physician Services, so the Squaxin Island clinic may serve as a primary care provider of health services for tribal members wishing to entrust their health care to the tribal clinic, and,

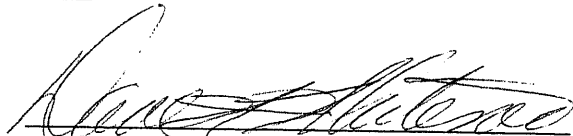
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands the limitations ascribed to a mid level primary care provider, regarding hospitalizations, etc., therefore requires the DSHS Division of Medical Assistance to mandate of Kitsap Physician Services to provide a mechanism for which a physician can be held on a retainer basis for services which Squaxin Island Health Clinic cannot provide, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal council understands that a porportioned capatation rate will need to be negotiated for the Squaxin Island Health Clinic and the Physician held on retainer. A porportion deemed acceptable to the tribal council is two-thirds of the prevailing rateof capitation be provided to the Squaxin Island Health Clinic for services it is capable of providing and one-third of the prevailing rate to the physician on retainer for services provided to those enrollees, which the mid level practition is not capable of providing.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held on this 16 day of May, 1986, at which time a quorum was present, and passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.


David W. Whitener, Chairman

ATTESTED BY: 
David Lopeman, Secretary


Evelyn Allen, Vice Chairperson