



# Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

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**Andrew Joseph, Jr., Chairman**

**Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board**

**Bio**

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**Public Witness Hearing**

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Chairman Andy Joseph, Jr. started his 8<sup>th</sup> two-year term and 15<sup>th</sup> year on the Colville Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation of Washington State. Chairman Joseph currently serves as Vice Chair of the Colville Business Council and is a Nespelem District Representative, where in 1997, he was elected to the Nespelem School Board. Mr. Joseph serves on his Council's Executive Committee, Veterans Committee as 1st Vice, Tribal Government Committee as 1st Vice, Culture Committee as 1st Vice and 1st Vice for the Education and Employment Committee. He has also served as the Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee for 14 years.

Since 2004, Chairman Joseph has served as the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation Delegate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB). He was elected Chairman of NPAIHB in 2009 and continues to serve in this role. As Chair of NPAIHB, Chairman Joseph represents the Portland Area on the Board of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), where he serves as an NIHB Member-at-Large and Portland Area Representative. Additionally, Chairman Joseph is a voting delegate of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Chairman Joseph represents NIHB on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC). In Washington, Chairman Joseph is the Chair of the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations.

Chairman Joseph is also actively engaged in various Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Workgroups and serves as the representative for the Portland Area Tribes. Chairman Joseph has been a Co-Chair of the IHS National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup (Workgroup) for the last 6 years. Every year, the Workgroup diligently works to synthesize the priorities identified by the Tribes in each of the 12 IHS Areas into a cohesive message outlining Tribal funding priorities nationally. Chairman Joseph also serves as the Co-Chair for the National IHS Contract Support Costs (CSC) Workgroup. The CSC Workgroup meets to further the federal government's administration of CSC within the IHS. Chairman Joseph serves as the Portland Area Representative for the IHS Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) Workgroup. The purpose of the Director's Workgroup on Improving PRC (Workgroup) is to provide recommendations to the Indian Health Service (IHS) Director on strategies to improve and reform the Agency's PRC

program. In addition, Chairman Joseph also serves on the IHS Facilities Advisory Appropriations Board (FAAB) and Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Tribal Advisory Group (TAG).

Chairman Joseph was born in Portland, Oregon on September 23, 1959. When Chairman Joseph's parents were relocated during the Relocation Act; he moved home to the Colville Reservation in the Spring of 1968. In 1970, his Father ran for Tribal Council - with his Grand Aunt Lucy Covington. Also, in 1970, his Tribe won the battle against Termination of the Colville Reservation. From 1977-1979 Chairman Joseph served in the U.S. Army 2nd of the 75th Airborne Ranger Battalion. He has been happily married to Lori Lynn since December 18, 1983 and has 5 children and 3 grandchildren. Chairman Joseph comes from the blood of many Chiefs and has been mentored by his Father who served on the Tribal Council for 17 years; his mother and her parents, Gorge and Celestine Friedlander. Gorge served on Tribal Council, as well as his sister, Lucy Covington. Chairman Joseph was inspired by Tribal leaders such as Mel Tonasket and Shirley Palmer.