HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27, 1974
9 a.m.

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING:

ROLL CALL: Chairman, Ludrie Gonzales
MINUTES: Secretary, Mercy James
COMMUNICATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (last meeting)

1. Resignation Request, from local board to Mercy James for board resignation, due to excessive absences to meetings.
2. Building Insurance, presently have none. Tribal Council should provide.
3. Equipment - heating and cooling unit. Total cost $2532
   Amt. appr. 1140
   Need 1192
4. Letter from Dr. Young
5. Leona's resignation
6. Local Health Board Election
7. Proposal to CAP Agency, re; needs
8. X-mas program?

NEW BUSINESS: Report - CRHIB Meeting, Cris
Letter re: Blood Bank

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting will be held in the Community Center, in the Tribal Council Meeting Room.
MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

A Special Meeting of the Tule River Health Advisory Board of Directors was held on November 27, 1974 at 9:00 A.M. in the Education Center. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Ludrie Gonzales.

Present for Roll Call were: Harry Williams, Gloria Manuel, Leona Dabney as Acting Secretary.

Absent were: Edna Franco, Mercy James and Jennie Garfield.

Minutes: No minutes due to regular Secretary, Mercy James Absence. The Chairwoman gave a brief rundown on the last meeting.

Communications: To Mr. Joe Benetiz, Exc. Director, CRIHB, From: Dept. HEW, Emery A. Johnson, M.D., Re: Contract.

#1 Unfinished Business:

Mercy James resignation from the local board due to excessive absences from Regular and Special Meetings. Cris received a call from Mercy and she said that the Board should look at the absences of the other Board Members before any action should be taken against her. If the Board decides to terminate her, she would like to attend the next meeting to give her opinions why she should not be terminated.

Action: Gloria Manuel made a motion to have Mercy James resign as a Board Member due to her many absences from regular and special meetings and for minutes that have been requested and have never been turned in by Mercy, this was seconded by Leona Dabney.

Vote: 2 "for" and 0 "against" with 1 "abstaining"

A letter to be sent to Ms. James on the Board's decision. Attendance of the meetings since January, 1974. 19 Meetings were scheduled up to date.

17 Ludrie Gonzales, 13 Leona Dabney, 12 Alec Garfield, 12 Gloria Manuel, 9 Edna Franco, 3 Alic Miranda resigned as of 8/3/74, 7 Mercy James and 1 Jennie Garfield,
#2 Building Insurance for the Health Office/Clinic:

Cris felt that since the H.P. was paying rent for the building to the Tribal Council, that the responsibility was up to the Tribal Council to provide the insurance. She also said that an agent from Allied Insurance Agency was up to get an estimate on the footage of the buildings after a talk with Nancy Porter.

Gloria Manuel agreed that the Tribal Council should pay for the insurance and Cris agreed to write a letter to the Council requesting the insurance.

#3 Heating And Cooling For the Exercise Room:

Cris said that Greys Air Conditioning made an estimate of the heating and cooling unit for the buildings in the amount of $2,332.00 of which $1,140.00 was approved of by HEW. A request would be made to the Tribal Council to pay the balance of $1,140.00.

#4 Dr. Young:

Dr. Young-regarding wages for an assistant for the eye clinic from the staff, she will be assisting Dr. Young on Saturdays, and as for third party billing he has already provided for a number.

#5 Leona Dabney's Resignation From The Board:

Leona reconsidered that she will not resign as a Board Member as long as she will not have to travel to State Board Meetings due to many personal reasons. The Board agreed to this. Harry Williams to replace Leona on the State Board, this will be only until January.

Action: Leona made a motion to have Harry Willimas as a delegate to the State Board, this was seconded by Gloria Manuel.

Vote: 3 "for" and 0 "against"

Gloria Manuel made a motion to have Cris Sierra and Harry Williams represent TRIHP on the State Board until further notice, seconded by Leona Dabney,

Vote: 3 "for" and 0 "against"

#6

Cris said Nancy Porter called and talked with her to see if the Health Board's Election could be held in conjunction with the Tribal Election. Before any decision could be made the Bylaws would have to be revised to read third Saturday in January. No Action was taken at this time.
#7 Proposal For Needs To CAP:

A proposal will be drawn up by Cris for salaries for Henry Parker as funds will end October 30, 1974/ $150-175 a month for twelve months. Freda Carothers salary $420 for twelve months and salary for one Physician for one day a week, 6 to 8 hours at $25.00 per hour.

#8 Christmas Program:

Chairwoman, Ludrie Gonzales, asked what part the Health Project would be playing in the Christmas Program this year? Cris said if any it would be a small part such as sacking candy and nuts and maybe a film. Ludrie said the Ed. Center would have a play and some other activities.

New Business:

Cris reported on the Meeting she attended in Sacramento and the main purpose of the meeting was the funding for the projects. The Contract to be drawn up and will be in effect in January and she has since talked with Exc. Director, Bob McSwain regarding the funding and he said there will be no problem and the new contract will be signed at the next Board Meeting in Jan. The new program planner will be Everett Smith. The next Board Meeting will be held in Fresno at the New Holiday Inn.

Blood Bank For The Reservation:

Leona said she will get in touch with Director of the Blood Bank in Porterville to get some information on this.

Dental Program:

Cris reported that the Dental Services are now being used by the adult population of the Reservation. Applications are being taken from residents of Tulare County and will have to be reviewed by the Board as to who are eligible for the services provided by the Health Program.

After no further business, Harry Williams made a motion to adjourn, this was seconded by Gloria Manuel, motion to include per-diem to be paid by Ludrie Gonzales and Gloria Manuel,

Vote: 3 "for" and 0 "against"

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M. 11/27/74

[Signature]
Leona Dabney, Acting Secretary
November 29, 1974

Mr. Alec Garfield, Chairman
Tule River Indian Reservation
P.O. Box 589
Porterville, California 93257

Dear Mr. Garfield:

This letter is written at the request of the local Health Advisory Board, and is in reference to building insurance coverage for all buildings being used by the Health Center program.

As the Director of the program, I felt it necessary to inform the board that the buildings being used by the program are not insured, and it being that the program is paying rent, the Tribal Council is responsible for providing the insurance coverage for these buildings. Since this is a matter of importance and concern, the board would like to know why we do not have this coverage, and what steps are being taken regarding this matter.

Your response will be appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cris Sierra
Project Director
December 3, 1974

Mr. Alec Garfield, Chairman
& Tribal Council Members
P.O. Box 589
Porterville, California 93257

Dear Chairman, & Tribal Council:

Request to H.E.W. for approval, to install a heating and cooling unit into the building used for the exercising room, and the small office to be used for optometric services, was partially approved, recently, for the amount of $1,140. The total cost of the complete unit is $2,332. We are in need of $1,192 to have this unit installed.

I would like to know at this time, if there are any funds available within the Tribal budget or other, that we might be able to use toward this cost, or if in any way, the Tribal Council may consider paying half the cost of the $1,192 which would be in the amount of $596. We do have separate funds other than C.R.I.H.B. funds that could be applied to this cost, but it would almost drain this account, which is also used for other program expenses.

Installation of this unit, and use of this facility, will be to the advantage of the community for program services, therefore; your most sincere consideration given this matter will be appreciated. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by

Mrs. Crispina Sierra
Project Director
December 3, 1974

Mr. Alec Garfield, Chairman  
& Tribal Council Members  
P.O. Box 589  
Porterville, California  93257

Dear Chairman, & Tribal Council:

The idea of a Christmas program was discussed at the two recent meetings held by the Health Advisory Board. The health program has agreed to work in coordination with the Education Center staff in planning for this year's activities.

Since members of the Health Advisory Board are also members of the Education Committee, and Tribal Council, it was felt that participation, and input from the Tribal staff should be sought, and that we all plan and work together in this year's holiday seasons activities. So far the possibility of a Christmas play involving the students, along with a Christmas dinner has been suggested. The health board will be meeting Wednesday evening, and would like some decision from you on your feelings regarding this matter.

In addition to the above, I would also like to add that it has always been customary to have two dances during the holiday season, one for Christmas, and one for New Years. The possibility of finding a Music Band for these two nights is very slim due to the late date, but is being explored. If it is at all possible to locate a band for these two nights, I would like to request from the Tribal Council, enough money to cover all the expenses, which is unknown at this time. To give you some idea of expenses, attached for your information is a copy of the expense and summary report of last years Christmas and New Years activities.

Your response regarding this letter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Crispina Sierra  
Project Director
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