

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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Mental Health Meeting
Tule River Health Center
March 11, 1980

The Health Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Phil D. Hunter. Roll Call is as follows:

Phil D. Hunter, Chairman
Edna Franco, Vice Chairperson
Ludrie Gonzales, Treasurer
Ruby Bays, Secretary
Greg Gomez, Board Member
Alice Miranda, Board Member (absent)
Clint Hunter, Board Member (absent)

Staff Present:

Crispina Sierra, Health Program Director
Joe Carrillo, Mental Health Coordinator

Youth Camp

Joe Carrillo, Mental Health Coordinator gave his report on the planning of the Spiritual Youth Camp which is scheduled to be held during the Easter vacation beginning March 28-April 1, 1980. He reported that the camp will be held at the Painted Rock area, and that a spiritual group from Canada will bring a bus load of approximately 45 youth ranging from 15-22 years of age. These youth will be chaperoned by accompanying elders. The planning of this spiritual camp is being coordinated by Juluis Murry, Medicine Man/Indian Doctor from Rosevelt, Utah and others such as Andy Anderson, Indian Health Program Director from Bishop, California. Joe mentioned that at least 20 youth from Bishop might attend. He went on to report that the spiritual camp activities will include, arts and crafts, drum group and dancers, hide tanning, trail hikes and sweats, and maybe a ropes course, basketball and volleyball, also that the spiritual group will provide sunrise services. Other plans are to divide the youths into groups. Each group will be assigned different job duties and will take turns in preparing the camp meals. One of the purposes of the camp will be to provide early youth training which will tie in with the proposed survival school. Leonard Crow Dog, from South Dakota, will provide assistance with the development of the survival school. Joe also mentioned that in case of bad weather, arrangements will be made to use the community building for sleeping and cooking.

Trip

Joe reported that a trip was taken to Los Angeles to meet with Danny Vega, regarding equipment for the program. He also reported on their visit to Bartlett school, a movie was shown on a cultural sucking doctor, Robert Flores talked about how to make drums using deer hides. At least 20 students were present at this meeting.

Rosalie Bethels name was mentioned.

The report on Mental Health and the Wilderness/Survival school activities combined became confusing therefore; a question was raised by Edna Franco to Joe Carrillo, Jr., "are we still functioning under Mental Health or the Wilderness School?" Joe, explained the functioning of the programs and the principles of there funding. Mental Health is funded by IHS/CPO for \$27,000 and the Wilderness/Survival school is funded by the Rosenberg, a private foundation for \$20,000 out of San Francisco. Joe explained the two separate bank accounts and the two sets of books being kept to separate the expenses. He explained about the reporting and the reimbursement system. The proposal for the Wilderness School is through the connection of Dan Comberry. Phil Hunter will review the proposal, the goals and objectives and the budget and will also write a letter of support for its funding.

Joe commented on the Colorado trip. He stated that he had not requested Board approval before sending anyone.

Joe also talked about organizing a Indian spiritual Jr. Women's club Social Group to develop cultural awareness. Other funding alternatives were mentioned for the youth program, and letters of support were discussed.

Outward Bound Program

Joe, reported on the Outward Bound program and training, also that jackets would be purchased for the boys that completed the training course. Some of the activities reported were, reviewing and discussing the Tribes constitution and By-laws, learning how to read maps, mixing Indian tobacco and its traditional meaning and also the confirmation of the First Aid Class already scheduled for the health staff and Wilderness/Outward Bound.

It was further reported that Candace Varela will set up a meeting with the girls to develop the Women's Club, youth group.

Van Insurance

Van use for travel and van insurance was discussed. It was mentioned that the Health Center has been billed for the amount of \$2,600. A question was asked if the insurance was paid.

Joe, talked to Virgil Killstraight, member of the Indian Controlled School Board from South Dakota in regards to his concept of the Wilderness School.

Being no further business, a motion was ma-e by Edna Franco, seconded by Greg Gomez. Vote was 4 for 0 against and 1 abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Phil D. Hunter

Phil D. Hunter, Chairman

Ruby Bays

Ruby Bays, Secretary