

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

TULE INDIAN RESERVATION

P.O. BOX 768

PHONE 784-2316

PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 93258

3

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 3, 2003

The meeting was Called To Order at 9:19 by Chairperson Laura Manuel, at the Mater Delores Church. Roll was Called with the following Board members present:

Laura Manuel, Chairperson
Richard McDarment, Vice Chairman
Patsy Vega, Secretary
Joseph Garfield, Treasurer
Barbara Baga, member
Veronica McDarment, member

Absent: Vincent Burrough, (Tribal meeting)

Brook Franco, alternate

Others: Sabrina Bustamante, Program Director

Evelyn Hunter, CHS

Michelle McDarment, Fiscal Officer

Lucille Apalatea seated at 9:20 a.m.

MOTION #1 - Patsy Vega/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the Agenda
a. CHS b. Financial Assistance, the vote was 6-0-0,
motion carried.

The purpose of this meeting was to prepare our thoughts and figures that were to be taken to Tribal Council at 2:00 p.m. this day, asking for assistance in funding the CHS Budget. Sabrina Bustamante provided a two page spread sheet with projected expenses for the next 6 month period totaling to \$662,576 with an annual operation cost of \$3,120,000.00. The second page had sub-contracts and patient care amounts required and Contract Health Care figures, in the amount of \$800,461.00 which is our starting balance budgeted for the year, covering Level I and II. Page sub-total \$1,016,175.00. Page 3, CHS Expenses listed by month, July 2002 through April 2003 our expenditures were \$509,929.86. What it breaks down to is the Health Center is overbudget in Corporate expenses \$112,000.00 and owing collection accounts of \$198,000.00. With our Budget of \$800,461.00 this leaves us with little monies to operate with. It will be used up in a short time. It was concensus of all Board members to ask Tribal Council to help us out of this deficit and ask for a percentage of Casino funds from the Tribes accounts on a regular basis to help us provide more levels of care for our people.

Health Board went on break at 10:15 a.m. and will reconvene at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

2:15 p.m. back in session. Board members present:

Laura Manuel, Chairperson
Richard McDarment, Vice Chairman

Patsy Vega, Secretary
Joseph Garfield, Treasurer
Barbara Baga, member
Veronica McDarment, member
Brook Franco, alternate
Lucille Apalatea, alternate
Vincent Burrough, stayed seated at Council Chambers
Others: Sabrina Bustamante, Program Director
Michelle McDarment, Fiscal Officer
Evelyn Hunter, CHS
Thelma Anderson, CHS
Francine Gibson, CHS

Tribal Council Present:

Neil Peyron, Chairman
Phil Hunter, Vice Chairman (late)
Yolanda Gibson, Secretary
Randy Christman, Treasurer
Linda Santos
Vincent Burrough
Alec Garfield
Duane Garfield
Evelyn Hunter (stepped down per Health issue)

Ms. Laura Manuel, Chairperson explained to Tribal Council the finances of Tule River Health Center having a hardship and asked Council to help us through this time in need. The Contract Health Services is out of funding and our Pharmaceutical bills are overwhelming. We are providing two Levels of care at this time, when in the past we provided five Levels of care for our people. We are providing life threatening services at this time. Laura expressed, before Gaming our Tribal priorities were to provide monies into Law Enforcement, Education, a Game Warden and Health Services. We are asking Tribal Council to fund the Health Center with a percentage of Gaming Revenues and to help pay immediately some monies to help our CHS continue providing services. There are numerous bills in collections and our pharmacy costs are over extended.

Ms. Sabrina Bustamante, Program Director explained to Tribal Council we are out of CHS monies, and are unable to provide all levels of care, one through five. An expense report was provided to Council with expenses for the next Six month period. The average monthly cost is \$260,000.00 with Annual Operating Costs \$3,120,000.00. CHS's beginning balance was \$800,461.00 with \$59,272.08 left to cover the end of our Fiscal Year, June 30, 2003. CHS expense listed by month from July 2002 through April 2003 was \$509,929.86. Sabrina explained we are under staffed and over budget and asked if Council could possibly pull funds to put back into the Clinic. There is an immediate need of \$210,000.00 to see us through September 2003.

Dave Nenna commented with future budgeting issues, how does this fit into the Tribes budget? Alec asked about other avenues, "CRIHB", can our Tribal funds be returned back to Health? Alec asked that our Tribal Attorney look into funds given to Health since the Health Center is State funded it may hinder the Tribes Soverinty and cause a possible

law suit.

MOTION #1 - Alec Garfield/Vincent Burrough Motioned by Resolution
FY 2003-50 to approve \$310,313.42 (7007 CHS line
item) specifically to CHS, subject to audit. The vote was
7-0-0, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. with Tribal Council.

Manuel

Laura Manuel, Chairperson

Patsy J. Vega

Patsy J. Vega, Secretary

Approved: August 13, 2003