

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

TULE INDIAN RESERVATION

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PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 93258

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 10, 2003

The meeting was Called To Order at 9:46 a.m. by Chairperson Laura Manuel at the Mater Delores Church. Roll was Called with Board Members present:

Laura Manuel, Chairperson
Patsy Vega, Secretary
Joseph Garfield, Treasurer
Vincent Burrough, member
Veronica McDarment, member

Board Absent: Richard McDarment, Vice Chairman (appointment in Visalia)
Barbara Baga, member (Housing meeting)
Brook Franco, alternate (Housing meeting)
Lucille Apalatea, alternate (Housing meeting)

Others Present: Sabrina Bustamante, Program Director
Michelle McDarment, Fiscal Officer

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1 - Patsy Vega/Vincent Burrough motioned to approve the agenda with additions: D. In-Patient Treatment Center, E. Surveillance, F. Surveillance. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

IV. New Business

A. Betsy Foote (9:55 - 10:26)

Betsy came before the Board today to follow-up on the letter she received from Evelyn Hunter stating she is eligible for Direct Care Services through our Clinic. Betsy said she completed her file as was asked and assumed her past bills would be paid or partially paid. She was informed that she was still out of our service area and did not qualify for CHS. The Central Valley Clinic should have been able to assist her with funding or explained to her what was available. The last meeting Betsy had with the Health Board she asked for a denial letter if she wasn't to be helped, so she could take this to Tribal Council to see if they would help assist with funds to pay her medical expenses. She was also going to CRIHB to appeal our decision. This appeal did not happen within the timeframe required.

Sabrina read a letter of February 19, 2003 addressed to Betsey Foote of the denial letter forwarded by certified mail and signed for on December 9, 2002. There was no contact to CRIHB for an appeal, therefore, the CHS requested was denied, with Betsey's case at Tule River Indian Health Center closed. Betsey acknowledged receiving this letter by signing for it today July 10, 2003. Past minutes were also read to Betsey of Board action taken. Sabrina explained the Executive Committee established rules that an enrolled member could move into Tulare County and after Six (6) months would be eligible for services by establishing residency. Laura explained everyone must apply for Medi-Cal if you have no Insurance. Joseph said the Direct Care would be getting services for Dental or Medical but you would not be eligible for Contract Care. After the meeting with Ms. Foote, it was concensus to stay with the past decision of the Contract Care Committee and Board of Directors that Ms. Foote was in-eligible for CHS funds.

B. Program Director Report

Sabrina prepared a packet of Department Reports given to each Board Member. The 2003 IHS funds in the amount of \$3,407,442.00 were received. Medi-Cal fees for last month was \$156,000.00 and the Third Party monies are beginning to come in. The current operating Budget for July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 is \$4,265,231.00. The annual budget request from Tribal Council is \$1,210,848.00. Sabrina would like Board approval to present the Budget to Tribal Council. It was concensus Sabrina request a meeting with Tribal Council and also send a cover letter with the attachments to be discussed.

MOTION #2 - Veronica McDarment/Joseph Garfield motioned to approve the Annual Budget request to Tule River Tribal Council in the amount of \$1,210,848.00 to include the allocation of funds and funding guidelines. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

MOTION #3 - Patsy Vega/Joseph Garfield motioned to approve CHS eligibility of Six (6) months residency in Tulare County. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

Tuesday July 15, 2003 there will be a Personnel Committee meeting at 8:30 a.m..
Committee members: Joseph, Laura, Patsy, Richard and Brook.

C. Fiscal Officer

1. Audit - Michelle went over the Audit Report prepared by Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation, CPA's for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2001.

MOTION #4 - Joseph Garfield/Vincent Burrough motioned to approve the Financial Report from Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corp. for June 30, 2001. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

Further business was tabled until July 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m..

MOTION #5 - Joseph Garfield/Vincent Burrough motioned to adjourn at 12:30 p.m., the vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

Manuel

Laura Manuel, Chairperson TRIHC

Patsy J. Vega

Patsy J. Vega, Secretary TRIHC

Approved: August 13, 2003

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AJH*

Betsey Foote
673 W Tenaya Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612

2/19/2003

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You have failed to appeal within that time frame to the next level stated within your denial letter packet.

Your CHS requested is denied, so your case at Tule River Indian Health Center is closed.


Program Director

*I Betsy Foote acknowledge receipt of
this letter on 7/10/03*

** Sunday, July 10, 03
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