

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

TULE INDIAN RESERVATION

P.O. BOX 768

PHONE 784-2316

PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 93258

MINUTES OF: October 1, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laura Manuel at 10:30am. Board members present:

Laura Manuel, Chairperson
Patsy Vega, Secretary
Joseph Garfield, Treasurer (10:34)
Barbara Baga, Member
Lucille Apalatea, Alternate seated

Absent:

Richard McDarment
Vincent Burrough
Veronica McDarment
Brook Franco

Staff Present:

Sabrina Bustamante, Program Director

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1 Patsy Vega/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the Agenda with the addition of September 3, 19, 2003 minutes, the vote was 3-0-0, motion carried.

Joseph Garfield arrived at 10:34 a.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 3, 2003

The minutes were read by the Secretary. Patsy questions the \$2,240.00 used in motion #2, the motion read to provide meals for 40 person at \$28.00 each, which would come to an amount of \$1,120.00 instead of \$2,240.00. Mrs. Bustamante will check into what we paid for, it may have included the 56 seats available on the bus plus a Hotel room cost. This information will be brought to the next meeting. If the costs were higher, there will be a change to the motion.

MOTION #2 Joseph Garfield/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the September 3, 2003 minutes with corrections and spelling on page 2, the vote was 3-0-1 (Joseph Garfield) motion carried.

B. September 19, 2003

The minutes were read by the Secretary. Correction to page 1 and 2 realign the paragraphs.

MOTION #3 Joseph Garfield/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the September 19, 2003 minutes with corrections and additions. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried
August 2003 minutes are pending.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Program Director

Mrs. Bustamante apologized to the Board for her absence in such a short notice. She was in daily contact with management staff and everything ran smoothly in her absence.

The new facility is nearly complete with October 31, 2003 as a date to begin moving into the building. SierraTel has installed all cabling. STOP Alarm has installed our security system and sprinkler system. All utilities have been ordered with SBC to be on site October 3-7th to ensure the T1 lines for phones and Internet will be working.

Mr. Dave Nenna approached Sabrina to ask the Board how they would like to handle the demolition of the old facilities, put the building out to bid, salvage materials or trash? It was said to post notices out in the community to go out to bid. The building should be removed within 15-days to as to continue our projects of the parking lot, renovation of the Child Care Center and/or tear down the Mechanic Shop. Kerry Gragg and Gary Ball will do a site visit to discuss the parking lot plans. Patsy commented she would like to see all the original building remain in tact because this was what Tule River began with as our Tribal Government Office, history in the making. This information should go out to the community first to see what they would like to see done.

At the CRIHB meeting held in Sacramento, it was stated that Dr. Grimm, Director of Indian Health Services will be visiting four health facilities in California to emphasize the need for additional funding for construction of medical facilities and where Tribes and health programs will not have to cover 100% of the construction themselves.

UPDATES:

- Dr. Shaw, DDS has requested the month of October off for personal family matters.
- Mrs. Nordin did not accept the Dental position.
- Vacant Positions:
 - ~LVN-part-time: family moving out of state
 - ~Physician: Dr. Rucker has verbally resigned
 - ~Radiology Tech: we have radiology equipment on order and need a tech for basic services(x-ray: torso, trunk and limbs). A job description should be available in November.
 - ~Pharmacist: this position should be flown ASAP.
- Interview are scheduled for October 3, 2003 starting at 9:00am-11:00am, for the CHS and Fiscal Bookkeeper positions. There are 3 candidates for CHS and 2 for Fiscal.
- There is a competitive grant available via the Diabetes program, any ideas are welcome for this grant.
- Dr. Leon and Dan Leon have agreed to lease their building to our Health center. Sabrina will negotiate the cost which is to include equipment already in the building . There are eight exam rooms and four offices. Barbara Baga and Joseph Garfield along with Diana Lincicum and Sabrina walked through the facility and recommended we move our Visalia clinic to this site.
- Blue Cross will be on site October 8th.
- Annual CRIHB meeting is scheduled October 23, 2003 in Reno, NV at the Nugget. Board members interested in attending please sign up.

- Mrs. Bustamante asked what the Board would like to have done with the old dental Phone system, sell or donate to TRTC? It was consensus to post a notice to the community.
- In providing services: Native American Indians can't be denied services but will receive Direct Care if they meet the Eligibility Requirements.
- The receptionist will be receiving all new information on all patients that come into the Clinic with Patient Registration scheduled for November 11,2003 the official move in date.

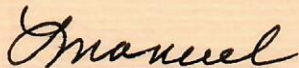
MOTION #4 Joseph Garfield/Barbara Baga motioned for Mrs. Bustamante to negotiate a contract with Dan Leon to show any new changes and bring the negotiations back to the Board Chairperson and Treasurer to finalize the contract. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

MOTION #5 Patsy Vega/Joseph Garfield motioned to approve the Program Directors report for September 2003. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

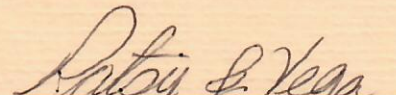
MOTION #6 Joseph Garfield/Lucille Apalatea motioned to fly the positions of: Pharmacist, Rad Tech, LVN-part time, Physician and Dentist. The vote was 4-0-0 motion carried.

MOTION #7 Joseph Garfield/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the \$600.00 for the purchase of T-shirts for the CHS Patient Registration Drive in November 2003. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

MOTION #8 Lucille Apalatea/Joseph Garfield motioned to adjourn at 1:06pm, the vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.



Laura Manuel, Chairman



Patsy J. Vega, Secretary

Approved: January 8, 2004