

# TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## TULE INDIAN RESERVATION

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### MINUTES OF: JANUARY 5, 2005

The Meeting was Called To Order at 9:06 a.m. by Vice Chairman Richard McDarment, in the Conference Room of the Health Center.

Members present:

Richard McDarment, Vice Chairman  
Patsy Vega, Secretary (arrived 10:00 a.m., seated)  
Vincent Burrough, Treasurer  
Lucille Apalatea, Member  
Barbara Baga, Member  
Veronica McDarment, Member  
Joseph Garfield, Alternate Member  
Gerald Santos, Alternate Member (seated 9:16 a.m.)

Absent: Laura Manuel, Chairperson (medical)

Others: Farrell Neeley, Program Director

#### III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1 - Vincent Burrough/Lucille Apalatea motioned to approve the Agenda with The addition of two Interviews: Dental Director, Out Reach Director and Correct the CRIHB Resolution of 2004 to 2005. The vote was 5-0-0, Motion carried.

#### IV. Call For Old Business

##### A. CRIHB Resolution

The annual meeting is coming up during the week of Health Board Elections, January 11<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Barbara Baga was asked if she would like to attend the meeting because Joseph would be required to remain at Tule River for the Tribal Elections.

MOTION #2 - Vincent Burrough/Barbara Baga motioned for Joseph Garfield to Continue as Health Board representative for CRIHB. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

Gerald Santos (seated 9:16 a.m.)

#### V. Call For New Business

##### A. Department Reports

- When digging through files Farrell found 29 possible Tribal members who will be on dialysis in the future because of lack of follow-up. Farrell is to look into a modern medical machine to be used for diabetics on dialysis, this machine will have other uses also that helps stimulate muscles in the body.
- A temporary Doctor will be coming in to work for 6 months, his name is Dr. Paul Newman.
- All X-Rays are being done in house now by Shawn Eugene and Dr. Helland.
- Parking Lot lights are now working at the Visalia Clinic. There is still a need for the signs to be visible.
- Flu shots are available.
- Dr. Pearson from Modesto has replaced Dr. Shaw.
- Transporter Elizabeth Perez is Acting Transporter for Edna Franco and Lola Ogden.
- Cars: our Health cars are being parked in the Tribal Parking area because the construction crews asked for them to be moved. They are to be moved back to the Health Center today January 5, 2005.

ald Santos (emergency 10:00 a.m.)

MOTION #3 - Vincent Burrough/Lucille Apalatea motioned to approve the Supervisors Reports. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

- Only Contract Care patients will be transported, not Direct Care as we are limiting transport to contracted patients.
- Dental: today the board is to interview a Dentist from Palm Dale.
- Fiscal: Software upgrades are available and someone to work with them.
- HIPPA: three new doors will be installed in the Medical Clinic with magnetic security locks installed to be in compliance with HIPPA. Staff will be required to use magnetic cards for access with patients allowing more privacy. Melissa Hunter and Patsy Franco's areas will also be enclosed for more privacy.
- Human Resources: we are currently recruiting staff for: Fiscal Clerk, Community Health Representative, Billing & Collections Specialist, Assistant Referral/CHS Clerk, Executive Secretary and Director of Mental Health.

sy Vega (arrived 10:05)

MOTION #4 - Lucille Apalatea/Vincent Burrough motioned to approve the salary Schedule with review each year beginning February 2006. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

- Four employees are out on disability.
- Computers: the Education Director is not interested in the ones we will have to replace so they will be sold.
- New hours for the Medical Clinic on Wednesdays will be 9:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. beginning February 9, 2005.



- Mental Health: Terry Williams has picked up new referrals for the CalWorks Program.
- Miscellaneous: Federal Tort Claims Resolution needs to be in put in place to assure the program and the providers have coverage (malpractice) for all our patients.

MOTION #5 - Patsy Vega/Vincent Burrough motioned by Resolution to approve the Federal Tort Claims Act Resolution. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

- 1991 Ford Club Wagon will be donated to the Fire Station.

MOTION #6 - Vincent Burrough/Barbara Baga motioned to donate the 1991 Ford ClubWagon to the Fire Station. The vote was 6-0-0, Motion carried.

Interviews began at 10:45 a.m.

Dental: Dr. Paul Newman came in to interview with the board for the Dental Director position. If hired, he will be available in April 2005 with a possibility of starting at the end of January.

MOTION #7 - Patsy Vega/Lucille Apalatea motioned to approve Dr. Paul Newman for the Dental Director position. The vote was 6-0-0, Motion carried.

Outreach Director: 11:38-12:20

Mrs. Cindy Lathers interviewed well for the position, she has one year left to complete her Masters Degree. If hired for the position Mr. Neeley will negotiate a salary with her since she ~~earns more~~ earns more than what we have allocated for the position.

MOTION #8 - Vincent Burrough/Veronica McDarment motioned to hire Mrs. Lathers And for Mr. Neeley to work with Mrs. Lathers to negotiate a salary. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

The minutes of December 15, 2004 were read.

MOTION #9 - Vincent Burrough/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the December 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes with corrections and additions. The vote was 6-0-0, motion Carried.

CRIHB: Joseph Garfield will be attending the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2005.

CHR's: two CHR positions are opening. One employee is ill and the position needs to be filled. CNA's will be considered for these openings.

Minutes of January 15, 2004, January 16, 2004, March 3, 2004 and April 8, 2004 are tabled for the February 2005 Regular Meeting.

MOTION #10 - Vincent Burrough/Joseph Garfield motioned to adjourn at 1:30 p.m., The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.