

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

TULE INDIAN RESERVATION

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MINUTES OF:
August 10, 2005

The Health Advisory Board meeting was Called To Order at 9:04 a.m. in the Health Conference Room by Chairman Neil Peyron. Roll was called:

Present: Neil Peyron, Chairman
Barbara Baga, Vice Chairperson
Patsy Vega, Secretary
Veronica McDarment, Treasurer
Richard McDarment, Member
Lucille Apalatea, Member

Absent: Vincent Burrough, Member arrived at 9:50 a.m.
Joseph Garfield, Alternate arrived at 9:15 a.m.
Teri Carothers, Alternate arrived at 9:47 a.m.

III. Approval of Minutes
August 3, 2005 - Table

IV. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1 - Barbara Baga/Lucille Apalatea motioned to approve
The August 10, 2005 Agenda, the vote was 5-0-0,
Motion carried.

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business

1. Department Director Updates:

- Community Health Outreach Department
- Contract Health Services Department: have been working on requesting co-pays be paid half up front so the Clinic is not held responsible for full payment for patients.
- Dental Department: this month our Dentist was available every day. Dr. Begay with drew her name for employment with our facility. Another Tribe offered her a position and housing. Two interviews will be held today for a Dental Registered Hygienist and Medical Director.
- Fiscal Department: see attached report
- Medical Department
- Mental Health Department

Joseph Garfield arrived at 9:15 a.m., seated.

MOTION #2 - Barbara Baga/Lucille Apalatea motioned to approve the Department Directors Updates, the vote was 6-0-0, motion Carried.

2. Program Directors Updates:

- I.H.S. Facilities Master Plan: this plan determines TRIHC funding for the next 10 years, on August 18th an on site survey will be done to determine the amount of patients receiving services at our Health facility. Tule River being a lower tiered health facility is unable to provide a Hospital in our area, however, a Hospital located in the Fresno area would be a more centralized allowing more patient care for Indians.

2. I.H.S. Facilities Master Plan: would Tule River Health Services consider negotiating putting an Indian Hospital in the Fresno area that will be centralized for all Indians? Thursday, August 18, 2005 Indian Health Service staff will be on site to meet with our Department heads to assist in a survey that would consider if Tule River would be a central area site for a Hospital. The Board members and Tribal Council are welcome to participate.
3. Joint session meeting on the EMS Plan Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Brafford Room. Revisions are needed to the current plan.
4. Perscription drugs: Longs Drug store provides medications (40% less) than other pharmacies. One pharmacy will be used for the Porterville and Reservation residents and the Longs Drug store in Visalia can be utilized for other patients.
5. Asthma Mini Grant: \$5000.00 is eligible for asthmatic children located on the Reservation or others if funds are available.
6. IT Installation is complete, we're working on the software, Farrell commented that this was a very good computer system.
7. All staff has been informed of the importance of sterilization in the Clinic and all Patient rooms.
8. Employee Health program requirements: working with preventative shots, plus employees may be available for Hepitites B shots. We are continuing our work with West Nile, fortunately no dead birds or animals have been found to have West Nile.
9. Update on Raindancer Invoices: submitted to Dr. Spencer for the two kids at Raindancer, will receive back \$50,000.00.
10. Physciian & DDS employment Contract, Farrell will handle the contract.
Teri Carothers seated at 9:47
Vincent Burrough seated at 9:50
Teri Carothers unseated at 9:50
10. continued – Physician Personal Services Contract was reviewed by the BOD, recommend all the pages be numbered for all Professional Staff. The Program Director will handle the Human Resources position.
Joseph G. unseated at 10:00

Motion #3 - Lucille Apalatea and Vincent Burrough motioned to approve The Physicians personnel service contract. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

11. Telemedicine/teleconference: Farrell recommends the Health Center buy into this service, two IP addresses are required. UC Davis has 12 areas of professional assistance that would be able to assist our Doctors and patients for better care and allow us to speak directly with other health entities for specialty care. A basic unit: Doctrinological is what will be purchased and a cost of \$200.00 an hour will come from Medi-Cal, Medi-Care and Third Party funds. Contract care is covered but Direct care is not covered.

Motion #4 Richard McDarment/Barbara Baga motioned to approve \$11,000.00 To purchase the Telehealth and Telemedicine with UC Davis. The Vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

12. Cardiac defibrillator: The cost is \$13,000.00 to purchase one.

Motion #5 Vincent Burrough/Barbara Baga motioned to purchase one Cardiac defibrillator. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

13. I.H.S./CAO funding for a retaining wall: I.H.S. & TRIHC can split costs for a retaining wall North side of Clinic in the amount of \$20,605.00. Two bids received with this cost being the better.

Motion #5 – Barbara Baga/Lucille Apalatea motioned to approve I.H.S. funding Of \$20,605.00 of our costs for the retaining wall. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

14. Installing retaining wall/drainage to West property line was a separate bid with same contractor to provide a retaining wall. This payment will come out of third party funds.

Motion #6 - Richard McDarment/Barbara Baga motioned to approve \$21,580.00 to install drainage on the West wall of the Clinic. The Vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Motion #7 Vincent Burrough/Lucille Apalatea motioned to purchase the basic Colposcope package for Gynecology in the amount of \$7,600.00 The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

15. Policy on retaining financial auditors: Should this remain six or three years?

Motion #8 - Richard McDarment/Barbara Baga motioned to amend the policy For six years, the vote was 5-1-0 (Patsy Vega), motioned carried.

16. Policy on providing First Aid supplies to other Tribal Organizations: these programs are asking the Clinic to provide them with supplies and Farrell is asking for direction if this should be done? All Program and Departments should have these funds included in their budgets to purchase their own supplies. Farrell will follow up with the Programs and Departments.

17. I.H.S./C.A.O. is willing to provide funds to tear down the old adobe building where the retaining wall is to be, the land can be leveled to build an Administration building, with the top of the Clinic being used for Medical. The Tribe is working with a Block Grant to assist with the remodeling.

18. HIPAA: agreements should be completed this year.

19. Pending Issue: Implementation of Electronic Medical Records (hardware, software, training) must be implemented by 2007.

20. Recruiting: at this time Tule River needs a RN, Medical Records Clerk and an Administrative Assistant, with Visalia Clinic needing a Medical Assistant and Medical Records Clerk.

Motion #9 Richard McDarment/Barbara Baga motioned to accept the Program Directors report. The vote was 5-0-1, Vincent Burrough obtained, Motion carried.

10:55 Interviews.

Carmen Galloway, Registered Dental Hygenist

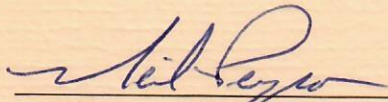
Dr. Raymond Pena, Medical Doctor applying for Medical Director.

Motion #10 Barbara Baga/Veronica McDarment motioned to hire Carmen Galloway, Registered Dental Hygenist with Mr. Neeley to negotiate the salary. The vote was 6-0-0, Motion carried.

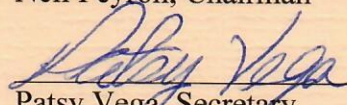
MOTION #10 – Richard McDarment/Barbara Baga motioned to hire Dr. Raymond Pena as Medical Director. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

21. Lucille Apalatea requested information on program automobiles. See attached charting, with an update of use of vehicles.

MOTION #11 – Vincent Burrough/Barbara Baga motioned to adjourn at 12:02 p.m., The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.



Neil Peyron, Chairman



Patsy Vega, Secretary

Approved: _____