

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

TULE INDIAN RESERVATION

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MINUTES OF: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2005

The meeting was Called To Order at 9:06 a.m. by Barbara Baga, Vice Chairperson, board members present:

Barbara Baga, Vice Chairperson
Patsy Vega, Secretary
Lucilla Apalatea, Member
Vincent Burrough, Member
Richard McDarment, Member
Teri Carothers, Alternate seated 9:07 a.m.
Joseph Garfield, Alternate seated 9:14 a.m.

Absent: Neil Peyron, Chairman
Veronica McDarment, Treasurer

Teri Carothers seated at 9:07 a.m.

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1 - Richard McDarment/Lucille Apalatea motioned to approve the Agenda with additions of August 3rd and August 10, 2005 Minutes. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 3, 2005 were read,

MOTION #2 - Lucille Apalatea/Teri Carothers motioned to approve the August 3, 2005 minutes. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

Joseph Garfield seated at 9:14 a.m.

The minutes of August 10, 2005 were read,

MOTION #3 - Joseph Garfield/Richard McDarment motioned to approve the August 10, 2005 minutes with corrections. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

V. Old Business

- TRAP: A conference call with LaMerle Fridley and David Sprenger, MD took place regarding requirements for TRAP, accounting, licensing and operations. Ms. Fridley is retiring and is interested in taking over our accounting. Dr. Sprenger, MD Psychiatrist will be taking over her position. A future meeting is to be scheduled.

*10/5/05
6-0-0
w/corrections*

- The Tribe is changing their Workman's Comp carrier, the Health Center will be changing over to this carrier also which should save funds.
- The first use of our Telehealth/Telemedicine cost \$600.00. The first training is the last Tuesday of each month, staff training is the first Tuesday of each month.
- The prescription drug service with Longs Drug in Porterville will begin November 1, 2005 with the Visalia Clinic to begin in January 2006.
- October 21, 2005 is the next scheduled Emergency Planning Meeting, this Meeting will organize a Committee to make a public announcement.
- Medical Department: re-alignment, Cindy Lathers, Director of Nursing will be Working closely with the patients and Doctors to keep the patient flow running Smoothly. Our providers should be meeting with more patients daily depending On the type of appointment: Routine – 20 ~~patients~~ *minutes*
Intermediate – 30 ~~patients~~ *minutes*
Complex – 3 ~~patients~~ *minutes*, which are scheduled in
The mornings.

Teri stepped out 9:58 a.m.

Staff will work with patients that have made appointments previously before walk in patients. Physician Assistant Doug Barker has been here a week and working out well. Pam Hernandez is working half a day in Visalia 5 days a week. Dr. Edin is reviewing charts of the past year. The 3 year contract for the new Doctor will be signed October 10, 2005.

Teri stepped back in at 10:05 a.m

VI. New Business

1. CHS Committee Report: none was held for September.
Three employees resigned recently with various reasons. We are continuing to have random Drug Testing at our facility.
2. Department Director's Updates:
 - Fiscal Department:
 - Dental Department: Jamie is working here temporarily
 - Mental Health: Joseph explained that TRAP is not able to handle some treatment for many patients being sent to TRAP.

MOTION #4 - Richard McDarment/Vincent Burrough motioned to approve
The Department Directors reports. The vote was 3-1-2, Patsy-no,
Joseph and Teri abstained.

3. Program Director Update
 - Health Fair Saturday October 29, 2005 at the Gymnasium 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.
Flu shots and vaccinations will be available.
 - Farrell would like to create an Associate Program Director/Chief Operating Officer position with Tribal member/employee Evelyn Hunter and put Francine Gibson into Evelyn's position. Farrell would like to spend more time preparing for Grants and Department Regulations. The Board requested Farrell to provide a job description for this position to be available for the next Board meeting.

Applicant must meet the qualifications required. The position can be advertised next month.

- Christmas party will be held at the Elks Lodge December 3rd from 6:00 p.m. till midnight.
- 4. Discussion of actions by Toiyabe Indian Health Program:
Farrell read correspondence regarding Toiyabe planning to pull out from CRIHB, and read CRIHB's response. This may be discussed at the Annual CRIHB meeting to be held in Reno.

MOTION #5 - Teri Carothers/Patsy Vega motioned to approve the Program Director update. The vote was 6-0-0, motion Carried.

VII: Adjournment:

MOTION #6 - Vincent Burrough/Richard McDarment motioned to adjourn At 11:50 a.m., the vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Barbara Baga, Vice Chairperson

Patsy Vega, Secretary

Approved: _____