

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES REVIEWED AND REVISED DURING THE NOVEMBER 12th 2008 BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 3, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Neil Peyron called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair, Barbara Baga called roll as acting secretary:

5 Minutes:

Actual time: 2 minutes

Board Members:

Barbara Baga
Yolanda Gibson (9:11)
Gayline Hunter (9:21)
Neil Peyron
Veronica McDarment
Melanie Santos (medical leave)
Amanda Sierra
Evelyn Hunter (seated @ 9:07)
Nacho Diaz (on travel)

Staff

P	Alan Barlow	P
L	Dr. Devous	T
L	Francine Gibson	L
P	Larry Anderson	P
P	Danièle Healy	P
I		
P		
P		
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P=Present; A=Absent; I=Ill/Sick; L=Late; E=Excused; T=Travel; V=Vacation

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5 Minutes:

Actual time: 2 minutes

MOTION #1: Amanda Sierra/Evelyn Hunter motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1. 5-10 Minutes: Actual time: 8 minutes

Yolanda Gibson arrived at 9:11 a.m.

August 6, 2008 Board Meeting

Two corrections on page 7 were brought forth by Evelyn Hunter

- a. Danièle will confirm the hearing dates for Sharon Hoseley and Belinda Hearn and highlight the corrections;
- b. Under CFO Report, last sentence should read: Alan will get the report from CRIHB.

MOTION #2: Evelyn Hunter/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the minutes with 2 corrections highlighted on page 7 & 8. The vote was 4-0-1, motion carried. Veronica McDarment abstained.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. 5-10 Minutes Actual time: 1 minute

Mid-Year BOD Evaluations

A spreadsheet lists the evaluations that were received and those that need to be submitted. Alan has some additional evaluations to forward to Danièle. An updated list will be presented at the next board meeting. The missing evaluations should be sent to Danièle by no later than September 15th.

2. 5-10 Minutes: Actual time: 3 minutes

CHS Dental Billing update

As discussed in the last Board meeting, the issue regarding billing for dental labs was taken and resolved in August's CHS committee meeting. After even further consideration, Alan reported that all dental lab bills will go to Fiscal instead of CHS to balance the needs of accuracy and expediency. Larry will be asked to look into balancing the budget for these changes for the fiscal year.

3. 5-10 Minutes: Actual time: 3 minutes

TRIHCI Benefits Plan: Co-Payment Waivers

Information is still being gathered. Consequently, Alan asked to defer further conversation about this issue to next Board meeting.

Gayline Hunter arrived at 9:21 a.m.

4. 5-10 Minutes: Actual time: 6 minutes

Discussion of Expansion Plans and Opportunities

Alan recognized that a recent proposal to expand into Porterville was not presented properly to the Board members during the last Board meeting, and he apologized for having lost focus. We presented a great idea rather than a proposal, without back-up documentation. Alan has had conversations with the leadership team regarding appropriate preparation, and he trusts this will not happen again. Moreover, Alan has been working to realign discussions appropriate with supervisors. For example, he pointed out that the discussion at the Board meeting should never have been "stability" versus "expansion", but rather "how do we maintain stability while expanding"? In the meantime, Dr. Lord has another buyer that he will pursue.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. 5-10 Minutes: Actual time: 4 minutes

CRIHB Modification #10 to AFA HHSI-235-2007-00027C

Alan presented the modification to the Board for the 2007-2008 FY.

MOTION #3: Evelyn Hunter/Yolanda Gibson motioned to approve CRIHB modification #10 to AFA HHSI-235-2007-00027C to increase the Annual Funding Agreement by \$25,040.00 from \$111,201.00 to \$136,241.00. The vote was 5-0-1, motion carried. Gayline abstained.

2. 10-15 Minutes: Actual time: 12 minutes

BOD support for Executive Director to attend the Clinic Leadership Institute, sponsored by Blue Shield

The Foundation will accept up to 50 applicants to participate in a free, comprehensive 18 month program that aims to build the next generation of California safety net leaders by providing them with the skills necessary to become change agents in what is a rapidly changing healthcare system. Alan stated that we need alignment with community health and obtain resources from County and States entities. Alan asked the Board to support his participation in Clinic Leadership Institute, including paid release time during the regular work week to attend the seminars, in order to submit his application. Blue Shield will pay for everything if accepted in the program. Alan and the Board Members' main concern is whether Alan will be able to fit it all in his already busy schedule. Evelyn would like Alan to bring back what he learned and train people back here. Alan confirmed that he plans on bringing the concepts back to the leadership team.

THERE WAS CONSENSUS TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ALAN TO APPLY TO THE PROGRAM.

3. 10-15 Minutes: Actual time: 19 minutes

Proposal for "Circle of Life" Elder Services and Multi-Purpose Room

Alan commended Donna Gallegos and Linda Hoy on their research and submission of their proposal, complete with extensive back-up information. Alan reiterated to the Board that we will adhere to this type of proposal submission in the future. They identified the alignment in our strategic map and identified the needs appropriate (89 elders out of 114 suffer from diabetes and thus require more conscientious diets to meet their needs).

Our AOA grant requires us to keep a controlled environment when providing congregate meals. This would give us a fully operational kitchen to provide hot, healthy meals to the elders. Our Dietician,

Marcia Roper's Healthy Plate has already done a lot of good in the community.

The Elder Services Coordinators would do the cooking, and thus they would need to be certified for commercial kitchen cooking. Parking may be a problem and there are other considerations as well, but Alan believes the proposal is sound.

The monies (\$109,936.98) needed for this remodel were not presented with the budget. Alan will need to come up with \$50,000.

Alan stated that we are seeking consensus to move forward. Neil stipulated that he needs a motion to approve since money is involved.

MOTION #4: Yolanda Gibson/Evelyn Hunter motioned to authorize the \$109,936.98 expenditure to remodel the storage room to accommodate the Circle of Life Senior Service Multi-purpose room. The vote was 4-2-0, motion carried. Gayline & Amanda opposed the motion.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. 10 Minutes: Actual time: 8 minutes

Executive Director's Report

Alan read over his report explaining that it was a quiet month; he has taken a lot of time off in August to regroup. Alan stated that he would like Board Members to become familiar with IPC II. Alan also highlighted the very positive accolades we received in a recent SAMSNHA audit for our substance abuse patient files. Per Gayline's request, Alan included a provider productivity report and will look at providing this information as well in the future.

2. 10 Minutes: Actual time: 4 minutes

Clinical Services Director's Report

In Dr. Devous' absence, Alan Barlow read though the Clinical report and asked the Board Members to read the attachment to Dr. Devous' report individually.

Francine read through her report. Gayline asked if Apple is still going to Francine rather than Donna? Yes, regarding CHS patient eligibility. However, she is now reporting to Donna as her subordinate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - No committee Meetings

1. 5-10 Minutes: Personnel Committee Report
2. 5-10 Minutes: CHS Committee Report
3. 5-10 Minutes: Finance Committee Report

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION Executive Director

MOTION #5: Amanda Sierra/Gayline Hunter motioned to go into closed session at 11:58 a.m. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

MOTION #6: Gayline Hunter/Amanda Sierra motioned to come out of closed session at 12:32 p.m. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

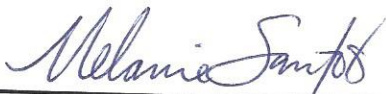
MOTION #7: Gayline Hunter/Veronica McDarment motioned to have Alan negotiate with Dr. Vemuri on an MOU to serve as TRIHCI's Medical Director. If the terms discussed are agreeable, this motion also authorizes Barbara Baga to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board for execution. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

VIII. FYI ITEMS

1. Additional departmental reports and documents are included for reference to the Health Advisory Board.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #8: Gayline Hunter/Amanda Sierra motioned to adjourn at 12:24 p.m. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.



Melanie Santos, Secretary