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29 FEBRUARY 2012 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED DURING 14 MARCH 2012 BOARD MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Yolanda Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:** Secretary Gayline Hunter called Roll.

Board Members:

Yolanda Gibson, Chair
Rhoda Hunter, Vice-Chair
Christina Dabney-Keel, Treasurer
Gayline Hunter, Secretary
Alex Robles, Member-arrived @ 11:28 a.m.
Barbara Baga, Member
Vincent (Mickey) Burrough, Member
Betsey Foote, Alternate-seated at 9:13 a.m.
Stephanie Gibson, Alternate-arrived @ 9:17 a.m.
and was seated at 9:35 a.m.

Staff

P	Zahid Sheikh	P
T	Alicia Herrera	A
P	Angelina Ignacio	A
P	Danièle Healy	P
L		
P	Greg Williams	P
A	Pona Anderson	P
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L		

P=Present; A=Absent; I=Ill/Sick; L=Late; E=Excused; T=Travel; V=Vacation

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Sheikh asked to add EHR Meaningful Use Incentives for Providers. Issue: funding should come to the clinic, not the provider.

MOTION #1: Gayline Hunter/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the agenda with one addition. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

IV. ALEC GARFIELD RE: Jennie Garfield

Apple Yazzie represented Mr. Garfield. Jennie Garfield went to convalescent care in October 2011. TRIHCI offered to pay shared cost of \$750 for October 2011 and possibly cover one more month but not more. Mr. Garfield contacted the Tribal Council and is now requesting that we pay an extra \$2,250. Because Council gave us the Tribal Contributions money they think that they can direct us on how to spend the funds. Christina Dabney-Keel suggested we send the Council members a

copy of our Tribal Contributions policy. We denied paying ~~convalescent care~~ share of medical cost for another tribal member - we need to be consistent and fair.

Christina Dabney-Keel recommended giving the Tribal Contributions fund money back to Council and let them disburse it as they see fit. She also stated that if we do this, we will not ever receive more funds from Council. Also, it is a lot of work for Apple Yazzie whose salary is not paid by Tribal Contributions.

Gayline Hunter suggested meeting with the Council and presenting/explaining the Tribal Contributions policy. We need to follow our own policy and stay in compliance. We have no directive in writing from Tribal Council.

Stephanie Gibson suggested sending a letter to Mr. Garfield denying the request per policy and add a copy of our policy.

MOTION #2: Christina Dabney-Keel/Betsey Foote motioned to deny the request from Mr. Garfield to pay an additional \$2,250 according to our policy, under Guidelines, III.A.3.b. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

Stephanie Gibson was seated at 9:35 a.m.

Note: The letter will be hand delivered to the requester, with copy to the Council Chair.

V. PATIENT AGREEMENT

CONSENSUS by the Board members to have the patient agreement signed today and wheelchair ordered as soon as the agreement is signed.

VI. MEANINGFUL USE INCENTIVES - CMS

The CMS Meaningful use Incentive is designed to offset the cost of EHR for private practice doctor. For "group practices" the money is originally funded by the practice, not the provider. The Meaningful Use Coordinator (Greg Williams) should have proxy from each Provider. One provider refuses to do so and is adamant that the money should be hers. NextGen is certified by CMS, Greenway was not.

Greg sees no sense of emergency until 2012 when we can effectively report. We currently are using NextGen EPM, not yet the EHR portion, which is scheduled for August 2012.

Consultant @ IHS Tim Campbell was contacted by provider who

informed her of the program.

INSERT: @1:10 p.m. Mr. Sheikh asked to listen on the phone to Tim Campbell of IHS who will better educate us on the program:

"This is a tool to improve patient care; to help doctors or clinics move closer to the standard. Providers may choose between the Medicare or Medical EHR incentive program. The clinic would need a certified EHR program. Our clinic is not yet ready. Medicare starts this year for 5 years - Medicaid/MediCal runs for 6 years.

Eligible hospitals or eligible providers qualify for the incentive. It is only fair that the incentive would come to the clinic - the incentive is taxable for the providers. We need to show at least 30% of needy or MediCal patients for the previous year in order to report.

The more providers we have, the better: MD, DDS, FNP, PNP.

TRIHCI should have a provider agreement in place stating that the clinic receives the incentive."

Greg Williams will bring an addendum to Providers agreement for the Board approval at the March Board meeting.

MOTION #3: Christina Dabney-Keel/Betsey Foote motioned to not implement the CMS EHR Meaningful Registration and Attestation until 2012. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

VII. COMMUNITY MEMBER CRYSTAL NIETO - 10:00 A.M - No show

VIII. TRIBAL CONTRIBUTIONS REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Yolanda Gibson left the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Secretary Gayline Hunter will chair the meeting until Chairperson Yolanda Gibson's return.

Christina Dabney-Keel left the room at 10:15 a.m. and returned at 10:19 a.m.

Apple Yazzie brought the list of pending Tribal Contribution Applications from June, October, December 2010; January & February 2011; and January 2012.

Patient #850675: Gastric lap band. Tabled - find minutes where this procedure was denied - may have been discussed in a CHS Committee meeting.

Patient #850137: Eye glasses. Apple will confirm that patient is still incarcerated.

MOTION #4: Barbara Baga/Stephanie Gibson motioned to approve the purchase of eye glasses for Patient #850137 out of 3rd party funding. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #850903: Tubal reversal

MOTION #5: Christina Dabney-Keel/Betsey Foote motioned to deny the request of patient #850903 based on levels of care. The vote was 3-1-0, Stephanie Gibson opposed, motion carried.

Chairperson Yolanda Gibson rejoined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Patient #851377: Orthodontic Treatment

MOTION #6: Gayline Hunter/Barbara Baga motioned to approve orthodontic treatment for patient #851377 through Tribal contributions. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #850291: Payment of doctors' visits

MOTION #7: Gayline Hunter/Christina Dabney-Keel motioned to deny payment of doctors' visits for patient #85291 for lack of documentation according to policy 2.C&D - must exhaust all other resources. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

Christina Dabney-Keel left the room at 11:14 a.m.

Patient #851238: Approval of phase one.

MOTION #8: Stephanie Gibson/Betsey Foote motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 3-0-2, Gayline Hunter and Christina Dabney-Keel abstained, motion carried.

Patient #851121: Approval of phase one.

MOTION #9: Stephanie Gibson/Betsey Foote motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 3-0-2, Gayline Hunter and Christina Dabney-Keel abstained, motion carried

Christina Dabney-Keel returned at 11:20 a.m.

Patient #850020: Requesting offsite dental services. Pending - need referral from TRIHCI Dental Department.

Patient #850720: Emergency surgery discounted charges

MOTION #10: Christina Dabney-Keel/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the discount payment of patient #9850720 to be paid directly to providers. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #850036: CLOSED. Emergency situation was previously approved and paid by Tribal Contributions.

Alex Robles joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m. and was seated at that time.

Patient #850689: Tabled - show proof that they applied for alternate resources and bring denial documentation and bring itemized bills.

Patient #851236: Outstanding medical bills

MOTION #11: Stephanie Gibson/Betsey Foote motioned to deny payment of outstanding medical bills for patient #851236 based on Tribal Contributions guidelines regarding CHS levels of service. The vote was 4-2-0, Alex Robles and Gayline Hunter opposed, motion carried.

11:55 a.m. - 12:42 p.m. lunch break

Patient #850381: Request for Lasik eye surgery

MOTION #12: Stephanie Gibson/Betsey Foote motioned to approve payment for Lasik eye surgery for patient #850381 with updated cost not to exceed \$5,000. The vote was 5-0-1, Gayline Hunter abstained, motion carried.

Patient #850253: Dental implants - need consultation and cost

MOTION #13: Barbara Baga/Gayline Hunter motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried

Patient #851364: Request for Lasik eye surgery

MOTION #14: Barbara Baga/Betsey Foote motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 5-0-1, Gayline Hunter abstained, motion carried.

Patient #850120: Hair implants

MOTION #15: Gayline Hunter/Alex Robles to approve procedure in accordance with Tribal Contributions guidelines 3-G&L. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #850371: Outstanding bill for hearing aid. Tabled - Apple will request more information from patient.

Patients #850308 & #851487: Request for Lasik eye surgery

Break @ 1:28 p.m. to 1:34 p.m.

MOTION #16: Barbara Baga/Betsey Foote motioned to approve phase one for patients #850308 and #851487. The vote was 4-0-2 (Stephanie Gibson & Christina Dabney-Keel abstained, they were still out of the room), motion carried.

Patient #850341: Periodontis - lab fee payment

MOTION #17: Gayline hunter/Barbara Baga motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #851241: Outstanding medical bills - Tabled

Patient #851329: Orthodontic care - Pending denial from MediCal and visit TRIHCI Dental Dept.

Patient #855150: Orthodontic assistance. Pending Dental visit 4/5/12 and denial from MediCal.

Patient #855422: Orthodontic assistance.

MOTION #18: Gayline Hunter/Alex Robles motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #855293: Orthodontic treatment

MOTION #19: Gayline Hunter/Stephanie Gibson motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patients #850622 & 851047: Lasik eye surgery

MOTION #20: Stephanie Gibson/Barbara Baga motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried..

Patient #850369: Dental implants

MOTION #21: Gayline Hunter/Alex Robles motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #850730: Lasik surgery. Tabled pending more information.

Patient #855592: Orthodontics

MOTION #22: Gayline Hunter/Alex Robles motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #850097: Dental implants & braces. Tabled pending more information.

Patient #850741: Requesting hearing aids

MOTION #23: Barbara Baga/Christina Dabney-Keel motioned to deny patient #850741 according to policy A-2-c . The vote was 4-2-0, (Alex and Stephanie opposed), motion carried.

Patient #850189: Dental Work - tabled until completion of Dental visit on 4/25/12

Patient #851479: Dental Work - tabled until completion of Dental visit on 4/19/12

Patient #855361: Dental Work - tabled until completion of Dental visit on 4/18/12

Patient #855462: Dental Work - tabled until completion of Dental visit on 4/11/12

Patient #855260: Dental Work - tabled until completion of Dental visit on 4/10/12

Patient #850277: Orthopedic Bed - reimburse from 3rd party acct.

MOTION #24: Gayline Hunter/Stephanie Gibson motioned to deny the reimbursement 3rd party from Tribal Contribution Funds; per policy, because alternate resources were available. The vote was 5-1-0, Alex Robles opposed, motion carried

Patient #850206: Convalescent home bills. Skip - discussed under agenda #4.

Patient #855640: Orthodontic services - reimburse care credit.

MOTION #25: Stephanie Gibson/Alex Robles motioned to approve the reimbursement to care credit of \$3,250. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #855433: Orthodontic services

MOTION #26: Barbara Baga/Alex Robles motioned to approve the reimbursement to Care Credit of \$3,265. The vote was 6-0-0, motion

carried.

Patient #855217: TMJ & Orthodontic treatment

MOTION #27: Barbara Baga/Gayline Hunter motioned to approve the TMJ & orthodontic treatment of \$5,250. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #850055: Dental implants. Tabled until TRIHCI dental referral takes place.

Patient #850639: Dental implants. Tabled - Apple Yazzie will get current cost estimate.

Patient #855299: Lasik eye surgery

MOTION #28: Betsey Foote/Gayline hunter motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #850383:

Betsey Foote left the room at 2:37 p.m.

MOTION #29: Gayline Hunter/Barbara Baga motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 5-0-1 (Betsey Foote was still out), motion carried.

Patient #855032: Lasik eye surgery.

MOTION #30: Stephanie Gibson/Alex Robles motioned to approve phase one. The vote was 5-0-1 (Betsey still out), motion carried

Barbara Baga left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Betsey Foote returned at 2:41 p.m.

Patient #855617: Orthodontic treatment - tabled - check if alternate resource is available.

Patient #850087: Adjustable bed. Tabled - alternate resource.

Patient #850262: Refer to agenda item #V.

Patient #855699: Orthodontic assistance

MOTION #31: Alex Robles/Stephanie Gibson motioned to approve the procedure. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

Patient #851303: Orthodontics assistance - tabled until TRICHI

dental visit is complete.

Patient #852152: Orthodontics assistance - tabled until TRIHCI dental visit is complete.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION #32: Stephanie Gibson/Gayline Hunter motioned to adjourn at 2:48 p.m. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.


Secretary, Gayline Hunter
