

TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH CENTER, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 TULE INDIAN RESERVATION

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November 6th, 2013 - Board of Directors
MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: Gayline Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Present: Gayline Hunter, Barbara Baga, Alberta Chavez, Donna Medrano, Veronica McDarment, and Joseph Garfield.

Staff Present: Zahid Sheikh, Casey Carrillo, Rigo Ceja, Resty Rios, and Tyra Outzen.

II. ROLL CALL: Secretary Alberta Chavez called roll.

<u>Board Members:</u>		<u>Staff</u>	
Gayline Hunter, Chairperson	P	Zahid Sheikh	P
Barbara Baga, Vice-Chair	P	Rigoberto Ceja	P
Christina Dabney-Keel, Treasurer	A	Casey Carrillo	P
Alberta Chavez, Secretary	P	Terri Ortiz	E
Yolanda Gibson, Member (arrived at 9:25 AM)	L	Resty Rios	P
Donna Medrano, Member	P	Tyra Outzen	P
Vincent Burrough, Member	A		
Veronica McDarment, Seated at 9:08 AM	P		
Joseph Garfield, Seated at 9:08 AM	P		

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Chairperson Gayline Hunter.

Roll call was called by Secretary Alberta Chavez. Joseph Garfield and Veronica McDarment were seated at 9:08 AM. Yolanda Gibson arrived at 9:25 AM.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Zahid Sheikh said we will be having a conference call with our attorney, Steven Quesenberry, at 10:00 AM today.

Approved

MOTION #1: Barbara Baga/Joseph Garfield motioned to approve the Agenda with the teleconference added to New Business. The motion carried, 5-0-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

1. June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were reviewed. Gayline Hunter asked Casey Carrillo to check to see if Veronica McDarment and Vincent Burrough Sr. received a stipend for June 11th, 2013. Resty Rios called Rommel Tahimik, results, Veronica McDarment was present, Vincent Burrough Sr. was not. Alberta Chavez said she hasn't signed any minutes. Gayline Hunter asked that Terri Ortiz fix the minutes and make them pretty and to make the changes and get them ready for signatures. Alberta Chavez noted that she has not signed any minutes in a long time. This needs to be done.

MOTION #2: Yolanda Gibson/Donna Medrano motioned to approve the June 11, 2013 minutes with corrections. The motion carried, 4-0-1 (Barbara Baga abstained.)

2. October 17, 2013 (Regular Meeting Rescheduled from 10/02/2013) The meeting minutes from 10/17/13 were reviewed. Changes:

Motion #8 of Under Old Business section: Change verbiage to "Christina Dabney-Keel wants to **voice** her opinion."

Veronica McDarment left the room at 11:45 AM, returned at 11:49 AM.

Yolanda Gibson left the room at 11:57 AM, returned at 12:06 PM. Gayline Hunter suggested that someone review the minutes prior to the meeting to spend less time correcting.

MOTION #3: Barbara Baga/Veronica McDarment motioned to approve the October 17, 2013 minutes with corrections. The motion carried, 4-0-1 (Yolanda Gibson was out of the room.)

3. Minutes for October 25, 2013 (Special Meeting)

MOTION #4: Barbara Baga/Veronica McDarment motioned to approve the October 25, 2013 minutes. The motion carried, 4-0-1 (Yolanda Gibson was out of the room.)

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tribal Contributions Report

2. Traditional Medicine Policy

Joseph Garfield presented a draft of a Traditional Medicine Policy to the Board of Directors for review. Gayline Hunter read the Policy. There was discussion on forming a committee for Traditional Medicine consisting of two Board of Directors, two Elder community members, and two Youth Community members. No action was taken. The policy will continue to be revised and brought to the next meeting.

Yolanda Gibson arrived at 9:25 AM

Joseph Garfield left the meeting at 10:11 AM. Did not return.

3. Donation Request

VI. New Business

1. Teleconference regarding Medicare Like Rates (MLR)
Teleconference call began at 10:20 AM. On the call: Steven Quesenberry and Starla Rhoels, TRIHCI Legal Counsel; Gayline Hunter, Barbara Baga, Alberta Chavez, Donna Medrano, Veronica McDarment, Zahid Sheikh, Casey Carrillo, Rigoberto Ceja, Resty Rios, Tyra Outzen, Francine Gibson & Darlene Yazzie. Steven Quesenberry explained the purpose of the call, looking for direction from the board of directors on whether to move forward with this and the next steps involved. Starla Roels works in another office and is assisting Steven Quesenberry. Steven Quesenberry said, After their discussion with Robert Yodar, the issues were positive in terms with compliance, laws, and regulations. "Mr. Yoder made it clear there was no intent to modify the program with the tribe's insurance plan in order to obtain the Medicare Like Rates. Another thing we talked with Robert Yodar about is there is at least a potential for an increase of coordination of benefits between the tribe's third party administrator and the CHS program. No Action was taken on this item. The CEO will send copies of material Steven Quesenberry reviewed to the Board of Directors for review.

Francine Gibson and Darlene Yazzie left the meeting at 11:04 AM.

2. Conflict of Interest Policy

TABLED - will bring back in December

Zahid Sheikh left the room at 11:14 AM, returned at 11:16 AM.

3. Policies and Procedures

Gayline Hunter asked the Board of Directors for volunteers to review policies. The following committees were assigned:
November 2013 Policy Due Dates

12th - IT Policy - Joseph Garfield, Donna Medrano, Gayline Hunter and Christina Dabney-Keel.

19th - H.R. Policy - Personnel Committee & Christina Dabney-Keel.

20th - Outreach Policy - Yolanda Gibson, Alberta Chavez and Barbara Baga.

21st - Finance Policy - Finance Committee

25th - Medical Policy - Yolanda Gibson, Veronica McDarment and Donna Medrano.

26th - Behavioral Health Policy - Joseph, Yolanda & Veronica
December 2013 Policy Due Dates

4th - Dental Policy - Alberta Chavez, Christina Dabney-Keel, Donna Medrano and Yolanda Gibson.

4. Consideration of employment status change

MOTION #5: Yolanda Gibson/Donna Medrano motioned to restore the status of Dr. Sarah Hall to full time effective November 18, 2013 (5 days per week). The motion carried, 5-0-0.

Rigoberto Ceja needs to get with Donna Medrano to set up a time to present to Dr. Sarah Hall.

MOTION #6 Yolanda Gibson/Donna Medrano motioned to approve \$50 giftcards for employees and Board of Directors for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Veronica McDarment left at 1:09 PM and the quorum was lost.

Approved: _____

Alberta Chavez, Tule River Health Board Secretary