

**TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH CENTER, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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**JANUARY 26, 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Gayline Hunter called meeting to order at 4:10 a.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Secretary Alberta Chavez called roll

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>Staff</u>	
Gayline Hunter, Chairperson	P	Zahid Sheikh P
Joseph Garfield, Vice-Chair	A	Francine Gibson P
Alberta Chavez, Secretary	P	Elizabeth Acevedo- P
Donna Medrano, Treasurer	P	Medrano

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

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** Donna Medrano/Alberta Chavez motioned to approve the agenda as is; motion carried 2-0-0.

**IV. REVIEW IHS COMPLAINT**

Zahid Sheikh informed the Executive Committee he was in receipt of an email from the IHS area office regarding a complaint from the spouse of a patient complaining of bills not being paid. Zahid Sheikh read aloud the email he received from IHS area office.

PRCO Francine Gibson explained the itemized statement that came in was for skilled nursing which we do not cover. Patients spouse inquired about bills from the same facility being cover before; Francine Gibson explained to the spouse that in the past we may have covered the bills because the stay was for



rehabilitation and not skilled nursing. The patients' spouse seemed satisfied with the answer and took it upon herself to call the facility. New bills came in with procedure code now stating the patients stay was for rehabilitation and not skilled nursing. Medicare covered a majority of the patient's stay but since the patient was not at the facility long enough to meet share of cost for Medi-Cal to cover the remaining balance. (Patient is not a tribal member but a California native in the CSHDA area)

Chairperson Gayline Hunter has an issue with the facility switching the procedure code.

Executive committee is suggesting we send the patients' spouse a letter informing her of an appeal process. Mr. Sheikh would like to also send a letter to the skilled nursing facility regarding the billing issue for the patient and a second letter asking why the procedure code was changed.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #2:** Donna Medrano/Alberta Chavez motioned to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.; motion carried 2-0-0.

  
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Alberta Chavez, TRIHCI Board Secretary