

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

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MARCH 28, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Gayline Hunter called meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:** Secretary Nancy McDarment called roll

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>Staff</u>	
Gayline Hunter, Chairperson	P	Zahid Sheikh P
Donna Medrano, Vice-Chair	P	Francine Gibson P
Nancy McDarment, Secretary	P	Elizabeth Acevedo- P
William Carrillo, Sr., Treasurer	P	Medrano

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

Also present Shawn Gonzales, Member & Federico Huerta, DON

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: Nancy McDarment/William Carrillo, Sr. motioned to approve the agenda as written; motion carried 3-0-0.

IV. IN-HOME HEALTH CARE FOR PATIENT #850093

Patients daughter has already been to the County requesting addition hours with Providers recommendation for the Caregiver and was denied. Provider is recommending 4 hours a day and County is only approving 2 hours a day.

Federico Huerta explained the patient is an elder with a long term illness and is needing the additional assistance.

William Carrillo, Sr. asked what the consequences would be if the County were to find out if additional payment was being made. Francine Gibson reported if the County

were to find out that the Health Center was making a supplemental payment they may discontinue any payment to the care giver.

Currently there is no approved policy (only a draft version that was being looked at in 2015).

If the request is approved funds would come from Tribal Contributions.

It is being suggested to pay a different Caregiver the additional two hours; the current Caregiver is willing to work the additional two hours so long as they are compensated (the family is happy with the Caregiver).

The family can appeal the Counties decision; it is not known if the family has appealed.

Nancy McDarment would like to be cautious of doing something like this for fear of liability that would come upon the Clinic. Fred was asked to get more information from the county if we can even start compensating Caregivers for additional hours.

MOTION #2: William Carrillo, Sr./Nancy McDarment deny request pending further investigation between TRIHCI and Tulare County; motion carried 3-0-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

William Carrillo, Sr. left at 4:06 p.m.

MOTION #3: Donna Medrano/Nancy McDarment motioned to adjourn at 4:07 p.m.; motion carried 2-0-0.


Nancy McDarment, TRIHCI Board Secretary