

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

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SEPTEMBER 06, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Gayline Hunter called meeting to order at 9:13 a.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	L	Resty Rios P
Nancy McDarment, Secretary	P	Katherine Portillo P
William Carrillo, Sr., Treasurer	P	Elizabeth Acevedo- P
Barbara Baga, Member	P	Medrano
Richard Brown, Member	E	
Shawn Gonzales, Member	P	
Adam Christman, Alternate	A	
Jade Garfield, Alternate	P	

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

Jade Garfield seated at 9:14 a.m.

Shawn Gonzales in at 9:15 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: Barbara Baga/Jade Garfield motioned to approve the agenda with additions; motion carried 5-0-0.

IV. GROUP PRESENTATIONS

1. Gaming Commission IGRA 9a.m.

Commissioners out on travel Board will wait for Gaming Commission to contact us to schedule presentation.

Move to approval of Previous Board Minutes

2. Bulen Insurance Employee Health Benefits 10 a.m.

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

1. July 13, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION #2: Jade Garfield/Shawn Gonzales motioned to approve the July 13, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes as written; motion carried 4-0-1.

2. August 02, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION #3: Jade Garfield/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the August 02, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes with corrections and additions; motion carried 5-0-0.

3. August 08, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION #4: Jade Garfield/William Carrillo, Sr. motioned to approve the August 08, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections; motion carried 2-0-3.

4. August 23, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes

William Carrillo, Sr. stepped out at 9:50 a.m.

Donna Medrano joined meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Bulen Reps. Kari Carlos & Linda Fuentes joined at 9:52 a.m.

William Carrillo, Sr. returned at 9:58 a.m.

MOTION #5: Jade Garfield/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the August 23, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes with corrections; motion carried 6-0-0.

At the Health Boards request Kari Carlos & Linda Fuentes Bulen Representatives presented Insurance Benefits for Employees.

Kari Carlos & Linda Fuentes left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Zahid Sheikh & Katherine Portillo left the meeting for Emergency Preparedness(Pier Fire Update) meeting at 11:06 a.m.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. TRIHCI Strategic Plan

Board of Directors was asked to review for any changes to be made before giving CRIHB the O.K. to print. Elizabeth took notes on updates to Strategic Plan that need to be forwarded to CRIHB.

Katherine Portillo & Mr. Sheikh returned at 12 p.m.

MOTION #6: William Carrillo, Sr./Barbara Baga motioned to approve the 5 year Strategic Plan with additions; motion carried 6-0-0.

Break for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

Back from lunch at 12:34 p.m.

During lunch break side talk, there was a consensus to approve the purchase of a "Thank You" Banner to hang at the Reservation entrance for Firefighting Resources fight the Pier Fire on the Reservation.

2. PRC Additional Services

- a. Orthodontics
- b. Increase hearing aids to \$4,000 per ear
- c. Increase Optical coverage for elders to include outside optometrist visits

Jade Garfield explained PRCOs request to increase services due to PRC funds savings due to receiving Medi-Care Like Rates. During the PRC committee meeting with Elizabeth Bitsilly the question of care levels for these services came up. We can include level of care for orthodontics in our covered services. With increase in hearing aids and optical coverage PRC staff has done the foot work on the extra service and it is something we can afford to do.

PRC committee will review level of cares. Recommendations will be brought back to the Board in October.

3. Regular Board Meetings V. Committee Meetings

Nancy McDarment would like to do away with committee meetings and start scheduling Special Board meetings every Wednesday after the Regular Board meeting. After reading the Articles of Incorporation it was concluded that any changes to committees and meetings should be done in the By-Laws. It is agreed that not all information conducted at committee meetings is always passed forward at the Regular Board meeting.

Committees allow for a focus on what is going on at the Health Center.

It was suggested having Special Board meetings stay topic specific i.e. Finance, PRC, Personnel, Grievance & Traditional Health.

Barbara Baga out at 1:25 p.m.

MOTION #7: Nancy McDarment/Shawn Gonzales motioned to for the next 6 months switch all Wednesday meetings as Board Meeting with meetings staying committee focused; motion carried 4-0-1.

4. Ambulance Service Update

Mr. Sheikh reported we are on the agenda with TRTC for Aug. 19th to request the transfer of their Ambulance Vans. Manuel Santoyo was previously interviewed for the position of Field Supervisor. Mr. Santoyo was offered the position and has verbally accepted the position. (Currently assisting with Pier fire)

5. Travel

Willie would like to have potential meeting dates and travel information sent out in advance to that travel cost can be at the lowest amount possible.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tribal Contribution Request

- a. Patient #855766 \$7,594 including Rx for Orthodontics

MOTION #7: Nancy McDarment/Shawn Gonzales motioned to approve Patient #8855766 in the amount of \$7,594 including Rx; motion carried 5-0-0.

- b. Patient #855679 \$7,594 including Rx for Orthodontics

MOTION #8: Shawn Gonzales/Nancy McDarment motioned to approve Patient #855679 for Orthodontics in the amount of \$7,594 including Rx; motion carried 5-0-0.

- c. Patient #855524 \$3,503 including Rx for

Orthodontics

MOTION #9: Shawn Gonzales/Nancy McDarment motioned to approve Patient #855524 for Orthodontics in the amount of \$3,503 including Rx; motion carried 4-0-1.

Jade Garfield stepped out at 1:56 p.m.

2. PRC Clerk Job Description

MOTION #10: Shawn Gonzales/Donna Medrano motioned to approve the PRC Clerk Job Description as presented; motion carried 4-0-1.

3. Dental Receptionist Job Description

MOTION #11: Shawn Gonzales/Nancy McDarment motioned to approve the Dental Receptionist Job Description as presented; motion carried 4-0-1.

Jade Garfield returned at 2 p.m.

4. Hotel Accommodations for CRIHB Award Awardees

MOTION #12: William Carrillo, Sr./Shawn Gonzales motioned to approve hotel accommodations and per diem rates for two awardee family members and special accommodations for lifetime achievement awardee family members totaling 21, deadline of October 1st for notifying TRICHI staff funds to come out of 3rd party; motion carried 4-1-0.

5. Social Media Issue

Mr. Sheikh has been notified and has been shown disturbing comments being made on social media regarding the Clinic and staff members. Derogatory remarks are being made by current employees claiming fraud is being conducted at the Health Center. Current policy is not clear on social media remarks and claims. If comments are being made Mr. Sheikh is suggesting bringing in a 3rd party to investigate these claims.

Anonymous Tribal/Community Members have approached administration with concerns because claims of funding misuse is discouraging non-native and native TRTC and EMC employees from wanting to continue seeking services at the Clinic. Anonymous person did

bring in copies of the post made online.

Break at 2:39 p.m.

Back from break at 2:50 p.m.

MOTION #13: Shawn Gonzales/Jade Garfield motioned to go into closed session at 2:50 p.m.; motion carried 4-0-1.

MOTION #14: Shawn Gonzales/William Carrillo, Sr. motioned to come out of closed session at 3:39 p.m.; motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION #15: Nancy McDarment/Jade Garfield motioned to adjourn at 3:42 p.m.; motion carried; 5-0-0.

Executive Reports will be reviewed on September 14, 2017


VIII. EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. CEO Report
2. CFO Report
3. PRC Report
4. Human Resources Report

IX. DEPARTMENTAL & GRANT REPORTS - for information only

1. CAC Report
2. Dental Report
3. Medical Report
4. Clinical Services Report
5. Community Outreach Report
6. Behavioral Health Report
7. Information Technology Report
8. Diabetes Grant Report
9. AOA
10. FYI Items

X. ADJOURNMENT



Nancy McDarment, TRIHCI Board Secretary