

# TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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## 1 DECEMBER 2010 BOARD MEETING MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED DURING THE JANUARY 5, 2011 BOARD MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Secretary, Veronica McDarment called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:** Secretary, Veronica McDarment called roll.

<u>Board Members:</u>		<u>Staff</u>	
Yolanda Gibson, Chair		A Zahid Sheikh	P
Loleta Garfield, Vice Chair		A Francine Gibson	P
Gayline Hunter, Treasurer		P Casey Carrillo	P
Veronica McDarment, Secretary		P Danièle Healy	P
Barbara Baga, Member		P	
Willie Carrillo, Member		A	
Patsy Vega, Member		A	
Alberta Chavez, Alternate	{Seated @	P	
Rhoda Hunter, Alternate	{9:21 a.m.	P	

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

SECRETARY ESTABLISHED THERE WAS A QUORUM AND APPOINTED GAYLINE HUNTER as chairperson pro tempore (Roberts Rule of Order page 444).

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add under Old Business: #6 Christmas Party & #7 gift certificates and under New Business: #3 CEO performance approval.

**MOTION #1** Barbara Baga/Rhoda Hunter motioned to approve the agenda with the additions listed above. The vote was - 4-0-0, motion carried

### IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1. 3 November 2010

**MOTION #2:** Barbara Baga/Gayline Hunter motioned to approve the minutes of 3 November 2010 Board meeting minutes with

corrections highlighted in yellow. The vote was 4-0-0, motion carried.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**1. CEO REPORT**

NextGen - 1 person traveled to CRIHB to get the CODER certification; he passed the exam and is now a certified coder. A NextGen training sponsored by CRIHB will be held in January in Irvine CA; Greg Williams & Ray Derby will attend. CRIHB is going to purchase the infrastructure for NextGen. Gayline Hunter is concerned that only Greg would be trained that's why Ray is going too. Zahid Sheikh stated that Greg made a long term commitment. Plan B, Linda Hoy is ready to learn NextGen as well. Our budget is getting positive. We put a moratorium on training until 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of next year.

**2. CFO REPORT**

Casey read through his report and stated that we are \$18,000 under budget - Good report.

*Daniele Healy and Francine Gibson were asked to leave the room at 9:50 a.m. and returned at 10:15 a.m.*

*Yolanda Gibson arrived at 10:20 a.m. Gayline Hunter no longer chairperson pro tempore.*

*Gayline Hunter left the room at 10:32 a.m. and returned at 10:38 a.m.*

**3. CHS REPORT**

Francine Gibson read through her CHS report.

**Tribal Contributions:**

Francine Gibson read though the November list of new requests. A meeting to prepare Tribal Contributions policies and procedures is scheduled for Friday, December 3 @ 3:00 p.m.

*Veronica McDarment left the room at 10:52 a.m. and returned at 10:56 a.m.*

*Patsy Vega joined the meeting at 10:52 a.m.*

**MOTION #3:** Gayline Hunter/Rhoda Hunter motioned to approve the November 2010 requests for second phase numbers 851174, 850013, 850257, 850545, 851240, 851334, 850903, 850240, 855750, 850597 and 850132 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

October 2010 list of requests.

**MOTION #4:** Gayline Hunter/Barbara Baga motioned to approve for the next phase numbers 850507, 850457, 850137, 850308, 85035, 850120, 850027, 850478, 850188, 851293, 855437, 850310; number 855151 is denied; number 850236 is on hold for any future bills. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

The TRIHCI is not under the Council's charter and they should not direct the CHS Officer to pay certain bills for Tribal members. Gayline Hunter will follow-up with Tribal Council.

*Alberta Chavez left the room at 11:50 a.m. and returned at 11:57 a.m.*

*Yolanda Gibson left the room at 11:58 a.m. returned at 12:10 p.m.*

September 2010 list of requests

The Board requested having an in-service on the lap band surgery. Follow-up with Dr. Kimm & Dr. Hall.

*Barbara Baga left the room at 12:15 p.m.*

**MOTION #5:** Gayline Hunter/Rhoda Hunter motioned to approve for the second phase numbers 850231, 850278, 850607, 850311; for the third phase numbers 850741, 850262, and numbers 850209 & 850410 are denied. The vote was 5-0-1 (Barbara Baga was out of the room) motion carried.

*Lunch break @ 12:20 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.*

May, June, July 2010 list of requests - were reviewed for information only - no action needed to be taken.

**MOTION #6:** Rhoda Hunter/Barbara Baga motioned to approve the



CEO, CFO and CHS reports. The vote was 6-0-0, motion carried.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on 2011 Elections - follow-up meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2010.

*Veronica McDarment left the meeting at 1:09 a.m.*

1:10 p.m. Dr. Hall was asked to come in to talk to the Board about lap band surgery. She will contact a doctor to come give the Board a presentation.

2. Update on Marcia Roper's contract

No update. Tabled.

3. Dr. Menor's proposed Independent Provider Agreement

We want to discontinue Dr. Vemuri's contract. She did not help one of our patients in a critical situation. CEO, Zahid Sheikh met with Dr. Menor; he will be working at TRIHCI half a day per week and will admit patients in local hospitals. We will be covered 24/7, 360 days per year. He has colleagues who will step in when he is unavailable. Dr. Menor used to work at TRIHCI around 2000-2003.

It was recommended to add in his contract that he is liable even when he is on vacation.

Also add another provision: providers need to reveal the kind of medication they are taking.

Bring back contract with changes to Friday meeting.

Daniele Healy will prepare a letter canceling Dr. Vemuri's contract.

Note: Zahid and Casey met with the SVDH ER Director who confirmed that we do not need a doctor to admit our patients.

4. Notice of Case Closure - Stephanie Gibson's Discrimination Complaint.

Zahid will bring his recommendation regarding the HR Manager/Compliance Officer position

5. Closed Session - Tabled until Friday

6. Update on Christmas Party

A limit of \$2,000 was placed for gifts - Yolanda Gibson, Daniele Healy, Christina Medrano, and Alicia Herrera will purchase the gifts.

7. Gift Certificates

The Board approved \$35.- gift certificates were given out for **Christmas**, including Board Members.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Update on first annual Elders Luncheon sponsored by the Health Center

Mr. Sheikh reported that about 40 elders participated in the luncheon at the Cellar in Porterville and that it was a wonderful event. However, information regarding the event was not sent out to all Elders. Next year this event will be organized by TRIHCI.

2. On-site ultrasound Services Proposal - Acoustic Imaging Services of Bakersfield

3. The Board wants to schedule Mr. Sheikh's evaluation with this Board on Thursday, December 30, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Personnel Committee (the evaluation is due on January 6, 2011).

*Gayline left the room at 1:50 p.m. and returned at 1:58 p.m.*

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Personnel Committee Report

It was suggested to hire a second custodian.

Francine stated that the TIPC position should have been flown externally as well as internally. The Board directed the Interim HR Manager, Daniele Healy to advertize the position externally for 7 working days.

Barbara Baga left the meeting at 2:04 p.m.  
Yolanda Gibson left the room at 2:18 p.m. and returned @ 2:25 p.m.

2. CHS Committee Report - no meeting this month.
3. Finance Committee Report - none

**IX. FYI ITEMS**

1. Additional departmental reports and documents are included for reference to the Health Advisory Board (Medical, Dental, Human Resources, Outreach, I.T., and CalWORKs.)

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #7:** Gayline Hunter/Alberta Chavez motioned to adjourn at 2:24 p.m. The vote was 5-0-0, motion carried.

*Yolanda L. Gibson*  
Rhoda Hunter, Secretary

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