

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

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FEBRUARY 07, 2017 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Gayline Hunter called meeting for order at 8:14 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

<u>Board Members:</u>		<u>Staff</u>	
Gayline Hunter, Chairperson	P	Zahid Sheikh	P
Donna Medrano, Vice-Chair	P	Elizabeth Acevedo-	P
Nancy McDarment, Secretary	P	Medrano	
William Carrillo, Sr., Treasurer	P		
Barbara Baga, Member	P		
Richard Brown, Member	P		
Shawn Gonzales, Member	P		
Adam Christman, Alternate	P		
Jade Garfield, Alternate	P		

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

Also present: Amanda Sierra, Irene Hunter, & Dr. Jami Bartgis

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. SOC - Dr. Jami Bartgis (8-9 a.m.)

Mr. Sheikh informed the Board the grant was originally presented to the Tribe by Fresno Indian Health Project because the Health Center had an EHR System (Electronic Health Records System). The logistics of the grant weren't presented clearly.

Currently we need to start reporting because we are sitting on a lot of the In-Kind match. Dr. Bartgis does not see coming up with the match as being a big problem; the biggest issue Dr. Bartgis sees is the number of youth trying to get into the program with one Care Coordinator on staff. Gayline Hunter

stressed the worry of coming up with the match for the Board as a whole.

FY for the grant is Oct-Sep.

What needs to be put in place is a Business Affiliate Agreement between TRIHCI and the Tribe. (Dan Ony was asked to send a draft agreement) This would allow the Health Center to bill on behalf of the tribe for their eligible hired employees. There are a lot of Medi-cal billing funds the grant is missing out on. The Health Center would be able to bill and maintain those funds reimbursed for SOC employees. What we can do is earmark funds to return back to the Tribe to keep positions funded. Dr. Bartgis is suggesting finding a Tribal model that already has an Affiliate Agreement in place and is already billing for outside services. (We are already doing this with Dr. Eiden) There are match dollars everywhere.

Tribal Chairman and Tribal Administrator have a copy of the Needs Assessment (draft) Dr. Bartgis would like for a Health Board member to review the draft to ensure no information was missed or miss interoperated.

- Start with Business Affiliate Agreement with Tribe
- Meet with Dan Ony
- Needs Assessment Draft will be provided to Elizabeth to upload
- Ask if we can switch the name on the grant

2. Join Staff Meeting for Introductions (9-10 a.m.)
3. Patient #850327 Medical Concern would like to address the Board (time for certain 10:30 a.m.)

Patient #850327 - Elizabeth updated Board; patient is now under the care of the Medical Director and has a referral to see a different Specialist with regards to their complaint (going deaf in one ear). Dr. Hana is not denying the patients complaint and is sending the patient to different types of Specialist before ultimately sending to UCLA. Patient has been non-compliant in keeping follow-up appointments at the clinic with regards to their issue.

4. PRC Policies and Procedures

Adam Christman reviewed the policies and made notes and questions for the Board and staff to review. Board will review each policy one by one.

Working session will be scheduled to review policies in detail. Set for 2/15 after PRC meeting tentatively 10 a.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT



Nancy McDarment, TRIHCI Board Secretary