

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
May 5, 2024 -Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at: 10:01 am by Vice-Chairman Brink.

Present:

Kenneth “Binks” Brink, Vice-Chairman
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large
Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large

Absent:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer
Eli Hensher-Aubrey, Member at Large

Arch provided a prayer and Binks read the Mission Statement for the Karuk Tribe.

Agenda:

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Tabled to after lunch. Arch mentioned that the packet was received too close to the meeting with no time for review.

Emma Lee Perez mentioned that Human Services was very timely in getting their submissions ready. The Consent Calendar had non-controversial items like a credit card for an employee and some grants that needed approval. Binks noted that council would be able to review at lunch.

Troy inquired about the water resource loan. It was noted that it was an extension on an existing emergency state water resources board. It was an additional amount.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2024:

Kristen King moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve the minutes of April 11, 2024, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Old Business:

None at this time.

Guests:

- 1) **Emma Lee Perez, Contract Compliance**

Emma Lee noted that there was a travel request from DNR. It did not make it to the consent calendar. Colleen Rossier is requesting approval of travel to the inter-tribal timber council May 12th through the 17th. This request was late because she got the meetings mixed up. Troy noted these requests need turned in a month earlier. Binks mentioned that she was attending in place of someone else.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve travel for employee Colleen Rossier, DNR Research & Policy Advisor, to attend the Inter-Tribal Timber Council Meeting in Cherokee, NC, May 12th through May 17th, 2024, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Emma Lee mentioned that there was also a request for travel for DNR staff for fundraising, networking and to create partnerships by attending the Schmidt Bio Diversity Workshop. Kristen inquired how that was being paid. Emma Lee provided the fund codes.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve travel for DNR employees, Emilio Tripp, Wildlife Biologist, William Bruce, GIS Division Coordinator, & Jessica Camarena, Natural resources Technician I-Wildlife, to attend the Schmidt Bio Diversity Workshop in Ann Arbor, MI, May 21st through May 24, 2024, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) **Norman Croy, Karuk Tribal Member**

Norman is a Men's Transitional Home resident and is coming to the Karuk Tribe's Health Board to give his gratitude. He noted that he has four years clean and sober and he is grateful for the Karuk Tribe and employees for the services provided. He said that the program is working for him and for others. He noted that there are still a lot of Karuk Tribal members out there that need help. There was discussion that women need the same. He shared a bit about his past and his success story. Jennifer Goodwin congratulated Norman on his sobriety and the audience acknowledged him with applause. Jennifer noted that it was nice to see another Tribal member make it.

Director Reports:

1) **Ray Elliott, Director of Children & Family Services**

Ray is present to review his report. He mentioned that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. He shared a calendar that shows day by day how to improve mental health. There are Narcan trainings happening in the communities. Three county meetings with probation, behavioral health and county commission. They are spreading the word on what they are doing. Ray attended a Siskiyou County Public Health Meeting and the statistics for Native Americans receiving Narcan is high and jumped from two to forty percent. We have a lot of work to do. Kristen asked about the numbers. Ray provided clarity, noting that the increase in use is to save lives as it is Narcan being used.

Ray attended the Happy Camp High Scholl assembly and brought Melvin Adams, Harlem Globe Trotter, in to do breakout groups on wellness and mindfulness. There was a group of 60 youth and was a great event. Kristen asked if they are going to bring these

to the downriver communities. Ray noted that no, the partnership was with the Happy Camp Community Center.

Since Ray's last report transports increased by 4. The Men's Transitional Home has 4 participants and is full. Jennifer mentioned that her and Troy attended the COS, SUD and Victim Services event and noted that the Karuk Staff did a great job. The PR Contractor did a great piece on it online.

There was discussion on the Consent calendar item about the rental increase. Troy mentioned that the process was going up and that we need to build. Rondi mentioned that we would if we had funding to do so. We would rather be helping our people than wasting monies on rentals. She was in discussion with our CEO to work on expanding with new providers. Troy noted that he just wanted to put that out there. Rondi will discuss with managers and work on strategizing. Troy told Ray to keep up the good work and noted that he hears positive things.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Ray's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Merris Obie, Child Welfare Operations Administrator

Not present, on travel. Written report provided.

Jodi Henderson had resolutions for Merris' program that needed approval. Arch asked if these had been reviewed by Dr. James Davis. James mentioned that he did review. The first resolution was to accept funding. Jennifer asked what the funding was for. Emma Lee noted that it was open ended to be used for Permanency, unification and adoption. It is not specific and is for client services. Arch asked if this was just sent out today and Jodi noted that Merris has been doing great work and is bringing in a lot of funding.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Resolution 24-R-075 to accept Federal Award 24QNCACWSS Department of Health & Human Services Title IV-B Subpart I in the amount of \$6,768 and all amendments, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Emma Lee noted that there was also a last-minute resolution needing approval due to the funder being last minute. The would be to coordinate with Charlie Reed, DNR Food Sovereignty, Pikyav Program, to accept approval of activities planned in partnership. This could be for hunting licenses, smoke houses, to build and do food preservation. This is also not a onetime funding. It could turn around and put in for three to five-year funding. Kristen inquired if this was only for Child Welfare program participants. She asked about the numbers and logistics. Troy mentioned that this would need to work through the system.

Kristen King moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Resolution 24-R-072 to receive the California State Tribal Nutrition Assistance Program (TNAP) funds in the amount of \$198,309 and all amendments, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Merris' report, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

Troy noted that the date of the meeting was moved up and he understands why some things may have been late. This is usually more organized.

3) Cecilli Gonzalez, Public Health Nurse

Cecilli is present to review her report. She noted that the CHRs have increased home visits. They are reinforcing elder check in calls and home visits. 533 Elder activities in Yreka, 87 in Happy Camp and 19 in Orleans.

The Diabetic Luncheon went well in April. They served Acorns, Salmon, Salad and provided nutritional information to attendees. Kristen inquired about if there would be plans to provide the luncheons in Orleans. Cecilli noted that she would need CHR feedback and discussed the numbers in the Orleans and surrounding areas. There was discussion on strategies to accommodate the elders in rural locations.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Cecilli's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Dr. Lew, Dental Director

Not Present, on travel. Written report provided. Nikki Hokanson was present to review Dr. Lew's report.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Dr. Lew's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Tonia Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager

Not Present, on travel. Written report provided.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Tonia Begrin's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

6) Rondi Johnson, Health CEO

Rondi is present to review her report. She provided an update on recent meetings. They also held a successful Biannual Health Meeting. She thanked her staff; Lulu Alexander, Frances Lott, Danci Harris and Raymond Elliott for all of their hard work. It was a great day. Rondi provided an update on the buildings and budgets. Arch noted that there was discussion previously about an elder program. That they have ideas and want to discuss.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Rondi's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager

Susanna is present to review her report. She noted that the clinic is short staffed so she had to stay. One provider is gone now. Rondi mentioned that we have another one who will be stepping in.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Susanna's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) Tonya Albers, RPMS Site Manager

Tonya is present to review her report. She mentioned that we had hired a new Health IT Specialist, Karyn Williams-Stanshaw. She noted that Karyn is doing great and picking things right up. She used to be an LVN for us.

Arch inquired about the IHSS Training and if everyone completed and submitted timely. Tonya noted that there are 87 people that have not yet completed. Arch noted that he wondered if there was a disconnect. Troy asked about assistance with log in and access.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Tonya's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager

Not present. Written report provided.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Cindy's report, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

10) Dr. Vasquez, Medical Director

Not present. Written report provided.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Dr. Vasquez's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

11) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager

Jodi is present to review her report. She provided an update on audits and compliance for AAAHC. She noted that the process changes often in what is being requested and that can be frustrating. Tammy Parashis and Robert Thompson are working on trainings and assisting with accreditation. The Senior Nutrition Center did not have their numbers so she noted that she can provide these at the next meeting. There were policies that needed to be approved for the Health Program. Some had changes and some did not but all needed to be approved.

Arch moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Jodi's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the Health Policies: (Policies with No Changes: 11-002-590, 11-020-650, 03-001-120, 17-001-006, 04-001-166) (New Policies: 07-001-114, 03-001-131, 17-001-010, 17-003-207, 17-003-208, 17-

003-209, 17-003-210, 17-003-211, 17-003-212, 17-003-213, 17-003-214) (Policies with Changes: 17-003-202, 11-020-640), 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Closed Session:

Consensus: Joe Snapp will need to figure out logistics of location and funding for equine therapy and bring back to the table after working with staff on a plan to carry it out.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the Letter of Support for Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC), 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Kristen King moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Resolution 24-R-062 to purchase Emergency backup Generator in Orleans, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Troy Hockaday).

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve purchase additional property parcels on Hillside Road in Happy Camp, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve \$200 for Rondi Johnson, HHS CEO, to purchase items for Nurses Appreciation Week for Nursing staff, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Contract 24-A-073 to Renew Web Ex Webinar License for Tribal Council's Web Ex capability for live streaming meetings, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consensus to approve sharing high level for free and low level to work out a cost with Yurok Telecom for Fiber optic engineering on the Yurok Reservation.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and troy Hockaday seconded to refuse counter offer and stand with original offer for Public Information Director position, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve temporary wage increase to employee E.H. during staffing transitions and increase in workload, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve to allow Employee L.A. to use Administrative Leave, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin Seconded to approve donation of \$300 to California Indian Basketweavers Association (CIBA), 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve attendance of TIAC in DC next week, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve travel for Council Member-at-Large, Troy Hockaday, to attend DNR Presentation on McKinney Fire Tribal Perspective in Hawaii, September 16th through 24th, 2024, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Troy Hockaday).

Consensus to table the KTHA BOC seating to the Planning Session next week.

Next Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 at 10:00 am in Happy Camp.

Adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman

Recording Secretary, Brittany Souza