

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
June 13, 2024 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman
Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer
Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large
Eli Hensher-Aubrey, Member at Large

Absent:

None

Prayer was provided by Arch Super, Member at Large. Chairman read the mission statement.

Agenda:

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the consent calendar, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2024:

Scott Quinn moved and Arch Super seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 7, 2024 with change, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Scott, Eli Hensher-Aubrey).

Troy noted the date change on the minutes from May 5th to May 7th.

Old Business:

Puuhara

Guests:

1) Emilio Tripp, Wildlife Department:

Emilio is present to seek approval of resolution 24-R-102 for the wildlife department. This proposal will capture songs of the birds and the wolves. It will also include the beavers and turtles collecting data for pre and post dam removal.

Troy likes this project and commented that there is a small wolf pack that is coming into the Thompson Creek area, and has been present for the last seven years.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-102, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy commented that when he gets a chance he should come up and he will show him some locations of where he has seen elk, wolves, etc.

2) Misty Rickwalt, Department of Transportation:

Misty is present to seek approval of a grant proposal under resolution 24-R-103 which will be to the California Transportation Commission for Active Transportation Program funding for the environmental phase of the proposed Orleans bicycle and pedestrian path project.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve resolution 24-R-103 with changes, 7 haa 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Emma Lee Perez, Contract Compliance:

Emma Lee is present to discuss the 2024 ICDBG grant for the Yreka Head Start. She is providing a public announcement of this grant selection project is a priority and is open to hearing suggestions and input from the community. There have been meetings internally and with partners and collaborators. Arch asked about the Head Start Project. It will be at the housing property in Yreka and serve the youth. The facility that they are in at this time, is inefficient and constantly in a state of disarray. This will provide an opportunity for the youth to have new space that fits their needs more adequately.

Director Reports:

1) Ray Elliott, Children and Family Services:

Ray is present to seek approval of a contract for repairing the fencing at the men's transitional house. Housing and HHS is going to be do this work as partners since they share the facility/land.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve procurement and authorize contract 24-C-138, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

The opioid crisis is still underway and Troy asked for more collaboration with the County. Ray has been doing this in Siskiyou County and he hopes to begin working in Humboldt County as well.

The biggest challenge is hiring and he is working with HR and the CEO on how to fill the vacant positions.

The men's transitional house is full. For the homeless camp in Yreka they provide outreach and attempt to refer them to program services.

Troy thanked Ray for the work he is doing with outreach. He would like to sit down with Ray to work on a pamphlet to put into schools. He would like to see outreach to the youth. Ray noted that the opioid funding includes outreach.

Scott commented that there was a friend who smoked marijuana that was laced with fentanyl and passed away. Education is key with the youth.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Ray's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Merris Obie, Child Welfare Operations Administrator:

Merris is not present. Report provided.

Rondi presented procurement for vehicles. Arch asked about having three quotes. Emma Lee

noted that she had three quotes. Binx would like to table this to closed session. There is also a lease agreement 24-A-094 for the office space.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve agreement 24-A-094, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Merri's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy commented that Merris misses quite a few Health Board Meetings. She will need to be present at the next meeting to provide updates to the Health Board.

3) Cecilli Gonzalez, PHN:

Cecilli is present in Yreka to review her report. The month of May meaningful CHR visits were reported. The Indian Health Representative for the SDPI grant was onsite and provided some feedback on how to operate the program. There is a vacancy for the HC CHR position and she hopes that is filled soon. She is evaluating how to better serve the elders. The diabetic luncheon is scheduled for 6/21.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Cecilli's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Buster advised that the conference she attended was very good and there was a lot of information received.

4) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:

Nikki is present to review the dental report. Yreka and Happy Camp are operating well. A mobility schedule is going to be made to accomplish safety for patients. Yreka is fully staffed.

There is training that will be held onsite for use of their new x-ray machine.

Scott asked about the budgets being off. Nikki commented that she goes to Orleans to provide services and took equipment to Orleans from Happy Camp. There are separate budgets for Happy Camp, Yreka, and Orleans.

The paving is complete up at the new clinic and they are just waiting for the lines.

Buster asked about the budgets being set and why they're separate which shows the expenses for the area. There were lengthy discussions on dental availability and services.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Nikki's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Tonia Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager:

Not present, report provided.

Arch Super moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve Tonia's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

6) Rondi Johnson, HHS CEO:

Rondi is present to review her report. She is having meetings every month to concentrate on the HHS Administration facility that is being built. She is looking to upgrade the EMR system and hopes that Eric will present soon. She thanked IT for helping the HHS program so much. She commented that her budget is at 58.95%. PRC accesses this funding and there are other line items but nothing has been requested.

The parking lot is now complete and they did a very good job. She thanked Misty for all her help.

She is looking forward to her Native Nations Conference next week.

The BEMAR funding was accepted and it was to repair the facility. She is awaiting their final report for the assessment.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Rondi's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present to review her report. A new Locum Tenan is onsite and Susanna has been providing outreach on loan repayment in the hopes to entice her to stay. They continue to recruit providers which is a never-ending story.

She attended the best practices conference in Sacramento. It was a great conference and several staff attended. She enjoyed a breakout session on youth mental health and she identified the need as well in the community, so she enjoyed that session and learned a lot.

Eliza Camarena is a HHS intern. She is hoping to become a sonographer. There needs to be outreach with the locum to get them to stay onsite. Rondi noted this can happen under the locum agreement.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Susanna's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Susanna appreciates the Health Board very much.

8) Tonya Albers, RPMS Site Manager:

Tonya is present in Yreka to review her report. She has one vacancy in her department.

Binx Brink moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve Tonya's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:

Cindy is present in Yreka to review her report. There are ongoing issues with the HVAC in Yreka. Shawn from RayMac has been onsite and has noted that a thermostat was not working correctly.

Scott Quinn moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Cindy's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

10) Dr. Vasquez, Medical Director:

Dr. Vasquez is not present. Buster asked about the issues in the onsite review. Cindy commented that it was all discussed and all items were covered with Partnership and there is only one outstanding deficiency. Troy asked about Dr. Vasquez dropping some of his patients. The Directors will discuss this in closed session.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Dr. Vasquez's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Troy).

11) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager:

Jodi is present to review her report. She is having difficulties with all that she has going on right now. She is working on the FQHC and AAAHC applications. They will review them one more time and then submit them. It takes a lot to get these done. Jodi asked the Council for clarification on approving policies. She noted that if there are no changes to the policies, she would like to have ACQI receive them and approve them. If policies have to be changed then they would require Health Board approval. Arch asked why this was done before. Jodi commented that back in the day when it was first written that was different. Scott likes the summary but he would like to see a redline version so he can see what was changed. Jodi noted that if it's not a new policy with no changes. Scott asked about the Clinic Transporter/new policy. He asked if there is a preference for transports. There is no policy for preference. Scott asked if this is required. It was reported that it is when accepting HRSA funding. Scott asked for the citation of enforcement and the document to review it. Scott asked about different pots of money and different restrictions. Scott would like a breakdown of services provided and the funding requirements of those services. Scott noted that the HHS program is tribally funded and should provide services to the membership. Jodi commented that Lessie copied policies from other agencies and it was always done that way.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the HHS policies attached to her monthly report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Scott).

Consensus: the Council will not require each policy to be approved, if there are no changes.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve out of state travel for Robert Thompson to Albuquerque NM, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve Jodi's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Closed Session:

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to uphold the PRC denial and pay for Case #372 from Third Party, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to uphold the PRC Denial and pay Case #373 half of it, 4 haa, 1 puuhara (Binx), 2 pupitihara (Arch/Troy).

Informational: The Council discussed having some changes and have some policies procedures to guide for paying out of the area, descendants, etc. This can be addressed in PRC policies, section appeal to Health Board for access to Third Party. Binx discussed having a pay structure similar to burial assistance.

Informational: Procurement for vehicles was returned for non-compliance. It should be apples to apples and it should be completed correctly.

Informational: Cecilli will be notified that there are some issues with obtaining hearing aid batteries. The CHR's should be including the needs of elders during their meaningful visits check-ins.

Informational: Council Member Troy Hockaday requested additional outreach and 'wow' factor information in the clinics and in the community. Arch suggested to assign the clinic managers to do some outreach and prevention in each facility. Eli asked about opioid funding under the SAMSHA TOR grant is an opportunity to be funded for 5 years and at \$500k and possibly more with numbers of opioid crisis.

Informational: Council Member Jennifer Goodwin would like it clarified that there are services available for transporting and access to funding for out of town trips through PRC.

Informational: Medical Director noted that there were infractions in the Partnership review. Jodi updated that there were only minor deficiencies. The Tribe did receive a 96% on the clinic itself.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve quarterly bad debt right off \$22,656.52, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Resolution 24-R-098 authorizing agreement 24-A-101 authorizing endorsement and escrow, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Informational: The Yreka Community garden shall have three contractors and those shall be reviewed internally.

Consensus: deny use of the Tribes staff and property for community member auction. Buddy's towing might be a resource.

Informational: prioritize the properties they want and to ask they take all the applications under trust status if they can.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to provide not to exceed \$1,500 in discretionary for the construction and floor design for Yreka Head Start, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to pay \$300 from discretionary for cancellation of rooms (KL), 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve \$500 food and \$500 in discretionary for going away party, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Arch/Jennifer).

Troy Hockaday moved 21-C-091 (3) and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to cancel contract 21-C-091 modification (3) non-performance, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve contract 24-C-156, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Council caucus: no minutes

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Informational: Chairman advised that Council Member Jennifer Goodwin's travel was cancelled due to 3 other attendees.

Informational: Truth & Healing Council subcommittee funding sources should be discussed and shared so there can be information shared with others. Chairman also requested an agenda along with a report so that the Council can gauge the information or ask questions.

Council caucus: no minutes *Binx assumed Chair of the meeting.*

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve the support letter for trailer bill for water flows (Scott/Shasta), 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Information: Secretary/Treasurer asked how to apply a tribal preference spending. He would like to have a policy on how to spend third party revenue and how to track that. PRC policies may be drafted to include tiers.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve procurement and authorize contract 24-C-158, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Informational: Request for assistance of youth camp should be sent to CSD and TERO to access funding from the quality dollars and community funds. *Buster assumed Chair of the meeting.*

Informational: Council requests additional shirts to be ordered.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve out of state travel for Arch Super to NIHB, Washington DC June 2024, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve Ceremony supplies insurance, porta potties, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: TANF Reps shall hold a meeting to follow up on the TANF program, youth activities.

Executive Secretary left at 5:09pm

Consensus: that Council will police itself with progressive discipline starting with documented verbal warnings.

Consensus to work with employee's supervisors with disciplining employee 0072 with 10 days total suspension and 6 months of probation.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2024 at 10am in Orleans.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to adjourn at 5:31 PM, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell "Buster" Attebery, Chairman

**Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider
Secretary/Treasurer, Scott Quinn**