

**Health Board Meeting – August 8, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

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

Present:

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

Absent:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman

Binx read the Health Mission Statement for the attendees. Arch provided a prayer.

Agenda:

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the consent calendar with removal of April’s travel request 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Troy).

Meeting minutes of July 11, 2024:

Scott Quinn moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2024, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Eli/Troy).

Guests:

1) April Attebury, Judicial Systems:

April is present seeking approval of modification (2) for contract 24-C-021.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve modification (2) contract 24-C-021, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Jack Lantz, Director of Public Works:

Jack is present to seek approval of procurement and contract 24-C-226 for an ambulance cover for Orleans Clinic.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve contract 24-C-226, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Tamara Alexander, Head Start Director:

Tamara is present to seek approval of procurement and contract to have the Yreka Head Start HVAC repairs.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve contract 24-C-227 from either TNGF or BIA ARPA, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Old Business:

Arch asked for an update on the request to have a Yreka Women's Transitional house and there is no update as of yet. The Yreka Senior Center project is pending a meeting to be set by Lulu, between Rondi and Madrone Hospice to determine the next steps.

Director Reports:

1) Ray Elliot, Behavioral Health:

Ray has reached out to Yurok Tribe to determine how their Yreka Women's facility is funded and another tribe as well. He asked for time to work on that matter to find real estate and funding. He will report back in 90 days or so.

August 31, 2024 is national overdose awareness day. That will be the theme in Happy Camp event and the color is purple, so they would like participation.

They will have a pine nut preparation group in Yreka.

Troy updated the community that there was a recent fentanyl arrest and this is concerning, this is an epidemic. This is dear to his heart because his son has recently overdosed and is doing well, but this is everywhere.

Troy will be looking for State funding to support the reporting, reduction, and care for those of fentanyl exposures.

Arch commented that there are great cultural activities but he would like to encourage language use in all activities as well. Replacing the English word for Karuk word is important.

Scott suggested coming up with 10 language words for use during events and that will be a start. He also asked about men's transitional home and them being able to do contribute to building the fence. Ray noted that there are liabilities with that and they are not doing projects but are doing work around the grounds and becoming self-sufficient; looking for work, etc. Scott noted that required community services would be good as well. Ray noted that there are already some required community services for some of the tenants. Arch added that he would like to see before and after pictures. Ray invited the Council to view the house in person.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Ray's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Merris Obie, CWS:

Merris is in Orleans to provide her report. She noted that she is at 58.3% in spending for her budget.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve a VISA for Heidi Cardoza for \$5,000, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Scott/Eli).

Heidi Cardoza is present to introduce herself. The Council welcomed her. Troy introduced himself and asked that the Council all introduce themselves as well. Merris noted that Heidi comes to the Tribe from the Office of Education and is a great fit.

Merris announced that she has closed session that Theresa and staff will present in closed session.

Arch asked about Merris' report and the invoicing and reimbursing to CDSS required by July 30th. Merris explained that there was spending of \$230k that was needed to be spent and it was done correctly.

Binx asked what is happening with the reunion and Merris confirmed that they will be doing background checks for Humboldt County and will be doing background checks for Tribal community people who are interested in becoming foster parents, which is a first step in outreach.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Merris' report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Cecelli Gonzalez, PHN:

Cecelli is present in Yreka to provide a report. She noted that the CHR's are seeing elders and checking on them regularly. When she does the nutrition and outreach she does try to include language.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Cecelli's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:

Dr. Lew is present to review her report. She noted that the dental department is operating very smoothly. Happy Camp has a pano machine and training will be provided on 8/22 so they will be able to use the new machine. They held wellness education week. Jolene provides dental outreach and information for youth in the dental field.

Next week is AAAHC review and they are also preparing for the Tribal reunion. The Dental department provided over 600 visits in the month of July.

Binx asked about oxygen therapy. Dr. Lew noted that there is debate out there about this. There is some unknown information at this time but if the Karuk Tribe would like to move to this then they need the equipment and continued education. Dr. Lew is not ready for oxygen therapy as of yet.

Scott Quinn and Kristen King seconded to approve Dr. Lew's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Tonya Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager:

Late report, not present.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve Tonya's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

6) Rondi Johnson, HHS CEO:

Rondi is present to review her report. They are preparing for AAAHC.

Arch Super moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Rondi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present in Happy Camp to provide her report. She is working on backfilling positions. She is continuing her education goals. The patient count is low and that is due to staff being out for training.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Susanna's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) Tonya Albers, RPMS Site Manager:

Late report, not present.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Tonya's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:

Cindy is present in Yreka to review her report. She noted that the parking lot has been touched up and there has been work on the generators.

New patients in Happy Camp are having to find their own rides due to the transporters being booked. Cindy explained alternate resources where there is Partnership then they have alternate resources. Troy asked for data to be provided. Susanna noted that VPRN collects data and is a scheduling package which can track how many patients are being transported.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Cindy's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

10) Dr. Vasquez, Medical Director:

Not present, report provided.

Arch Super moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve Dr. Vasquez's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

11) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager:

Jodi is not present, report provided. The data for the Senior Center was not provided.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Jodi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Closed Session:

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve paying for the no show fee on behalf of employee Heidi Cardoza, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve over limit fee on Theresa Valin's VISA from discretionary, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Verification of appropriate safeguards are in place for volunteers/contractors.

Informational: Council Member Hockaday is concerned about the PHN report and the low number of visits by the CHR's. Cecelli asked that calls and home visits are followed up on. PHN services being offered in Orleans is needed and there are some.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to pay for cancellation fees for employee Tasha Van Dunk, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: A reminder on travel policy should be submitted but direct email reminders to staff violating policy should happen.

Scott Quinn moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-125, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-126 authorizing agreement 24-A-124, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott Quinn moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to pay for PRC #373, \$2,129.38 payable to Mercy Flights Inc, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Secretary/Treasurer would like to see the original contracts and/or agreements when modifications are provided.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve modification (2) to contract 21-C-047, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve modification (3) 21-C-047 with change to date ending of 10/31/2024, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve out of state travel for Christina Davies September 22-25, 2024 to New Orleans, LA, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Council caucus: no minutes provided.

Informational HR Director provided information/update on training opportunities that are being vetted.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to deny applicants for remote work, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch) Scott chairing meeting.

Informational: Follow up meeting will take place to fully review hybrid working options for the Karuk Tribe.

Informational: Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall follow up to ensure the elders projects are being reviewed by the HHS CEO.

Informational: reports of disappointing burial assistance being provided, struggles in receiving timely responses from department, and ongoing struggles with the Tribe.

Informational: Evaluate burial assistance for this next fiscal year.

Next Meeting Date: September 12, 2024 at 10am in Happy Camp.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider