

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting  
October 13, 2022 – Meeting Minutes**

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

**Present:**

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman (late)  
Robert Super, Vice-Chairman  
Michael Thom, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kristen King, Member at Large  
Renee Stauffer, Member at Large  
Elizabeth “Liz” Bentley, Member at Large

**Absent:**

Arch Super, Member at Large  
Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large

**Robert read the Mission Statement and Michael completed a prayer for the audience.**

**Agenda:**

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

**Consent Calendar:**

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the consent calendar, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2022:**

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2022, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Michael).

**Guests:**

**Gregory Randazzo, Tribal Member:**

Not present.

**Tina Sherburn, Education:**

Tina is present to review her action items; which is two contracts for services provided at Native American Day.

Michael Thom moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve contract 22-C-148, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Michael Thom moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve contract 22-C-142, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Robert Attebery, Enrollment:**

Robert is present to seek out of state travel for Chelsea Cook for enrollment training.

Michael Thom moved and Kristen King seconded to approve out of state travel for Chelsea Cook to Florida for the Tribal Enrollment Conference, November 8-10, 2022, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Emma Lee Perez, Contract Compliance:**

Emma Lee presented extension (1) to contract 21-C-061. The facility is being worked on but in order to properly process payment, it is requested to extend from December 2021 to December 2022. Robert asked that they be notified that the Council wants this project completed.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 21-C-061, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Darrel Aubrey, Self-Governance Director:**

Darrel is present to seek approval of a comment letter to the Office of Head Start. This is in response to consultation and now submitting written comments. Michael wants reflection of ongoing requests for years in the letter to acknowledge that the Tribe has requested changes in this program for more than 20 years.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the consultation letter regarding the Office of Head Start, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**April Attebury, Judicial Systems:**

April is present in Yreka. She requested a VISA card for a new employee in the amount of \$1,500. Her other request is to increase Maria's VISA to \$2,500.

Michael Thom moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve a VISA for Eduardo Escobar for \$1,500, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Michael Thom moved and Kristen King seconded to approve increasing Maria Rodriguez's VISA to \$2,500, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Director Reports:**

**Dr. Vasquez, Medical Director:**

Dr. Vasquez is present to review his report from Yreka. He noted that they are now fully staffed at the Yreka Clinic.

Michael Thom moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve Dr. Vasquez's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Darryl McBride, Youth and Family Director:**

Not present, no report.

**Ryan Hammer, Operations Manager:**

Ryan is present to review his report. He noted that the CHR's are working with Redding Rancheria to deliver salmon to the people as well as the previous elk meat distribution. New vehicles for transporters and CHR's are delivered. They hope to have a lot of paperwork completed for construction projects. They continue to review parking issues in Yreka and are reviewing options to contract those solutions. Michael asked if there was information provided to the clients and outreach regarding transportation referrals and if that is being done. Jodi noted that yes, there was a discussion with the transporters and CHR's to ensure there are active referrals in the system and meet the requirements of services. She will spot check that next week as well. She also followed up with an email and text for that direction.

Robert asked how the salmon is. Ryan is not sure and he is working on the logistics. Ryan is unsure how that will work exactly but he will collaborate with KTHA on processing. Robert would like to make sure that the fish received is healthy and not contaminated. Michael noted that if they are received and bad

then to use it as fertilizer. Renee appreciates that they are going to process it because elders have a hard time processing it.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve Ryan's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Krista Reynolds, RPMS Site Manager:**

Krista is present in Yreka to review her report. Operations are smooth and she has no updates or changes.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve Krista's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:**

Cindy is present to review her report. She noted that under transporters she needed to add data for services. She is not sure what is happening with cameras because she was on vacation. Robert asked for an update on cameras for the next meeting. Eric updated that the installation is underway.

Michael Thom moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve Cindy's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Dr. Lew, Dental Director:**

Dr. Lew is present to review her report. The dental offices for Yreka and Happy Camp are running smoothly. The biggest thing was that last week Monday – Thursday there was professional trainers onsite for Dentrix. It was very good and provided training for all dental staff at one time. Even with digital equipment for procedures they need the system to receive electronic signatures, so they learned how to do that. Renee asked about the 35 patients in Orleans. Dr. Lew reported that that service is cleanings.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve Dr. Lew's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:**

Susanna is present to review her report. She reported patient visit numbers for the Happy Camp Clinic providers. She updated that the flu vaccines are available. The new referral clerk is doing very well. The new pharmacy consultant was retained under contract. Kristen asked if Alex participated in WTREX as a nurse or firefighter. Susanna reported that she was interested in attending and did not attend as a nurse for the event. She liked it very much as well as other staff that attended.

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

**Tonia Bergin, Orleans Medical Clinic:**

Tonia is not present, report provided.

Michael Thom moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve Tonia's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Rondi Johnson, Health CEO:**

Rondi is present to review her report. She provided a training report and the provider performance from Amy Coapman that she does every month. She is going to attend a conference for compliance at the end of the month. The readers from Waking Shield will be delivered by the end of the month and will be distributed to each community. She will send out a flyer and outreach and identify Crystal, Supply

Coordinator, will assist in delivery of the CHR's. Robert asked about getting the diabetic tests that can be displayed on the phone. It was noted that those were only ordered for those that are insulin dependent. Rondi will follow up on ordering those for other diabetic patients.

Michael Thom moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve Rondi's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Samala Maloney, Child Welfare Services Administration:**

Samala is present to review her report. The Social Workers have been really busy. Rachelle has returned to work full-time and Frankie has been working diligently on catching up with cases and one in Washington/Idaho required travel. Samala attended a two-day training with Humboldt County which was regarding historic trauma. She would like to talk more with the Council and others to have that training onsite. She noted that under resolution 22-R-173 they received annual Title VIE funds. Kristen asked how many people attended the training she attended. Samala noted that there were about 50 people.

Michael Thom moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 22-R-173, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Renee Stauffer moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve Samala's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Jodi Henderson, HRSA, Compliance, Accreditation Manager:**

Jodi is present to review her report. She updated that Happy Camp has delivered almost all of the elk meat and the OR elk meat went down today to begin delivery. When the bugs are ironed out they will finish delivering the meat in Yreka.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve Jodi's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Closed Session:**

Michael Thom moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to uphold PRC denial and pay #355 from Third Party, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

*Buster arrived at 11:09am. Buster assumed chair at 11:13am.*

Michael Thom moved and Kristen King seconded to uphold PRC denial and pay for Case#354 from Third Party, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Incident report identified that a mistake was made in billing creating a breach in information sent to the incorrect person. Jodi followed up and will provide training and report on how to minimize this in the future.

Informational: Council Member Renee Stauffer expressed issues at the Orleans Senior Center. Jodi supervises the HC CHR's and Tonia supervises the OR CHR. Cindy / Ryan supervise the YR CHR's. Matters will be referred to them to resolve.

Michael Thom moved and Robert Super seconded to approve contract 23-C-006 with change, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Michael Thom moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve \$300 in discretionary for each community to purchase candy for Halloween, POC Rondi, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Health CEO will provide a list of staff requesting exemption from mandatory harassment training and the Council will review it.

Michael Thom moved and Robert Super seconded to approve modification (2) 22-C-057 with Black Wolf, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Liz/Kristen).

Michael Thom moved and Robert Super seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 22-C-056, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 (Liz/Kristen).

Robert Super moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve modification (2) to contract 22-C-056, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Liz/Kristen).

Robert Super moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 22-C-057, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Liz/Kristen).

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve burial assistance for Tribal Member #1191 from discretionary, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the Karuk Tribe Temporary trailer Program application with checklist with changes, will review in 6 months, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Liz).

Consensus: The Karuk Tribe will offer to sign the original SGMA MOU and not entertain suggested edits.

Liz Bentley moved and Kristen King seconded to uphold the BOC decision for TM#AC, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Robert/Michael).

Informational: Tribal Council supports KTHA BOC to hire security and TRO in the very near future for the Orleans area. Executive Director will respond in writing to TM#AC regarding financial literacy course, NCIDC referral, Committee option.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve waiver for the CDL for TE#MB until after November 22, 2022 court date, and alternate assistance cannot drive, 4 haa, 1 puuhara (Robert), 0 pupitihara.

Michael Thom moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve procurement and authorize agreement 23-A-007, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Robert).

Informational: Executive Director will review the REDW report with Directors, institute changes and present a phased plan to the Tribal Council. First, meetings must take place with KTHA, HHS, DNR and after that he will present recommendations on the study.

Consensus: Tribal Council will respond to D#MA that a mid-size trailer will be provided and if not available then original one assigned will be offered to D#MA adult son.

Renee Stauffer moved and Robert Super seconded to approve the Karuk Tribes policies for Karuk earned media policies and the MOA template for the Karuk Tribe, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Michael Thom moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 22-R-164 authorizing agreement 22-A-125, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara (Robert absent for vote).

Renee Stauffer moved and Robert Super seconded to approve procurement and authorize agreement 23-A-014, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve agreement 23-A-011 with changes, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve including Oak Knoll into Rick Dean's cleanup after the fire, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Karuk Tribes CFO provided a spreadsheet for Social Services noting trends over time.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve resolution 22-R-162, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Michael Thom moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 22-R-172, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Review of employees permitted to attend KTREX event as a part of their job was discussed and inquiry made regarding approval.

Consensus: to have Emma Lee Perez work on the Language Program/Coordinator and get her to revive the program and credentialing.

Informational: Karuk Tribes MMIP is pending with the Self-Governance Director.

Informational: Chairman will supervise part-time youth and family services position while Director is out of the office.

Informational: Secretary / Treasurer would like the Election Committee to develop the ordinance to institute guidelines of mud-slinging, negativity, and debate process.

Informational: Council Member Renee Stauffer reminded Council Members of being engaged in meetings, not on cell phones, appearance of not paying attention.

Informational: disappointing attendance from Tribal employees and contractors at the Orleans Elementary School. Reports will be made to the Education Director as well as Pikyav Coordinator.

Informational: Chairman Attebery was made aware that the Yurok Tribe intends on seeking Parcel B Lands or attending meetings. Also, they will be seeking senior water rights.

**Next Meeting:** November 3, 2022 at 10am in Happy Camp.

Renee Stauffer moved and Robert Super seconded to adjourn at 5:09pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Russell "Buster" Attebery, Chairman**

**Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider**