

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting  
March 9, 2023 – Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.**

**Present:**

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman  
Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman  
Michael Thom, Secretary/Treasurer  
Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large  
Renee Stauffer, Member at Large  
Kristen King, Member at Large  
Elizabeth “Liz” Bentley, Member at Large

**Absent:**

Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large  
Arch Super, Member at Large

**Troy provided a prayer and Buster read the Mission Statement of the Health Program.**

**Agenda:**

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

**Consent Calendar:**

None at this time.

**Minutes of February 9, 2023:**

Michael Thom moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve the minutes of February 9, 2023, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Renee).

**Guests:**

**Walt Whitman, Tribal Member:**

Walt is present to seek the Tribal Council’s approval to provide a letter of support to Caltrans regarding Hayes and Sons. This would be in regards to the emergency slide area. Walt noted that the local company that is currently working on the slide area doesn’t provide the community area support with gas, lodging, etc. Buster noted that this discussion will be moved into closed session and report back to Walt. Josh recommends that this matter be referred to Jack and Misty for review as well.

**Chris Bickford, Happy Camp Elementary School:**

Chris is present to seek approval of support for the youth. He has been talking to Buster about a field trip that he is planning for his class. His class started a pen pal relationship with a school in New York. The idea is to broaden their exposure to different backgrounds, geographical areas, different belief systems, etc. This provides youth the opportunity to describe who they are and where they come from. He has been working with a travel agency, WorldStrides. Has not filled out the proposal for TANF as of yet, but wanted to bring this to the Council to receive support because TANF takes a bit and this is requested within 30 days.

Renee asked if there was any fundraising done as of yet. Chris noted that there hasn’t but the class is majority tribal so he would like the Tribes support. There are 20 students in his class. He would like a ratio of adults to be 3 students to1 adult. It was quoted for 30 total people. Binx noted that since they are

youth and they are native he would like to have some Native American culture from other Tribes in that area. When they are in New York City they will go to the Native American Museum. Troy asked if Scott from education has been in discussions about this. Scott noted that it was discussed and this has been discussed with Chase more because he works with that class directly. Troy suggests that Chris work with fundraising opportunities so that the kids are putting in effort for their trip as well. Also, working with Scott and education. Chris will work with Scott on this moving forward.

**Scott Aseltine, Education Director:**

Scott is present to seek approval of procurement and authorize contract 23-C-067 with Genevieve Markussen to create 75 beaded graduation stoles for high school and college graduates.

Troy Hockaday moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve procurement and authorize contract 23-C-067, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Shaye Borque, DNR:**

Binx Brink moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve the press release for the Karuk Agroecosystem Resilience Report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Old Business:**

No public health nurse has applied yet so that position is still vacant. The provider house was broken into and there are no updates as of yet on that unit.

Partnership emails are being worked on and the issue has been resolved. Jodi is hoping to have the Yreka Senior Nutrition project update later.

Michael noted that the appointments are weeks out and that is because of HRSA funding and this is leaving Tribal Members not receiving enough care. Michael also commented that having more providers is needed so there isn't such a long wait time. Jodi reported that there is a new provider in OR and HC, and another one in YR as well. They are constantly trying to recruit more providers.

**Director Reports:**

**1) Dr. Vasquez, Medical Director:**

Dr. Vasquez is not present, report provided. Troy noted that Dr. Vasquez has said he is leaving but there is no date provided.

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

**2) Darryl McBride, Youth & Family Services:**

Not present, no report.

**3) Ryan Hammer, Operations Manager:**

Not present, report provided.

Binx Brink moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve Ryan's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**4) Krista Reynolds, RPMS Site Manager:**

Krista is present to review her report.

Michael Thom moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Krista's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Buster thanked Krista for all her assistance during completion of the ISSA training.

**5) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:**

Cindy is present to review her report. There are a lot of issues with staffing at the Yreka Clinic. Buster noted that school will be out soon so he asked if there was an intern program. Buster asked her to work with the schools nursing programs for interns.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve Cindy's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**6) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:**

Dr. Lew is present in Yreka to review her report. She noted that this current week March 5-11, 2023 is National Dental Assistant week. Dr. Lew noted that her goal is to retain her staff and be the best dental team in Siskiyou County. For appreciation week they will provide each dental staff member \$100 for scrubs and they will have a potluck or snacks throughout the week. There are still some vacancies at the Happy Camp facility.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Dr. Lew's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

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

Susanna is present to review her report. The Medical Receptionist position is being posted internally. There has been a failure at the Happy Camp Community Clinic with their phones and computers. They did receive a hand-held radio for communication purposes.

They are using a hand-held radio and dispatch was in touch as well. Rondi noted that they can contact any other clinic to assist in communication. Jack noted that he spoke to Darrel Frost at 8:15am and a mobile unit is being brought in for Wi-Fi and it can serve as some use for the clinic as well.

Troy asked Jack if it was possible to purchase Orleans and Happy Camp satellite phones. Jack noted that having them is useful so he is sure they could. Jack agrees that the Tribe shouldn't rely on one person and one piece of equipment. There is a HAM radio that can be used if needed. Jack noted that sometimes satellite phones aren't always reliable. Jodi noted that with the new StarLink this can be reviewed. It's a \$100 a month for service and may provide backup.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Susanna's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**8) Tonia Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager:**

Tonia is not present, report provided.

Troy asked about the paperwork from Bay Alarm and it doesn't seem to be prepared for presentation yet. Buster then noted that the provider started March 6<sup>th</sup> who lives in Orleans.

Kristen asked that a postcard to the Orleans area announcing that there is a provider be issued. Susanna noted that the Willow Creek open door clinic is going to be closing.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve Tonia's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**9) Rondi Johnson, Health CEO:**

Rondi is present to review her report. Happy Camp has hired an FNP and Orleans has a PA. A Director for Behavioral Health has also been hired. They were awarded the SAP for a new Health Administration building in Happy Camp. She noted that behavioral health and SUD is included in her report as well.

She thanked Krista Reynolds for helping out with all the computer needs in the HHS program. She does a lot of work and is polite while being very busy.

Troy asked who is going to DC for CRIHB. It was updated that no one was going to attend.

Kristen asked if the opioid presentation is going to come to Orleans. Joe noted that he isn't sure because once a presentation is done tonight it will fulfill the grant and if they get more funding it can be provided.

Michael commented that the travel to Washington DC is a good experience on how to advocate for Tribes. Michael would like to see someone to go.

Renee Stauffer moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve Rondi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**10) Samala Maloney, ICW:**

Not present, no report.

**11) Jodi Henderson, HRSA, Quality Management, Accreditation:**

Jodi is present to review her report. She explained that a meeting was scheduled with Madrone Senior Center and PSA 2 but it was cancelled due to the weather. The UDS report was submitted and there were two findings and they will probably do quality improvement projects on them. She is getting ready to do a FTCA class and will attend AAAHC virtual training. She will be attending the 340B conference to learn about that. Outreach and Enrollment is still ongoing. Tammy in risk management is still working. CHR numbers are ongoing and they still haven't learned all the kinks in the RPMS System. She is able to review daily trip logs to extract data.

ACQI meetings are ongoing. Senior Nutrition service numbers were provided.

Jodi then reviewed the updated policies. She reviewed what changes were with each policy updating the Health Board on the items. All the policies are presented for approval.

Troy Hockaday moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve all policies, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara. (21-002-780, 20-010-1056, 01-001-002, 05-000-206, 06-000-257)

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve Jodi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara

**Closed Session:**

Troy Hockaday moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve a direct mailing of incarcerated persons for the re-entry program, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve procurement with sole source and NTE of \$20,000, with Hunter Communications for fiber optic line repair, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Renee Stauffer moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve the letter of support to the City of Yreka, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Microgrid proposal for the Orleans and it is a substantial system. It's about \$55 million dollars. DOE is going to cover 90% of the cost and the CPUC will refund the 10% share of cost. This project will generate revenue as well.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the pre-proposal for microgrid for Orleans, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: ongoing miscommunication is occurring regarding construction. Council shall issue a directive for employees to work within scopes of work.

Troy Hockaday moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve procurement and allow the purchase of equipment from Connection, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: pets at work will not be permitted until policy is drafted and approved.

Binx Brink moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve snacks for Amy's party from discretionary, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Request to help youth activity did not provide enough information. Shall be referred to Scott to assist in discussions on other options.

Informational: One patient complaint on medication copay was received.

Binx Brink moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve the Solar Project Plan layout and Solar Engineering, 5 haa, 1 puuhara (Troy), 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Tribes strategic plan will be tabled to next week.

Informational: Request for assistance from Tribal Member AG will be tabled pending ACF information. Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve contract 23-C-069, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve agreement 23-A-067, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to contribute \$40 from discretionary for Happy Camp Year book sponsorship, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve flowers from discretionary to Nancy Super, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Discussion on employee communication and direction of moving into all areas and not isolating into Orleans.

Informational: Council Member Renee Stauffer provided an update on the gifts for persons receiving them for work on dam removal.

Informational: Council Member Liz Bentley advised that a provider is leaving the facility. This was not reported so Chairman will reach out to HHS CEO for an update.

Consensus: Council Member Liz Bentley will work on a survey with the youth to gather information from after their trip. June 30-July 4<sup>th</sup> is the next DC trip report should be received back in time to review prior to next trip.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve requesting letter of resignation immediately from employee or move to termination, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Liz).

Informational: Chairman Attebery discussed the frustration in missing property purchases in Yreka. Discussion of planned purchases should be an item and monitored.

Michael Thom moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve out of state travel for Buster to DC., April 24-25, 2023, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve out of state travel for Rondi Johnson and Jennifer Goodwin to DC for CRIHB, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara. (March on DC).

**Next Meeting:** April 13, 2023 at 10am in Happy Camp.

Renee Stauffer moved and Binx Brink seconded to adjourn at 3:08pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Russell Attebery, Chairman**

**Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider**