

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
June 8, 2023 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman
Renee Stauffer, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Elizabeth “Liz” Bentley, Member at Large (late)

Absent:

Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large

Arch completed a prayer and Buster read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

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

Consent Calendar:

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the consent calendar, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Meeting minutes of May 9, 2023:

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2023, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Guests:

1) Dion Wood, TERO:

Dion requested insurance for the summer food program. Arch asked why the Tribe is not using the Head Start facility. Dion noted that there is work so insurance for the Happy Camp Elementary School.

Binx Brink moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve liability insurance for the Summer Food Program in HC Elementary, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Dion then presented the contract for the food service for the Summer Youth Gathering.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve procurement and authorize contract 23-C-105, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Binx asked about the summer food program and asked for it to be delivered to Seiad as well. Dion noted that they should just put in a request.

2) David Arwood II, Clinical Social Worker:

David noted that he will be opening the Wellness Center ages 12-17 for open gym basketball. He noted that service to the youth and community is important.

Old Business:

None at this time.

Buster made an announcement and introductions for David Arwood II. The staff did as well.

Director Reports:

1) Tony Vasquez, Medical Director:

Not present, report provided.

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

2) Ryan Hammer, Operations Manager:

Ryan is present, report provided. His reported CHR numbers and information on transportation was provided. Ryan has 340B training in July and grant training in August. Kristen asked if it was grant writing, but Ryan was not sure and will receive additional information from Rondi. She found the training for him and her and she can provide additional information on the specifics.

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

3) Krista Reynolds, RPMS:

Krista is present to provide a report. There was one Council Member who did not do the ISSA training and they will be disabled at 5pm today. Krista also reported that the Native American visit was at 50%.

Binx Brink moved and Arch Super seconded to approve Krista's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:

Cindy is present to review her report. She asked permission to have a personal passenger in a tribal vehicle for diabetic foot exams. Buster provided that approval.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Cindy's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Buster asked how the patient satisfaction survey went. It was not known at this time. There is no additional information to report as of yet.

5) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:

Not present, report provided.

Buster noted that the emergency walk-ins are happening and it seems to be a good service.

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

6) Frankie Snider, CWS:

Not present, report provided.

Renee Stauffer moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Frankie's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch asked how ICWA is moving. Frankie arrived and updated that the allocation letter has come in and they will allow reimbursement for attorney fees for ICWA cases. A new grant will be received as well. It will bring in another \$50k.

13 cases is a lot because it includes several services for one family unit, and caseload for one Social Worker.

7) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present to review her report. She provided visit numbers and provided how many were Native American.

The annual health staff meeting is 6/30. Greg's booking is up to 4 weeks. The new provider is starting in August which will be a scramble. The other clinics can provide telehealth appointments if they are needed.

Buster asked about the provider coverage. Susanna noted that the new provider is taking on more patients. Ryan noted that the providers in Yreka and they are not accepting new patients at this time. They are hoping to get a new telehealth coordinator to get more patients to be seen.

Buster commented that the concern is that Greg is seeing a lot of patients and there needs to be coverage. He doesn't want staff burnt out. Susanna noted that extra recognition for hard work.

Susanna noted that eye glasses are available at clinics for free. Susanna will be at the reunion.

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

8) Ray Elliot, Human Services:

Ray noted that he has been hired about five weeks ago. He is getting a weekly information and prioritizing customer service, professionalism, and quality services. He will be attending the equine therapy event and he will be mc'ing the event and be a driving force of behavioral services again.

Arch thanked him for coming and the Tribe appreciates it. Ray noted that he is blessed to be at the Tribe and he hopes to be of value and hopes that there is support for behavioral services.

Buster thanked I-iesha for her work and carrying the department through some challenges. Having Ray is appreciated and additional discussions should happen in opening doors for services.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Ray's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Tonia Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager:

Not present, report provided.

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

Renee noted that there will be a custodian interview.

10) Rondi Johnson, CEO:

Not present, report provided.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Rondi's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

11) Jodi Henderson, HRSA, Compliance, Accreditation:

Not present, report provided. She has multiple policies that need to be approved. Ray noted that it was grammar changes mainly.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the SUD policies attached in Jodi's report 17-002-101, 17-002-102, 17-002-103, 17-002-104, 17-002-106, 17-002-108, 17-002-109, 17-002-111, 17-002-112, 17-002-115, 17-002-116, 17-002-117, 17-002-123, 17-002-124, 17-102-125, 17-102-126, 17-002-127, 1-002-128, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

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

Closed Session:

Informational: Operations Manager presented several grant documents for signature. After review, one was not ready and referred to Contract Compliance.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve paying for the IHS inspection, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Arch reminded Ryan that CRIHB has a lot of trainings throughout the year and keep an eye on those.

Informational: RRC IT Department is having issues with the forward movement on the joint IT Data Center with the Tribe.

Informational: Renee noted that the seniors in Orleans want to do activities. Is there funding in the Health Department to pay for the activities. Should be able to do this under contract and several departments can assist; HHS, Children & Family Services, etc.

Informational: The Tribal Council discussed that the Tribe is going to remain neutral regarding Win River.

Informational: Renee Stauffer would like to call a Government to Government meeting with the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors regarding the ongoing issues with permitting for the Orleans Childcare.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve burial assistance for TM #1048 \$1,500, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Employee Drawn: Cody Conrad, Mark Wilson

Renee Stauffer moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve modification (1) to agreement 23-A-104, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve modification (2) 23-A-104, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve modification (1) to agreement 23-A-105, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve letter from Forman Shapiro & Rosenfeld LLP to Abramson Labor Group, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve out of state travel for Jim Davis to Tulsa OK., 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Senior Centers will resume pre-COVID operations and operate business as usual. A polite and nice note along with a flyer shall be provided to the elders as informational.

Informational: Council Members want to view which policies the Tribal Council waives frequently or most often.

Informational: the Council will discuss with the HHS CEO which trainings should be determined as a priority for the Operations Manager.

Arch Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve releasing the previous Secretary/Treasurer cell number, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2023 at 10am in Orleans.

Adjourned 1:23pm.