

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
April 10, 2025 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman

Present:

Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer
Laura Mayton, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Robert Super, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large

Absent:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large
Eli Hensher-Aubrey, Member at Large

Arch completed a prayer and Scott read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

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

Consent Calendar:

None this time.

Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025:

Tonia Begrin should be a receptionist. Yukon Sakota not Nell Sakota. The header should be adjusted.
Also, Susanna Greeno correct name.

Robert Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 2025 with changes, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Guests:

1) David Arwood II, Tribal Member:

David is present to provide an update on a project he has been working on. The brush dance pit has had demo, and there is funding from the Nature Rights Council. Daniel was hired as a lead builder, Chook-Chook as a consultant, and there will be some staff hired. There will be five weekends this summer where they can apply to hire youth. There could be the option of Summer Youth workers. Robert asked David to check with Housing as well because they will be hiring youth. Logs will be moved, milling, etc. Troy commented that he will need a permit to obtain logs for the work. Chook has already received some items. They will focus on the pit. He would like another sweathouse on the property. Scott asked about communicating with Tyvin on dates, etc.

David will need to work with Jack in the Land Department and Emma Lee for compliance.

He then noted that the Elementary School is ready to do stick games. He is requesting insurance for the High School football field to go from now through November 1, 2025.

Robert asked if the youth will take kids out to gather sticks. David wants to but he has to make sure he can accomplish some of the tasks before making promises.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve insurance for stick games at the Happy Camp High School and require waivers for participants, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Jack Lantz, Director of Public Works:

Jack is present to seek approval of procurement for a heating and air conditioning system at the Yreka Clinic. Laura asked about Ray Mac and their bid. Ray Mac came back with a quote that was lower but added requirements for the Karuk Tribe which wasn't in there. The second bid was a little higher but they met the requirements. Scott asked about the propane supplier installation. The 4-ton unit is aged and has lived way passed its lifetime. Shasta Heating & Air Conditioning was selected.

Laura Mayton moved and 25-C-067 and Kristen King seconded to approve procurement and authorize contract 25-C-067, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Troy Hockaday, Tribal Member:

Troy is present to let the Council know that Garth passed away. He was the person who lead and presented an animal bridge across Hilt and that project is going to continue. Troy has a board meeting today at 4pm, and they will name the bridge project after him.

Director Reports:

1) Ray Elliot, Director of Human Services:

Ray is present to review his report. He updated that he has made an offer of an LCSW and will serve Happy Camp, Yreka and merge to Orleans at some point. They will focus on SARB, School systems, etc.

In Happy Camp Edwina will be doing sessions in Happy Camp on prevention / intervention. A talking circle in OR and HC will be coming soon.

He celebrated that Joy Tennant has her first ever Native Mental Health Diversion case. This case is no longer in the courts and there are approximately seven others who are in process or waiting in order to enroll into this program.

They have been invited to see the Yurok Tribes transition house project. It will be the last of April or early May. Robert would like to go check it out. Susanna asked if there is a women's transitional house. Ray noted that there is one for women with families.

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

2) Merris Obie, Child Welfare Administrator:

Merris is present to update that the TNAP funds have been distributed and services were offered in the communities. She was asked to sit on the State CDSS and Karuk and Yurok provide the guidance for other Tribes. There are two positions open and they will hope to get those posted. They have hired a Social Worker that starts tomorrow.

The ICWA Board has received two new applicants and she was supposed to bring them to the Council. She will bring it to closed session next month.

She asked that the Council consider allowing ICWA to move to the Comstock property which is at KTHA. She would like to pursue it because they have outgrown the space they are in. Tribal Court is vacating that use. It will be used as offices and as they go full Title IVE they will need space for a counselor. They also have an issue with placement sometimes so they can have space for emergency placement.

Robert asked if this was taken to the Housing Board. There needs to be additional discussions on this.

There are certain federal programs that are in question because of the Government. If families have a shortfall the ICWA committee is trying to realign the community funds to increase the three community gardens. They want to focus on providing more money to purchase supplies.

There is funding for seeds and supplies for the Yreka Garden, \$1,500. Merris identified that they're hiring one person and two in Orleans. Arch asked about farm staffing, and Merris clarified that the staffing is for projects, not so much the garden workers at this point.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Merris' report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Cecelli Gonzalez, PHN:

Cecelli is present to review her report. She has been providing willow sap at outreach events. She provided traditional items and it includes reading material for use and caution of the items.

She wanted to talk to the Council about planning. The diabetes program would like to start a walking program. She has been discussing with Melodee, a walking trail. She put in the diabetic grant to boost physical activity. She would like to build a walking trail, disc golf course, and identify a space that can be used. She has contacted Housing, for land that is not suitable for housing but it may be beautiful for a walking trail.

The Housing Board has discussed this idea as well. The property is unregulated at this time so there is concern who is going to care for the property. Scott thinks that this is a good idea. Cecelli will survey it with Jack and Alex on ideas of space. The funding is set aside in the diabetic grant.

Arch asked about how often the facility is used. Cecilli will look at all potential properties. Scott recommends the old motel property. Arch asked about Yreka obtaining this as well.

The Council thanked Cecelli for the traditional medicine. The clinics would like access to this information. Scott noted that the information insert is very helpful and precise.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Cecelli's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:

Dr. Lew is present in Yreka to seek approval for out of state travel. Dr. Lew updated that Bre Cortes will take the RDA test April 23, 2025. Dr. Lew is very happy and proud of her. Happy Camp Clinic has not had an RDA since Vickie Walden was there and that is amazing to have Bre move into this. Yreka Dental Clinic is going well. She briefed that her recent hiring in Yreka. Next month CRIHB is hosting the annual dental conference and there will be four staff attending.

They served 602 patients for the month of March.

Laura Mayton moved and Kristen King seconded to approve travel for two dental staff, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She explained that this training is different than the CRIHB conference because this is a hands-on oral surgery class.

Dr. Lew noted that the Dentrux as upgraded by IHS which is fully funded. They will have a training in May for use, but HL7 is a bridge and the cost is \$7k. The applications will work better with HL7. Dr. Lew reported that the Tribes IT is working on this. E-Clinical will start sometime in May and Dentrux will be upgraded and then they will be move HL7.

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

5) Tonia Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager:

Tonia is present in Orleans to provide her report. They're preparing for the all health staff meeting, May 2, 2025. Tamara Barnett has now set up the Orleans office with a credit card machine. Merris donated Christmas decorations which assists in providing memories at the Clinic.

Laura Mayton moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Tonia's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

6) Rondi Johnson, HHS CEO:

Rondi is present to review her report. She attended screenings for staff. There was a site visit for FNP Cayla, Dr. Skoblar, and Partnership. She attended ACQI's meetings and a Managers meeting. She attends weekly CRIHB Meetings to stay up to date on potential the funding cuts.

Arch asked about a Planning Session next week and there is a CRIHB Conference. Rondi will check on the agenda and see what is going on.

Robert Super moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve Rondi's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present to review her report. With the loss of the language coordinator she did not leave a video to be shown at the clinic. This was something she was hoping to implement.

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

8) Tonya Albers, RPMS Manager:

Tonya is not present. Report provided.

Robert Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Tonya's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:

Cindy is present in Yreka to review her report. She provided the visit count for the transporters. There is a Partnership review coming up soon. She is preparing for the e-clinical move as well.

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

10) Dr. Vasquez, Medical Director:

Dr. Vasquez is not present, report provided.

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

11) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager:

Jodi is present to review her report. She is hoping to have the employees finish care learning. She provided the Senior Center numbers for all three areas. Scott asked about the dine-in and deliveries. There are a lot more homebound meal deliveries for areas. Scott asked if there is a time period on doctors notes for eligibility, and Jodi reported that that is typically once per year.

She will be onboarding the new providers and e-clinical training.

Jodi presented the Senior Nutrition resolution 25-R-077 which will be used to seek funding through Title V.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 25-R-077, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then sought approval of e-clinical documents; 11. The agreements were out of order and complicated. Will discuss further. Scott asked how to get them earlier so they can look at them. They wanted them to be on the consent calendar, which would have had internal review and timely.

Robert Super moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve Jodi's report, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Closed Session:

Laura Mayton moved and Robert Super seconded to uphold the PRC denial and to approve paying for PRC Case #378, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Laura Mayton moved and Kristen King seconded to approve upholding the PRC denial and pay for PRC case #361a1 from third party, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Robert).

Informational: The Health Board requested additional information to increase the PRC Levels of Care. A list was provided and another list shall be sought from providers on the patient population needs.

Informational: Operations Manager and HHS CEO will follow up with multiple issues surrounding patient receiving timely medications, medications prescribed by provider, and allowable costs to PRC.

Consensus: to shutdown clinic for e-clinical implementation and training May 5th for the week.

Robert Super moved and Laura Mayton seconded to issue Chavelle Hughs IT Coordinator \$2,500, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Follow up charting from provider is ongoing and will be finished soon.

Laura Mayton moved and Arch Super seconded to remove the ‘no rehire’ status for Tribal Member DD and send recommendation to KTHA BOC to remove High School diploma in lieu of experience, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: KTHA BOC shall review both Tribal Member candidates for experience/education.

Informational: IT Director shall develop talking points for each action with Verizon.

Laura Mayton moved and Robert Super seconded to approve a tribal trailer to employee #BC, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Tribal Member DA will review partnerships or collaboration that use the Tribes employees, programs, or land with appropriate departments.

Laura Mayton moved and Kristen King seconded to waive hiring policies and transfer Tribal Member MC to Deputy Director of 477, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Robert Super).

Consensus: Council would like a position description with range and will review organizational changes (477 program).

Informational: General Counsel updated a legal matter. Tribal Council will send notice to continue working with attorney to resolve matter compliantly, competently, and to stop practice immediately. All 5-7 cases shall be shared and updated to the attorney. All meetings shall have the Tribes attorney present.

Informational: Tribal Council will wait on lease agreement between ICWA and KTHA to consider larger leasing space for offices.

Council Caucus: Robert Super moved and Kristin King seconded to suspend employee immediately with pay pending personnel investigation, 2 haa, 1 puuhara, 1 pupitihara.

Kristen left at 5:19pm. Quorum lost.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2025 at 10am in Happy Camp.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider