

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
May 8, 2025 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell Attebery, Chairman
Kenneth Brink, Vice-Chairman
Laura Mayton, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large
Robert Super, Member at Large
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large

Absent:

Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer
Eli Hensher-Aubrey, Member at Large

Arch completed a prayer for the audience and Chairman read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

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

Consent Calendar:

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve the consent calendar, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2025:

Approval of \$2,500 to Ms. Houghs VISA card.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve meeting minutes with change, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Guests:

1) Troy Hockaday, Tribal Member:

Troy is present a request a donation for the Ray Conrad Memorial Tournament. The tournament fundraiser provides a scholarship to a Happy Camp High School student. Troy noted that they will notify the community of the Tribes support. The Council will consider this request and get back to Troy.

2) Robert Perez, Construction Manager:

Robert is present to seek approval of modifications to contracts. Arch asked how soon he needs this because the Council has not had enough time to review the documents. The first one is a time extension to contract 24-C-114 (1) with El Camino Electric Co.

Laura asked if the grant is still open even though the fiscal year closed. Erin advised that the grant closed April 30th.

He then presented modification (1) to 25-C-070. It is a change order to the contractor to changing his name to another name and also adding some work. Arch asked about changing the contractors name and having the modification all rolled into one.

Laura Mayton moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 25-C-070, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Tyvin Whittaker, PR Position:

Tyvin is present to present the Newsletter for the Spring Edition. It has edits identified so the Council will take some time to review the newsletter and approve later.

Old Business:

Puuhara

Director Reports:

1) Ray Elliott, Children & Family Services:

Ray is present to review his report. He noted that May 12, 2025 is wear green to support mental health awareness day. He provided a shout out to Rondi and her crew for the HHS meeting. He thanked the Council for their attendance. He noted that he is going to be working on a drug free zone for the Tribe. This will allow for presentation to the operations of the Tribe. Laura suggests adding Karuk language to the signs as well. He sent out a cleaning contract yesterday for cleaning services.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Ray's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Rondi Johnson, HHS CEO:

Rondi has had meetings with Dion, Michelle, and Megan. They will take over the Elders Program as soon as they can get another LVN hired. She has ACQI Meetings and other ongoing meetings to monitor budgets. She thanked the Council for attending the HHS Meeting and noted her appreciation to Lulu and Francis, along with others that put the party on.

She asked if she can get a VISA for Troy Hockaday.

Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve issuing Troy Hockaday a VISA for \$2,500, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She did note that the ECW training will be taking effect May 19th week due to not having trainers that week that was previously approved to shut down.

Buster asked if there are Elders workers position description. Barbara informed the Council that she does not have those, the Council should have those for review and approval.

Laura Mayton moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Rondi's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara (Robert absent for vote).

3) Merris Obie, CWS:

Merris is present to introduce Paul Peterlin who is a new Social Worker which will cover all three regions. Paul comes from the Siskiyou County system and has a lot of institutional knowledge. The Council introduced themselves. Merris added that it is her job to train and onboard new employees to Karuk ways.

She and Heidi had a meeting with Siskiyou County. The next new hires will be the technology position and Administrator. She highlighted that Wednesday May 28, 2025 there is a meeting CDSS will meet with Tribes. All the CWS staff will attend that meeting.

They continue to ask Title IVE for another year to use start up funding.

She has two action items. She noted that they asked for more time to review the lease agreement for CWS and Housing so she would like follow up on that item. The Council will wait on this lease option.

She reviewed the ICWA Recruitment of the ICWA Advisory Board.

Laura Mayton moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the ICWA Board posting and recruitment for participation, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Merris' report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Cecelli Gonzalez, PHN:

Cecelli is not present, she is working in the clinic today. Report provided.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Cecelli's report, 6 haa, 0 pupitihara.

5) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:

Dr. Lew is present in Yreka to review her report. She noted that the new Dentrix has been released and is operating well. The new digital impression project is moving along good. There will be three days in-service training coming up. She updated that the HL7 is already purchased and also this will do the billing from dental.

She received an email from Barbara and Rondi regarding additional services. She noted that she submitted her thoughts and suggestions for those services. PRC is what the Tribe was expanding and the braces being done in-house should be done as a direct care service. Dr. Lew is very excited to hear about the additional services. There is another day that will be added for braces.

She asked about the implant's services, she noted that it will be on the patient. If there are extra costs then it would be on the patient.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Dr. Lew's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

6) Tonia Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager:

Not present, report provided.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Tonia's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present to review her report.

Susanna noted that the mammo van was successful and she thanked the Health Board for their contribution. Susanna noted the statistics for diabetes and the care and costs related to it. Since SDPI was determined she provided the statistics in improved healthcare for those patients who are at risk or diagnosed with diabetes currently. She is very grateful for Selenia's presentation at their meeting because it was educational and relevant.

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

8) Tonya Albers, RPMS:

Tonya is present in Yreka to review her report. She updated that the average Native American population seen at the clinics is now at 28%.

The staff needs to complete the ISSA training as the Council has made it mandatory.

Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton 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 has met with staff to have the Yreka Clinic re-keyed. There was an incident report and they met to determine they would rekey it. RayMac was onsite and repaired the HVAC and reset the thermostat which is the only company who can do this. They participated in a fire drill. The Partnership review was moved up and was finished.

She provided the transporters report (numbers).

Robert Super moved and Arch Super seconded to approve Cindy's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

10) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager:

Jodi is present to review her report. She worked in Yreka and Orleans one day for the month. She has some action items but those are tabled for now. The FTCA has been updated and uploaded. Yreka Senior Nutrition has received their vehicle and will start delivery services. She provided the Senior Nutrition Center client numbers. Arch asked if there is a survey for the HHS annual meeting and Jodi reported that they are working on one.

Arch Super moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve Jodi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

11) Dr. Vasquez, Medical Director:

Dr. Vasquez submitted his written report. Dr. Skoblar will start the first week of June.

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

Closed Session:

Robert Super moved and Arch Super seconded to approve appointing Tina Goodwin and Muriel Frederick to the ICWA Committee, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara (Jennifer absent for vote).

Informational: Staff member shall receive a correction action plan which will include updating forms for clarification, work cooperatively with the legal counsel, and monitor compliance.

Elsa Goodwin – Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve Elsa Goodwin’s request of \$3,432.58, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Operations Manager updated the Health Board on the incident and near miss report. Danci is drafting a protocol of what to do with no medical staff onsite and a person presents themselves. Employee will receive customer service training.

Informational: HHS CEO shall discuss communication with employee to ensure Karuk patients are receiving communication.

Informational: Succession planning needs to happen and will be working out the details.

Informational: Locum for HC will be updated.

Informational: Council Member R. Super commented that the provider visit count is very low.

Informational: CIO presented additional discussions on Verizon purchasing Frontier.

Informational: Self-Governance will draft an agenda for the Parcel B Meeting. Executive Secretary will attend meeting.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the procurement and inventory clerk position description, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Director of Operations provided a draft report of the 2025/2026 Council Planning Session priorities.

Informational: TNGF Impact Grant is slated for one project. The Council had picked three. They will move forward with the property purchase and remodel in Yreka.

Consensus: to extend the Karuk Tribes auction to May 30th and send notice to all users.

Informational: Chairman noted that he is noticing issues within the new department and providing services. This will be monitored.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 24-C-114, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Laura Mayton moved and Kristen King seconded to approve \$500 donation to the 2nd Annual Co-Ed Softball Tournament, 5 haa, 1 puuhara (Robert), 0 pupitihara.

Council Caucus: no minutes recorded. *Recording Secretary left at 3:41pm.*

Next Meeting: June 12, 2025 at 10am in Happy Camp.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider