

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 1, 2019

Bishop, CA – TIHP Conf. Center



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INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley:

- Virgil "Dave" Moose - TREASURER
- Vacant
- Charlotte David, Alternate

Bishop Paiute Tribe:

- Brian Poncho
- Kristopher Hohag
- Allen Summers, Alternate

Bridgeport Indian Colony:

- Ervin Lent, Sr.
- Janice Mendez - VICE-CHAIRPERSON
- Vacant, Alternate

Fort Independence Indian Reservation:

- Marilyn Bracken
- Rick Maddux - TREASURER
- Lindsey Stine, Alternate

Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation:

- Richard Button
- Robert Zucco - SECRETARY
- Melvin Joseph, Alternate

Timbisha Shoshone Tribe:

- George Gholson - CHAIRMAN
- White Dove Kennedy - EXEC. MEMBER AT-LARGE
- Dora Jones, Alternate

Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe:

- Joseph Saulque
- Geraldine Cady
- Jerold Blain, Alternate

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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kori Novak, Chief Executive Officer
- Joanie Hanson, Controller
- Summer Frazier, Chief Medical Officer
- Susan Lovelace, Executive Assistant to the CEO

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman, George Gholson, called the meeting to order at 9:18A.M.

II. INVOCATION

An invocation was given by Ervin Lent, Sr.

III. ROLL CALL

Board Secretary, conducted roll call, establishing a quorum to conduct business with 11 Board members present, 12 when Joseph Saulque was accepted on the Board.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

George would like to add the Election of Secretary and Treasurer after Internal Correspondence. Public comment was discussed and it was decided to add it after Introduction of Staff. Under the Consent Memorandum George would like to make sure that the list of approved policies under the Quality Assurance committee excludes the Complaint Agreement. Joseph Saulque from Benton Tribe asked if we received any correspondence from the Tribe, which the Board has not received. George asked the Benton member to have the Tribe send the correspondence and it would get added to the agenda, at that time.

MOTION: *To approve the meeting agenda with changes.*

M/S/C: *Robert Zucco / Marilyn Bracken / Carried unanimously.*

V. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

New staff introductions were made and the Board introduced themselves.

MOTION: *To seat Brian Poncho the Bishop Paiute Tribe delegate on the Board.*

M/S/C: *Robert Zucco / Geraldine Cady / Carried unanimously.*

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

George stated that the Board does not hear any complaints in the Public Comment area of the meeting and comments will not be made by the Board.

Robin

From Lone Pine, she made public comment regarding the Dialysis unit and that the staff are incredible at the unit. She would like to let the Board know that there needs to be more communication at the unit with the staff and patients. She stated that the patients are cramping badly at the unit after their treatments, which should be addressed.

Anna

Robin touched on most of her issues and in the past few weeks the patients have had terrible cramping after dialysis. She would like to have more communication between the patients and the doctor staff. Many of the patients feel that they have been ignored, she would like to see some changes.

George informed the two public comment individuals that there is a complaint process and they should make any complaints via our QA department.

VII. TRIBAL CORRESPONDENCE

Delegation Letter from Timbisha Shoshone Tribe

MOTION: *To accept the letter from the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe to seat Jimmy-John Thompson as the alternate delegate.*

M/S/C: *Robert Zucco / Marilyn Bracken / Carried unanimously.*

VIII. INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to the Big Pine Paiute Tribe

This is an FYI Item.

IX. ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER

Secretary

White Dove Kennedy nominated Robert Zucco.

MOTION: *To close nominations.*

M/S/C: *Marilyn Bracken / Robert Zucco / Carried unanimously.*

By acclamation Robert Zucco will be the new Board Secretary.

Treasurer

White Dove Kennedy nominated Rick Maddux.

MOTION: *To close nominations.*

M/S/C: *Marilyn Bracken / Robert Zucco / Carried unanimously.*

By acclamation Rick Maddux will be the new Board Treasurer.

X. GUESTS

None

XI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Brian would like to add, Secretary previously held by, Cheryl Andreas. Janice mentioned that this would not apply at this moment as she was already removed off the Big Pine Tribe at that time.



Friday, October 4, 2019

MOTION: *To approve the meeting minutes for Friday, October 4, 2019 as presented.*

M/S/C: *Marilyn Bracken / Janice Mendez / Carried unanimously.*

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: *To enter Executive Session at 9:52 am.*

M/S/C: *Brian Poncho / Marilyn Bracken / Carried unanimously.*

Benton Tribe

Correspondence was received from the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe regarding delegate Joseph Saulque.

Personnel

MOTION: *To exit Executive Session at 10:17 am.*

M/S/C: *Janice Mendez / Robert Zucco / Carried unanimously.*

MOTION: *To accept the letter from the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe, seating delegate Joseph Saulque.*

M/S/C: *Janice Mendez / Marilyn Bracken / Carried unanimously.*

XIV. FISCAL REPORT

Joanie Hanson

Joanie reviewed the Fiscal Report, mentioning payments for the month and projections. The cash deposits at Bank of America were discussed and the opening of a deposit account. Joanie discussed the cash situation that occurs every year and that it is happening earlier than normal. Joanie will work on getting the new Executive committee members on as check signers. Brian asked questions about grant spending and accounting and would like to know if accounts are being extended or rolled over. Joanie spoke about the audit and that we went from 19 findings to 11 this year.

MOTION: *To approve the Fiscal Report presented by Joanie Hanson.*

M/S/C: *Marilyn Bracken / Geraldine Cady / Carried unanimously.*

XV. CEO/COO REPORT

Kori Novak

Kori reviewed her report, mentioning department numbers and patient counts. The failure rates are going down. Dialysis outcomes were discussed and that are patients are being dialyzed better than ever. Janice would like to see more numbers from optometry, which Kori will get done in the future.

Kori gave an interview with the Sheet yesterday regarding the Dialysis unit. Kori is waiting on the Coleville lease agreement at this time. Work is being done on the Keck School of Medicine grant and training is being done. We are waiting on quotes from the architect in regards to the roll up door. Kori is working on the SPA waivers and 340B rates.

Kori asked, from the CRIHB meetings last week, do we remain full members or do we change to Associate Members? One example is that CRIHB had to request flu vaccine for us we could not approach IHS. We cannot technically speak to IHS and must go through CRIHB for most things. George spoke to Mark regarding becoming associate members versus full members. Mark was okay with us changing membership. Richard would like pros and cons of withdrawal from CRIHB and feels that we get more for our dollar from CRIHB versus IHS. Brian would like to see a proposal of how this would happen. George felt that we are not seeing enough benefits from being a full member versus an associate member. Janice would also like a report on how long we can go with no funding, which Kori stated was about six months without touching our investment account. Brian would also like during the government shutdown what did CRIHB advance us.

Kori brought up IMAH and the MOA concerning this job and any issues with TERO. Brian suggested that we request an exemption for this position.

Discussion was had on patients being sent to the hospital and if these are covered by PRC. Kori stated that if we send them to the hospital it should be covered by PRC. This is subject to IHS regulations. We need to let the patients know if these referrals are approved or not.

MOTION: To approve the CEO Report presented by Kori Novak.

M/S/C: Ervin Lent, Sr. / Brian Poncho / Carried unanimously.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

None

XVII. EXTERNAL BOARDS REPORTS

California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC)

No meeting, no report at this time.

California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)

Rick presented his report regarding CRIHB.

MOTION: *To accept the CRIHB report presented by Rick Maddux.*

M/S/C: *Richard Button / White Dove Kennedy / Carried unanimously.*

California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC)

No meeting, no report at this time.

New CIMC Representatives were nominated by Robert Zucco, White Dove Kennedy and alternate Ervin Lent, Sr.

MOTION: *To close nominations.*

M/S/C: *Rick Maddux / Richard Button / Carried unanimously.*

By acclamation White Dove Kennedy will be the new CIMC Representative and Ervin Lent, Sr. will be the new alternate.

The next CIMC meeting is in Reno, NV on November 1st-3rd and Ervin will attend.

XVIII. ACTION ITEMS

Board By-laws Approval

MOTION: *To approve the Board By-laws as presented.*

M/S/C: *Janice Mendez / Brian Poncho / Carried unanimously.*

Board Procedural Policies

MOTION: *To approve the Board Procedural Policies as presented.*

M/S/C: *Robert Zucco / Marilyn Bracken / Carried unanimously.*

Consent Memorandum – Board Committees Report.

MOTION: *To approve the Consent Memorandum with the exception of the complaint and grievance policies.*

M/S/C: *Janice Mendez / Marilyn Bracken / Carried unanimously.*

XIX. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting will be, Friday, January 3, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M. in Bishop, CA.

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting.*

M/S/C: *Marilyn Bracken / Geraldine Cady / Carried unanimously; the meeting thusly adjourned at 1:10P.M.*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lovelace
Recording Secretary

Reviewed & authorized by:



Robert Zucco
Secretary, TIHP Board of Directors

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